

**FINAL MINUTES
OF THE
CITY OF SACRAMENTO
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, January 5, 2005**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Commissioner Cindy Cooke at 7:07 p.m. on the above date at the Historic City Hall, Hearing Commission Room, 915 I Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.
2. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS, CITY STAFF, GUESTS

MEMBER	PLANNING AREA	Present	Absent
George Raya	Planning Area 1- Central City	X	
Cindy Cooke	Planning Area 2- Land Park	X	
Patrick Lynn	Planning Area 3 – Pocket	X	
Dave Tamayo	Planning Area 4- South Sacramento		X
Brett Williams	Planning Area 5- East Broadway		X
John Deglow	Planning Area 6- East Sacramento	X	
Bruce Pomer	Planning Area 7- Arden/Arcade	X	
Leo Lujan	Planning Area 8- North Sacramento	X	
Deirdre Price	Planning Area 9- South Natomas	X	
Sheila DeBlonk	Planning Area 10- North Natomas	X	
Virginia Guadiana	Planning Area 11- Airport/Meadowview	X	
TOTAL MEMBERS PRESENT- Quorum is 6 members		9	2

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2005 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

The draft December 2005 regular meeting minutes were approved as mailed.

4. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Members of the Oak Park Neighborhood Association and the Oak Park United Against Slumlords stated concerns about the condition and lack of response to damage and disrepair both at the Oak Park Community Center Complex and neighborhood parks in the Oak Park area. Support for more parks and open space south of Broadway and Christian Brothers High School, and improvements to McClatchy Park was expressed. Commissioners requested staff agendaize this item for further discussion at the March 2006 Commission meeting, as it will be held at the Oak Park Community Center.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

5. None

CONSENT ITEMS:

6. PROPOSED MASTER PLAN FOR FRANKLIN BOYCE PARK

Motion approved to support proposed Master Plan for Franklin Boyce Park..

Motion made by: Pomer
Seconded: DeBlonk
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan, Price, Deglow, Guadiana
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Tamayo, Williams

7. PROPOSED NAME CHANGE FROM “GOLDENLAND PARK” TO “RIVER BIRCH PARK” AND THE RIVER BIRCH PARK MASTER PLAN

Motion approved to support proposed name change from “Goldenland Park” to “River Birch Park” and support the Master Plan for River Birch Park

Motion made by: Pomer
Seconded: DeBlonk
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan, Price, Deglow, Guadiana
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Tamayo, Williams

STAFF REPORTS:

8. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION- 2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion approved to support the proposed Parks and Recreation Commission 2006 meeting locations and schedule.

Motion made by: Guadiana
Seconded: Raya
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan, Price, Deglow, Guadiana
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Tamayo, Williams

9. SPORTS FIELD STUDY PHASE 1 RESULTS

Superintendent Alan Boyd reported on information compiled from long-term sports field user organizations regarding any unmet needs of the City’s sports fields, as outlined in the staff report. Mr. Jordan Lang reviewed his role in this study and process.

Commissioners and staff discussed how this study and resulting information ties to statistical information, plans and priorities outlined in the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan* and the *Parks and Recreation Programming Guide*, and questioned if Sacramento is unique and should not be tied to statewide or national averages for types of recreation facility uses and needs. Also discussed were concerns about gender equity in field use; permitting processes and fee schedules; whether baseball fields should be converted to soccer fields; the need for additional lighting, parking areas and restrooms; resistance from residents around perimeters of parks with sports fields; funding challenges in developing more facilities in community and regional parks; Park Maintenance Services’ efforts to “rest” and renovate heavily-used fields; the need for on-site signage to help keep people off the closed fields, and a recommendation to post information on the City’s website on field closures for renovation purposes as well as for reserved park facilities.

Several citizens and youth from Sacramento United Soccer attended the meeting and spoke to this and the following agenda item. A roster was circulated for those who would like to participate in continued planning and activities to improve and expand sports fields.

Staff will report on the results of the second phase of the Sports Field Study this Spring, to include an inventory and assessment of non-City fields and the development of an overall plan to address issues with sports fields.

10. GRANITE REGIONAL PARK DEVELOPMENT, FIELD RENOVATIONS AND FUNDING

Staff reported on the continued development of recreation facilities in the park, funding for these improvements, and a continuing program of renovation of the existing sports fields. Commissioners discussed advocating to City Council the need to fund more lighted, all-weather sports fields. After further discussion on overall park and recreation needs in the community, and the lack of funds for regional parks, Chair Cooke volunteered to draft a letter to the City Council on behalf of the Commission to advocate for funding and the leveraging of funding through partnerships, etc. for Sacramento's regional park system.

COMMISSIONER'S IDEAS, QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Deglow asked for an update on the City's actions to stop encroachment on City property in the Glenbrook area. Janet Baker responded that letters were going out to residents giving a final notice, and staff continues to develop an ordinance on this subject.

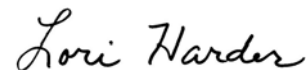
Commissioner Lujan commented the public is anxious to use the new improvements at Robla Community Park and children are using the facilities before they are open. Youth in the neighborhood want to go to City Council to thank them for the skate park.

Commissioners DeBlonk and Price suggested specific areas be designated in parks for youth to paint or tag.

ADJOURNMENT

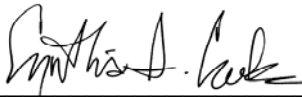
The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved:



Cindy Cooke, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission