

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2009

*Belle Cooleage Community Center
5699 South Land Park Drive*

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, June 4, 2009 at Belle Cooleage Community Center, located at 5699 South Land Park Drive. All members were present except Commissioners Raya and Lynn.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. Ron Aimsley with “Oak Park Citizens Against Slumlords” spoke to concerns about people smoking near the entrance of the Oak Park Community Center and on the west side of McClatchy Park, and about the lack of enforcement of local ordinances restricting smoking in these areas.

Public Hearings

2. **None**

Special Oral Presentation

3. **California Center for Urban Horticulture – Presented by Dave Fujino, Director**

Mr. Fujino presented information on the Center’s mission, vision, goals, current projects and upcoming events including conferences, demonstrations and opportunities for increased public access to research gardens at UC Davis. Mr. Fujino reviewed plant species well suited for the Sacramento Valley area, drought tolerant grasses that require less mowing, and efforts to cultivate honeybees. Chair Cooke recommended grasses be tested for use in sports fields and perhaps in partnership with the City of Sacramento.

4. **Life History Writing Program in Older Adults Services – Presented by Westley and Bubbles Jones, Program Volunteers**

Rosanne Bernardy, Recreation Superintendent, introduced the item and the volunteers behind the successful life history writing program held at the Hart Senior Center and the Sierra 2 Center. Mr. and Mrs. Jones gave information on the program they have facilitated for over 1,000 participants to help them share and develop a written life story in a group setting.

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.

5. Approval of Minutes for May 7, 2009

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve commission minutes for May 7, 2009

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

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

Discussion/Action Reports

None

6. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): A. May 2009 department highlights; B. June 2009 department highlights

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment

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

Director Combs reviewed new facility openings including an off leash dog park at Sutter's Landing Regional Park and a skatepark at Max Baer Park.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Commissioner Guadiana announced that she has discussed upcoming parks and recreation budget reduction impacts with various community groups in her planning area, and the response has been empathetic with a willingness to help with the situation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation