



**Meeting Minutes of the  
Parks and Community Enrichment Commission**

**August 1, 2019**

**6:00 p.m.**

***City Hall – 915 I Street – Council Chambers***

**Open Session – 6:00 p.m.**

**Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Flores at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Aguilar, Flores, Good, Guerrero, Kletzman, Lavelle, Law, Malik, Mehta, Murphy, and Rhodes

Absent: None

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

None.

**Consent Calendar**

**1. Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Approve Commission minutes for June 6, 2019

**Contact:** Ilee Muller, Administrative Analyst, (916) 808-1022, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Action: Motion to approve Commission minutes.

Moved/Seconded (Lavelle/Good)

Motion carried 11-Yes 0-No

**Discussion Calendar Estimated Time: 60 Minutes**

**2. Selection of Volunteer Recognition Awards – Category Community Enrichment**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Pass a motion selecting award recipient(s) for the community enrichment category

**Contact:** Maggie Le, Support Services Manager (916) 808-1040, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

**Presenter:** Maggie Le, Support Services Manager (916) 808-1040, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Chair Flores deferred discussion of this item and continued it to the September 5, 2019 Parks and Community Enrichment Commission meeting due to need for the Ad Hoc Committee to discuss nominations process.

### 3. Community Gardens & Urban Agricultural Update

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Informational

**Contact:** William Maynard, Community Garden Coordinator, (916) 808-4943, Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment Department; Helen Selph, Associate Planner, (916) 808-7852, Community Development Department; Jennifer Venema, Program Manager, (916) 808-1859, Public Works Department; Tony Ulep, Interim Parks Maintenance Manager, (916) 808-4070, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Bill Maynard provided an overview of the City's Community Gardens program. The City currently has 16 Community Gardens and three planned for the future, for a total of 19 Community Gardens. Helen Selph provided an update on Urban Agriculture zoning code. Jennifer Venema concluded the presentation by providing information about opportunities for agriculture on vacant City land, with the first solicitation for the old City nursery property.

### 4. Hanami Line at Robert T. Matsui Park

**Location:** District 4

**Recommendation:** Informational

**Contact:** Dana Mahaffey, Senior Planner, Park Planning and Development Services, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment, (916) 808-2762

Dana Mahaffey provided an introduction of the Hanami Line at Robert T. Matsui Park project and reviewed the area map. Jeff Townsend, the design consultant for the Sacramento Tree Foundation, provided an overview of the project and detailed the project concept.

### 5. Crocker Village Park Master Plan and Park Naming

**Location:** District 5

**Recommendation:** Pass a motion supporting the City Council's adoption of the master plan for the neighborhood park located in the Crocker Village development; and recommend to the City Council the proposed park name for the park site

**Contact:** Dennis Day, Landscape Architect, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, (916) 808-7633, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment; Raymond Costantino, Park Planning Manager, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, (916) 808-1941, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Raymond Costantino provided an overview of the Crocker Village Park Master Plan and the Park Naming process. The Park Naming process is unique this time due to no City Council sponsorship of a specific name. Two surveys were issued to solicit community input on the

park name and voting. The three names with the most votes were: Petrovich Family Park, Ray Eames Park, and Donald Irving Rivett Park.

Eames Demetrios presented information about Ray Eames and advocated for the park to be named "Ray Eames Park."

Paul Petrovich presented information about the Petrovich family contributions to the community and advocated for the park to be named "Petrovich Family Park."

Carol Rivett Robinson presented information about Donald Irving Rivett Park and advocated for the park to be named "Donald Irving Rivett Park."

The Commission reviewed the Park Master Plan and discussed the merits of each of the three proposed park names.

Action: Motion to support the City Council's adoption of the Park Master Plan for the park site in Crocker Village and naming the park as "Ray Eames Park."

Moved/Seconded (Flores/Good)  
Motion carried 10-Yes 1-No (Law)

**6. Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment Director Report (Oral): Review Highlights for May**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Informational

**Contact:** Shannon Brown, Interim Director, (916) 808-6076, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Shannon Brown provided an update on the following items for July and August:

- Summer L&L program ends on August 9<sup>th</sup> and looking for interviewers for our Fall L&L applicants for August 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> at Oak Park, Belle Cooleedge, and South Natomas Community Centers
- New Triple R site has a soft opening on July 15<sup>th</sup> at South Land Park and can accommodate 40 seniors a day; the response to the opening has been positive with many visitors stopping by since the soft opening
- Last meeting as Interim Director. New Director, Mario Lara, will be starting with the City on September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Vice Chair Good presented Shannon with a certificate of appreciation and flowers to thank Shannon for her hardwork and support of the YPCE Department during her interim capacity.

**Member Comments-Ideas, Questions and Meeting/Conference Reports**

Commissioner Murphy shared the Chalk It Up event is happening Labor Day weekend at Fremont Park.

Vice Chair Good thanked colleagues for coming together to make decisions as a team at tonight's meeting and appreciate the respect everyone has for each other.

**Item #1**

Commissioner Malik appreciated colleagues for 1) being at the meeting so late, and 2) would like to bring forward the possibility of revising the park naming policy to find a way to incorporate language regarding conflict of interest so developers of projects will recuse themselves from naming the park in their development project.

Chair Flores would like to explore revision of the naming policy.

Commissioner Mehta shared that North Natomas First Friday's is happening this Friday from 6 pm to 9 pm with bands, bounce houses, and a lot of vendors; Saturday there will be yoga from 9 am to 10 am in the morning and a Farmer's Market from 8 am to 12 pm at North Natomas Regional Park.

Commissioner Guerrero thanked Department staff for a successful District event around beautification, Department staff coordination for movie nights was amazing, Summer at City Hall program is coming to an end and Commissioner would like a program update and included as part of an update the number of students per school and number of students per zip code.

Chair Flores shared tomorrow at Belle Cooleedge Park, the Sacramento Library will be celebrating the end of their summer reading program and will have a movie night, National Night Out is on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> and Chair invited Commissioners to South Land Park National Night Out event.

**Adjournment**

Chair Flores adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM

Respectfully submitted:



Maggie Le, Support Services Manager  
Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Approved by:



Joe Flores, Chair  
Parks and Community Enrichment Commission