

**Meeting Minutes
City of Sacramento
Parks and Recreation Commission**

COMMISSION MEMBERS

George Azar	Cindy Cooke	Araceli Mercado	Jay Hansen
Jonathan Rewers	Malachi Smith	Virginia Guadiana	Brandon Beaver
Jeff Harris	Dave Tamayo	David Heitstuman	

CITY STAFF:

*Jim Combs, Director of Parks and Recreation
Lori Harder, Support Services Manager*

***Historic City Hall Hearing Room
915 I Street***

October 6, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Rewers at 7:07 p.m. All commissioners were present except Commissioners Tamayo and Hansen.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. L. R. Roberts spoke about illegal activity in McClatchy Park including drug dealing and loitering in the picnic area. Staff will investigate and report back 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. **Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**
Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve Commission minutes for September 1, 2011

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

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

Discussion/Action Reports

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

5. Park Master Plans; Process for Changes to Approved Plans

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Support staff recommendations consistent with advice of legal counsel.

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

Commissioners and staff discussed master planning processes, reviews, challenges, what is considered a substantial plan change, and the role of the Parks and Recreation Commission and council members in the process.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support staff's park master plan amendment policy and process recommendations as contained in the staff report, and request that if staff determines a change to a park master plan is not substantial enough to require an amendment process, the park master plan be brought forward to the Parks and Recreation Commission for review including information on community input. (Rewers/Guadiana: Ayes: Heitstuman, Azar, Harris, Cooke, Rewers, Smith, Mercado, Guadiana, Beaver; Absent: Tamayo and Hansen)

6. Transmittal of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR) Revenue Task Force Report: *Seeking Green: Funding Public Parks in a Challenging Financial Climate*

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and Comment

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

As an example of how another California city addresses financing, Chair Rewers reviewed the structure of San Francisco's park and open space system, financing and key funding recommendations contained in the report.

7. Park Maintenance Assessment Study Options and Ad Hoc Committee Report

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and Comment

Contact: Mark Griffin, Special District Manager, Finance Department, 808-8788; Dave Mitchell, Operations Manager, 808-6076

Commissioner Harris, Ad Hoc Committee Chair, gave a report and recommended the Commission support a uniform parcel tax for the June or November 2012 ballot, as opposed to a Landscaping and Lighting property assessment measure. Commissioners and staff discussed timing, public input, amount of tax, services to fund, a sunset date, considerations with recent efforts by the Sacramento County Regional Parks and Open Space Grassroots Working Group on County regional park funding, and what can be learned from a past measure supporting public libraries.

Sean Donahoe with the Sacramento County Regional Parks and Open Space Grassroots Working Group shared results from a recent poll on priorities and public financing for the park system.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to recommend the City of Sacramento no longer pursue a Landscaping and Lighting assessment district. (Guadiana/Harris: Ayes: Heitstuman, Azar, Harris, Cooke, Rewers, Smith, Mercado, Guadiana, Beaver; Absent: Tamayo and Hansen)

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to recommend the balance of the funds City Council approved for a Landscaping and Lighting assessment district engineering study be reallocated to a public poll to ascertain the viability of a park maintenance parcel tax within the City limits. (Heitstuman/Cooke: Ayes: Heitstuman, Azar, Harris, Cooke, Rewers, Smith, Mercado, Guadiana, Beaver; Absent: Tamayo and Hansen)

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to recommend City staff and the Park and Recreation Commission's Ad Hoc Committee review the results of a public poll conducted by the Sacramento County Regional Parks and Open Space Grassroots Working Group on County regional park financing and summarize the information in bullet form for discussion purposes with the Mayor and City Council. (Rewers/Hansen: Ayes: Heitstuman, Azar, Harris, Cooke, Rewers, Smith, Mercado, Guadiana, Beaver; Absent: Tamayo and Hansen)

8. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): Review Highlights of September and October 2011

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment

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

Jim Combs updated the Commission on community center operations, sports fields, and capital grant items.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Commissioner Harris requested information on the Adopt a Park program and methods to outreach to volunteers regarding their equipment needs. Staff will follow up.

Adjournment

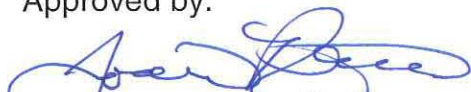
The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved by:



Jonathan Rewers, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission