



# Meeting Minutes

## City of Sacramento

### Parks and Recreation Commission

#### COMMISSION MEMBERS

George Azar  
Jonathan Rewers  
Jeff Harris

Cindy Cooke  
Malachi Smith  
Dave Tamayo

Darrel Woo  
Virginia Guadiana  
David Heitstuman

Jay Hansen  
Brandon Beaver

#### CITY STAFF:

*Jim Combs, Director of Parks and Recreation*  
*Lori Harder, Support Services Manager*  
*Cynthia Ramsey, Administrative Assistant*

**July 1, 2010**

***Pannell Community Center***  
***2450 Meadowview Road***

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

#### Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Rewers at 6:43 p.m. All members were present except Commissioners Beaver and Azar.

#### Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. None

#### Public Hearings

2. **Appeal of a Decision of the Director of the Department of Transportation to Grant a Heritage Tree Removal Request**

Location: 7527 Maple Tree Way

Recommendation: Approve Removal of Heritage Tree

Contact: Joe Benassini, Urban Forest Manager, Department of Transportation, 808-6258

Commissioners confirmed there were no ex parte communications regarding this agenda item. Commissioner Harris stated he made looked at the tree. Mr. Benassini gave an overview. An attorney representing the applicant gave testimony and provided additional photographs. Mr. Mike Hoover, owner of Hoover Horticultural Service, spoke in favor of removing the tree and recommended against root pruning. The appellant, Ms. Merry Severance, spoke against removing the tree and provided photographs. Commissioners asked questions of staff regarding root structure, root pruning, overall

health and stability of the tree, liability, and any damage to the foundation of the residence and paved areas near the tree.

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to deny the appeal of Ms. Merry Severance to grant a permit for the removal of a heritage California Sycamore tree located at 7527 Maple Tree Way, and to recommend the Park Place South Homeowners Association, subject to approval by the City of Sacramento, determine an appropriate tree species and locate it within the Association's sphere of influence. (Cooke/Heitstuman: Ayes: Rewers, Cooke, Smith, Woo, Guadiana, Heitstuman; Nays: Harris, Tamayo; Absent: Hansen, Beaver, Azar)

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to approve findings and a decision to grant the application for a permit to remove a heritage California Sycamore tree located at 7527 Maple Tree Way per Sacramento City Code section 12.64.050, and to recommend the Park Place South Homeowners Association, subject to approval by the City of Sacramento, determine an appropriate tree species and locate it within the Association's sphere of influence. (Harris/Cooke: Ayes: Rewers, Cooke, Smith, Woo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Harris; Nays: Tamayo; Absent: Hansen, Beaver, Azar)

### Special Oral Presentation

3. None

### Consent Calendar

4. **Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve commission minutes for May 5, 2010

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

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to approve as mailed. (Guadiana/Harris: Ayes: Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Tamayo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Hansen; Abstained: Woo; Absent: Azar and Beaver)

5. **Parks and Recreation Approved Operating and Capital Budgets for Fiscal Year 2010/11**

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and File

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

**Action:** Received and filed.

### Discussion/Action Reports

6. **Proposed Master Plan for Parks within Township 9 Development Project**

Location: Council District 1

Recommendation: Support Proposed Master Plan for Parks within Township 9 Development Project

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

Mary de Beauvieres, Principal Planner, reviewed the item and introduced Jeff Townsend with Jacobs Engineering Group who represents the project. Commissioners and staff discussed the uniqueness of the development project, including connectivity to the American River Parkway and a new light rail transit station; a large shade structure near the river; tree planting along the levee; lighting and water features in public spaces; concern about the lack of active recreation opportunities within the development; future maintenance assessment funding, service delivery and related standards.

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to support the proposed master plan for parks within the Township 9 Development project, with an exception of Riverfront Park, and to recommend park spaces be maintained by City of Sacramento personnel.

(Hansen/Woo: Ayes: Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Tamayo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Hansen, Woo; Absent: Azar and Beaver)

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to support the Riverfront Park master plan within the Township 9 Development project, to recommend the park be maintained by City of Sacramento personnel, and for staff to return to the Parks and Recreation Commission for further consideration should the County of Sacramento, during its review, make suggestions warranting any significant changes to the park's master plan. (Harris/Tamayo: Ayes: Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Tamayo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Hansen, Woo; Absent: Azar and Beaver)

## 7. **Oakbrook Park Master Plan Update**

Location: Council District 1

Recommendation: Support Staff Recommendation

Contact: Tin Wah Wong, Associate Landscape Architect, 808-5540; J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

Gary Hyden, Supervising Landscape Architect, reviewed the plan. Commissioner Cooke requested staff remove the rectangular line drawing that appears to indicate the designation of a sports field in an area designated as open space. Staff will follow up and remove the line drawing.

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to support the Oakbrook Park Master Plan Update. (Guadiana/Woo: Ayes: Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Tamayo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Hansen, Woo; Absent: Azar and Beaver)

## 8. **Long Term Planning for the Future of the Sacramento Zoo**

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment

Contact: Scot Mende, New Growth and Infill Manager, Community Development Department, 808-4756; J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

Scot Mende, New Growth and Infill Manager with the Community Development Department and Mary Healy, Sacramento Zoo Director, reviewed the item. Commissioners and staff discussed past planning efforts related to capital development needs, environmental studies, on site expansion or relocation, current study site options and related pros and cons, desired acreage needs, any direction from the City Council on what type and size of zoo is needed for Sacramento, potential shared amenities and revenue opportunities, future accreditation considerations, and consistency with the

City's General Plan regarding the zoo. Parking, access, pedestrian safety, attendance and funding at the current location were also discussed.

Representatives from the Sacramento Zoological Society spoke to the need to keep the zoo open and viable and challenges with the current location. Land Park residents spoke against expanding into William Land Park and/or the need to relocate. Midtown residents spoke to concerns about relocating the zoo to Sutter's Landing Regional Park and impacts on either recreation and sports activities or wildlife.

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to recommend the City Council establish a process to determine a location, size and type of zoo for Sacramento. (Tamayo/Woo: Ayes: Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Tamayo, Heitstuman, Hansen, Woo; Nays: Guadiana; Absent: Azar and Beaver)

**9. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): Review Highlights of June and July, 2010**

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Information

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

Director Combs spoke to facility dedications and recent staffing changes.

**Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members**

Chair Rewers requested staff report back on the Commission's recommendation to explore a property assessment increase for park and recreation purposes.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager  
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved by:



Jonathan Rewers, Chair  
Parks and Recreation Commission