

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2009

**Southside Park Clubhouse
2051 Sixth 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, August 13, 2009 at the Southside Park Clubhouse located at 2051 Sixth Street. All members were present except Commissioner Raya.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. Marc Brandes requested the policy to designate Muir Children's Park as a park for children, and adults with children, be reviewed. Mr. Brandes and others spoke to their opposition to removing City park benches and places for people to sit, and requested the policy and decision making process to remove park seating be reviewed. Other citizens spoke to concerns about the Department of Parks and Recreation's management and administration of community gardens, and the process to determine assignments of plots in the gardens. Don Knutson opposed the closing of park restrooms and considers it a public health issue. He stated citizens are willing to clean the restrooms to help with the situation.

Staff will follow up on these items and return to the Commission.

Public Hearings

2. **None**

Special Oral Presentation

3. **None**

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 Meeting Minutes for June 4, 2009**

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve Commission meeting minutes for June 4, 2009

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

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to approve as mailed. (Pomer/Deglow: Ayes: Lynn, Cooke, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan, Price, Tamayo, DeBlonk, Guadiana; Absent: Raya)

5. **Use of Gifts to Share Youth Programming Contributions in Fiscal Year 2010**

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and File

Contact: Dave Mitchell, Operations Manager, 808-6076

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to receive and file. (Pomer/Deglow: Ayes: Lynn, Cooke, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan, Price, Tamayo, DeBlonk, Guadiana; Absent: Raya)

6. Support Redding Avenue Park Master Plan

Location: 3212 Redding Avenue, Planning Area 5, Council District 6

Recommendation: Support Redding Avenue Park Master Plan

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

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

7. Support the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Garden Naming and Master Plan

Location: 3668 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd at 12th Avenue, Planning Area 5, Council District 5

Recommendation: Support naming the site the “Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Garden” and support the master plan.

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

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support naming the site the “Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Garden” and support the master plan. (Pomer/Deglow: Ayes: Lynn, Cooke, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan, Price, Tamayo, DeBlonk, Guadiana; Absent: Raya)

Discussion/Action Reports

8. Water Conservation Strategies and Practices

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment

Contact: Dave Mitchell, Operations Manager, 808-6076

Staff presented the item. Commissioners and staff discussed the City’s determination to designate Monday as a “no watering” day and it’s impact on the park system, the continued need for drought tolerant plants, the best type of turf for sports fields given water conservation needs, compliance with any state or local laws regarding landscape design and plant selection, the impact of reduced watering on park trees, and interactions with the community regarding watering practices.

9. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): A. July 2009 department highlights; B. August 2009 department highlights

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment

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

Director Combs reviewed new facility openings, a pilot pest management program, and community response to park and recreation reductions.

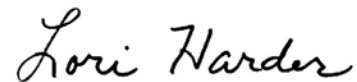
Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Commissioners requested staff return to the Commission on the items citizens spoke to at the beginning of the meeting. Commissioner Pomer requested the Commission have an opportunity to give input on concepts and priorities in future reduction planning.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Harder".

Lori Harder, Support Services Manager

Department of Parks and Recreation