

MINUTES

May 1, 2008

**South Natomas Community Center
2901 Truxel Road**

All items listed are heard and acted upon by the Parks and Recreation Commission unless otherwise noted.

Call to Order – 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call – A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Cooke at 7:04 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at the South Natomas Community Center. All members present except Commissioners Pomer and Guadiana. Commissioner Lynn arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. None

Public Hearings

Public hearings may be reordered by the Chair at the discretion of the Commission

2. None

Special Presentation

3. Recognition of Outgoing Commission Member Brett Williams

Commissioners and staff recognized and thanked Commissioner Williams for his service on the Commission.

Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Anyone may request that an item be removed for separate consideration.

4. Approval of Minutes for April 3, 2008

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve commission minutes for April 3, 2008

Contact: Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes without correction.
(Deglow/Raya; Ayes: Raya, Tamayo, Cooke, Williams, Deglow, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk;
Absent: Lynn, Pomer, Guadiana)

5. Valley Hi Park Master Plan Update

Location: 8185 Center Parkway, Planning Area 4, Council District 7

Recommendation: Support Valley Hi Park Master Plan Update

Contact: J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

Chair Cooke requested goal posts be added to the soccer fields. Heather McClenahan, representing the Valley Hi Youth/Adult Coalition, supported the master plan, the need for safe places and for engaging youth in positive activities. Ms. Angela DaRe supported the community garden and youth serving facilities.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the Valley Hi Park Master Plan Update. (Tamayo/DeBlonk; Ayes: Raya, Tamayo, Cooke, Williams, Deglow, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk; Absent: Lynn, Pomer, Guadiana)

6. Reichmuth Park Master Plan Update

Location: 6135 Gloria Drive, Planning Area 3, Council District 4

Recommendation: Support Reichmuth Park Master Plan Update

Contact: J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

Gary Hyden, Supervising Landscape Architect, reviewed the proposed master plan and community input process. Commissioners discussed and made suggestions regarding the location, visibility and potential use patterns of various proposed park elements including a skatepark and parking areas. Neighborhood residents spoke to the item as follows: Ms. Michele Joe supported relocation of the skatepark to improve visibility, the need for more park elements for older adults, and the need for a parking area near the tennis courts. Mr. Don Scronce spoke to parking concerns and public art in the park.

Mr. Hyden emphasized the need for youth serving facilities in community parks such as Reichmuth, and recommended the item be continued in order for park planning staff to confer with park safety staff and return to the Parks and Recreation Commission with a recommendation.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to continue the item, to consider alternative locations for the skatepark, to consider park seating areas, fitness stations and senior activities. (Williams/Raya; Ayes: Raya, Lynn, Tamayo, Cooke, Williams, Deglow, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk; Absent: Pomer, Guadiana)

7. Robertson Park Master Plan Update

Location: 3525 Norwood Avenue, Planning Area 8, Council District 2

Recommendation: Support Robertson Park Master Plan Update

Contact: J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the Robertson Park Master Plan Update. (Deglow/Raya; Ayes: Raya, Tamayo, Cooke, Williams, Deglow, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk; Absent: Lynn, Pomer, Guadiana)

8. Oki Park Open Space Park Name and Master Plan

Location: 2715 Wisseman Drive, Planning Area 6, Council District 6

Recommendation: Support naming of Oki Park Open Space and Park Master Plan

Contact: J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the Oki Park Open Space Park Name and Master Plan. (Deglow/Raya; Ayes: Raya, Tamayo, Cooke, Williams, Deglow, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk; Absent: Lynn, Pomer, Guadiana)

9. Argonaut Park Master Plan

Location: 1402 Dickson Street, Planning Area 2, Council District 4

Recommendation: Support Argonaut Park Master Plan

Contact: J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the Argonaut Park Master Plan. (Deglow/Raya; Ayes: Raya, Tamayo, Cooke, Williams, Deglow, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk; Absent: Lynn, Pomer, Guadiana)

Discussion/Action Reports

Discussion/Action reports include oral presentations including those recommending review and comment.

10. Ordinance Amending Sections 12.56.020, 12.60.020, 12.64.020, 12.64.050, and 12.64.060 of the Sacramento City Code which transfers the decision authority to the Director of Transportation, modifies the definition of heritage trees, provides remedies of the preservation of heritage trees other than removal and addresses noticing requirements

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and support minor ordinance changes affecting Sections 12.56.020, 12.60.020, 12.64.020, 12.64.020(2), 12.64.050(C) and 12.64.060 of Title 12 of the Sacramento City Code relating to Trees Generally, Dutch Elm Disease and Heritage Trees

Contact: Joe Benassini, Urban Forest Manager, 808-6258

Michael Root, Urban Forest Analyst, introduced the item. Commissioner Raya, Chair of the Commission's Urban Forest Committee, reviewed the process, timeline, and volunteer outreach.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support minor ordinance changes affecting Sections 12.56.020, 12.60.020, 12.64.020, 12.64.020(2), 12.64.050(C) and 12.64.060 of Title 12 of the Sacramento City Code relating to Trees Generally, Dutch Elm Disease and Heritage Trees (Raya/Lujan; Ayes: Raya, Lynn, Tamayo, Cooke, Williams, Deglow, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk; Absent: Pomer, Guadiana)

11. City of Sacramento's Proposed FY 2008/09 Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budgets & Tentative Hearing Schedule

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review, discuss the proposed budgets, take action and/or continue to the next regular meeting on June 5, 2008

Contact: Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172, J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Manager, reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2009 Capital Improvement Program Budget. Jim Combs, Parks and Recreation Director, gave an overview of the proposed Operating Budget, the City's approach to General Fund reductions over the next two to three years, and the Department of Parks and Recreation's approach to reduction recommendations.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to continue discussion and any action on the proposed Fiscal Year 2008/09 Operating Budget for Parks and Recreation to June 5, 2008. (Raya/Lujan; Ayes: Raya, Lynn, Tamayo, Cooke, Williams, Deglow, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk; Absent: Pomer, Guadiana)

12. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): A. April 2008 department highlights; B. May 2008 department highlights; C. Recap of April 9, 2008 Sustainability Workshop

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment

Contact: Jim Combs, Parks and Recreation Director, 808-8526

Director Combs updated the Commission on Spring activities. J.P. Tindell gave a recap of the Department's Sustainability Workshop, which was attended by approximately 100 staff, Commissioners Raya and Tamayo, Councilmember Tretheway, and members of the Sacramento Youth Commission. Staff will determine how to further engage staff and expand sustainable practices throughout parks and recreation services, including developing goals and action plans.

Action: Received.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

13. Consideration of Suspension of Stipends for the Parks & Recreation Commission

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and Comment

Contact: Cindy Cooke, Commission Chair, 808-5200

Commissioners discussed the item and requested staff follow up with a process and recommendation should any Commissioner wish to suspend his/her meeting stipend(s) to assist with the City's budget challenges.

Adjournment – 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lori Harder

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