

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
for**

September 4, 2008

*Coloma Community Center
4623 T Street*

Call to Order – 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call – A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Cooke at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, September 4, 2008 at Coloma Community Center, located at 4623 T Street. All members present except Commissioners Price and Lynn.

Public Comments – Matters Not on the Agenda

1. Mr. Tim Vendlinski, representing the Arcade Creek Restoration Project, spoke to the Del Paso Regional Park Natural Area and a disc golf course. He cited a 1985 Master Plan for the park that identified acreage to be left undeveloped, and affects the completion of a disc golf course in the park. Commissioner Raya's request to agendaize this matter was supported and staff will report back in the next few months.

Public Hearings

2. **None**

Special Oral Presentation

3. **Sacramento START “Back to School Night” - David Mitchell, Children and Family Recreation Services Manager**

Dave Mitchell reviewed the program scope serving 8,000 youth at 62 schools, program funding and updated curriculum. Brian Fitzgerald, START Superintendent, circulated samples of the new curriculum focusing on academic enrichment including social studies, science and mathematics.

Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar were approved by all in attendance upon one motion made by Commissioner Pomer, seconded by Commissioner Deglow.

4. **Approval of Minutes for August 7, 2008**

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve commission minutes for August 7, 2008

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

Action: Approved without changes.

5. **Gardenland Sand and Gravel Mine (Urrutia Site) Restoration and Enhancement**
Location: 599 Garden Highway, Planning Area 9, Council District 1
Recommendation: Receive and file
Contact: J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955
Action: Received and filed

6. **Wild Rose (8B) Park Name and Master Plan**
Location: 5200 Kankakee Drive, Planning Area 10, Council District 1
Recommendation: Support naming Park 8B as “Wild Rose Park” and Park Master Plan
Contact: J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955
Action: Recommendation Approved

7. **City of Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation Volunteer Program Update**
Location: Citywide
Recommendation: Receive and file
Contact: Bob Fleming, Park Operations Manager, 808-6301
Action: Received and filed

Discussion/Action Reports

8. **Update on Proposed Sutter’s Landing Regional Park Interim Improvements**
Location: 20 - 28th Street, Planning Area 1, Council District 1
Recommendation: Review and comment
Contact: J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

J.P. Tindell reviewed the item and public input process. Commissioner comments included the need for signage to direct dog owners to the off-leash dog park, given its close proximity to open space, other recreation amenities and the American River; status of including an equestrian facility in a future phase, and discouraging park use after dark. Citizens spoke to security, traffic and restroom use concerns; support for splitting the dog park into areas for large dogs vs. smaller dogs, and requested solar powered, timed lights for evening use. Director Jim Combs stated the park has a higher level of on-site security than any other city park, and the addition of positive park uses will help mitigate security concerns.

Mr. Terry Kastanis spoke to future public access concerns for the regional park, particularly if a zoo is located in the park, given a proposed development across Business 80 that may impede the creation of an interchange due to the lack of easements. Commissioners supported Chair Cooke in drafting a letter to the Mayor and City Council on this matter.

Action: Moved, seconded and supported to issue a letter to the Mayor and City Council recommending the provision of future connectivity to Business 80 suitable for a regional park facility, or to provide options that will allow for access and connectivity appropriate to a regional park and future zoo. (DeBlonk/Tamayo; Ayes: Raya, Deglow, Cooke, Lujan, Pomer, DeBlonk, Tamayo, Guadiana)

9. Burbank High School Joint Use Sports Complex

Location: Council District 8

Recommendation: Support Burbank High School joint use partnership

Contact: Alan Boyd, Interim Operations Manager, 808-6077

Alan Boyd reviewed the item. Commissioners and staff discussed overall plans for the district's high school sports fields; methods to reserve and the payment of any fees; concerns about field demarcations for football and how it affects soccer use on shared fields; public access; how to confirm the school district's long term commitment to joint use, and that public access between the light rail station on Florin Road and Burbank High School fields needs to be improved.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the joint use partnership for the Burbank High School Sports Complex. (Guadiana/Raya; Ayes: Raya, Deglow, Cooke, Lujan, Pomer, DeBlonk, Tamayo, Guadiana)

10. Adoption of Proposed Small Public Places Policy

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Support staff's recommendation for adoption by City Council

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

Mary deBeauvieres, Principal Planner, reviewed the item and gave an update on the public input process.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the Proposed Small Public Places Policy as contained in the staff report. (Guadiana/Raya; Ayes: Raya, Deglow, Cooke, Lujan, Pomer, DeBlonk, Tamayo, Guadiana)

11. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): A. August 2008 department highlights; B. September 2008 department highlights

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment

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

Jim Combs updated the Commission on upcoming events and programs, and the Parks and Recreation Programming Guide process.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Commissioner Tamayo recommended staff seek programming guides for small public places in developed neighborhoods.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation