



Meeting Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission

October 5, 2017

6:30 p.m.

City Hall – 915 I Street – Council Chambers

Open Session – 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Heitstuman at 6:33 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Aguilar, Bains, Flores, Good, Guerrero, Law, Malik, Murphy, Rhodes, Singh, and Heitstuman

Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda (2 minutes per speaker)

Brenda Ruiz spoke about the International Garden of Many Colors located in Ninos Parkway directly adjacent to the River Garden Estates operated by Mutual Housing. She expressed her support of the verbal agreements to address the code violations to allow the garden to remain, but asked for a letter to avoid uncertainty and for transparency.

The following residents of River Garden Estates all spoke about the benefits the International Garden for themselves and their families: Ms. Oksana, Ms. Tatianna, Dolores Ledezma and Mai Mohua.

Randy Stannard, Executive Director of Oak Park Sol, spoke in support of retaining the International Garden. He expressed his appreciation for the ongoing communication and collaboration with the Parks Department and City Council Member Harris. He spoke about the desires to enter into a MOU type of agreement with the City to help address unresolved issues pertaining to the garden, and offered his organization as the sponsor if needed.

Ms. Ellen spoke about the benefits of the International Garden and requested access pathways and improved/widened garden pathways, planting new trees, improving the water source, and allow watering every day.

Consent Calendar

1. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve Commission minutes for September 7, 2017

Contact: Ilee Muller, Administrative Analyst, (916) 808-1022, Fiscal and Management Services

Action: Motion to approve the Consent Calendar.
Moved, seconded (Rhodes/Good) and carried 11-0

Discussion Calendar Estimated Time: 80 Minutes

2. High Demand Event Venue Fee – Southside Park

Location: District 4

Recommendation: Support 1) adding Southside Park as a High Demand Event Venue Location; and 2) amending the High Demand Event Venue Supplemental Fee, for City Council adoption.

Contact: Melissa Romero, Recreation General Supervisor, (916) 808-3824, Department of Parks and Recreation

Melissa Romero briefed the Commission on the background of the High Demand Event Venue Fee. Council Member Hanson has requested Southside Park be added as a High Demand Event Venue Fee Location because Southside Park is one of the top parks used for special events. The additional fee is used to repair damage caused by such events.

Public Comment: Marin Leg, President of the Southside Parkside Association, spoke in support of the High Demand Event Venue Fee due to the deterioration of the park from large events.

Action: Motion to approve staff recommendation.
Moved, seconded (Singh/Good) and carried 11-0

3. North Natomas Regional Park Master Plan Amendment

Location: District 1

Recommendation: Support the amendment to North Natomas Regional Park Master Plan to relocate the Aquatic Center and include a Community Center for City Council adoption.

Contact: C. Gary Hyden, Park Planning and Development Manager, (916) 808-1949, Department of Parks and Recreation

Gary Hyden requested the proposed Master Plan amendment title be changed to the North Natomas Community & Regional Park Master Plan. Mr. Hyden requested Commission support amending the North Natomas Community & Regional Park Master Plan to change the location of the Aquatic Center and move the Community Center from the Town Center site to the regional park site to be part of the aquatic center complex. This new location will require relocating the existing dog park. The new master plan also is designed to allow flexibility in the type of amenities that may be located within this park.

Action: Motion to approve staff recommendation.
Moved, seconded (Rhodes/Bains) and carried 11-0

4. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): Review Highlights for September

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and Comment

Contact: Christopher C. Conlin, Director, (916) 808-8526, Department of Parks and Recreation

Director Conlin welcomed new Commission member Jason Law and provided an update on the following projects:

- International Garden of Many Colors
- Update on Old City Cemetery technical advisory committee, irrigation plan and cultural landscape plan
- Parks and Recreation Department reorganization and proposed name change to "Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment"

Member Comments-Ideas, Questions and Meeting/Conference Reports

Commissioner Heitsutmann requested an update regarding International Garden of Many Colors be agendized in the future.

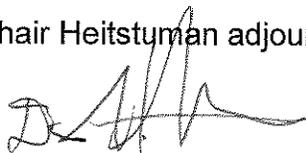
Commissioner Malik asked for contact information for youth staff training and a copy of the Department reorganization power point presentation.

Commissioner Rhodes expressed an interest in establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to work more closely on empowering neighborhood associations.

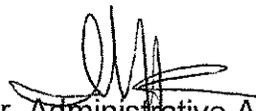
Commissioners Flores, Guerrero, Murphy and Rhodes made announcements regarding upcoming community events.

Adjournment

Chair Heitstuman adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.



Respectfully submitted:



Ilse Muller, Administrative Analyst
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved by:

David Heitstuman, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission