



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

December 7, 2020

6:03 p.m.

City Hall – 915 I Street – Council Chambers

Open Session – 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Sacramento Youth Commission Chair Kawada and the Parks and Community Enrichment Chair Good at 6:03 p.m.

Sacramento Youth Commission Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners Kawada, Nazir, Galvez, Romo Gonzalez, Mar, Rye, Arriaga, Piper-Pell, Kailonn, Erickson, Flanagan, Huang, Yisrael and Burkart

Absent: Commissioners Lee, Shumate and Sabillo

Parks and Community Enrichment Roll Call:

Present: Aguilar, Flores, Good, Lavelle, Loew, Mehta, Murphy, and Rhodes

Absent: Commissioners Guerrero, Kletzman and Law

Consent Calendar

None

Discussion Calendar

1. Parks Master Plan 2040 Update – Outreach and Community Engagement Strategy and Findings

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational

Contact: Dana Repan, Senior Planner, (916) 808-2762; Brianna Moland, Assistant Planner, (916) 808-6188; Raymond Costantino, Park Planning and Development Services Division Manager; Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Raymond Constantino, Park Planning Manager, gave an introduction of the Parks Master Plan 2040. This past fall, staff engaged City residents for input how to improve parks, recreation and youth programs for the next 20 years. Several engagement strategies included community panel, photo contest, and map based questionnaire.

Cindy Mendoza and Noe Noyola, MIG Consultants, provided the highlights of the outreach findings. Cindy Mendoza presented the purpose of the Master Plan, planning process, engagement strategies, and roles of the commissions. Cindy Mendoza identified emerging themes are nature, play, social gatherings or events, active recreation or sports, walking or biking, equity or access, and community collaboration.

Noe Noyola provided overview of public engagement activities. These activities included photo contest, drawing activity, map based survey and community panels. Additional outreach meetings such as commission presentations, councilmember interviews and outreach advisory committee. Noe Noyola explained there were 1,713 participants in the engagement activities. Participants various from different demographics. Outreach was made to underrepresented groups in the community. Key findings included frequency use of the park or program, what makes this location great, popular sites for various recreation aspects, programs and activities needed expansion, most valued park features and major needs or concerns. Noe Noyola further described the themes of each activity. Draw activity exhibited play, natural features, and facilities. Photo activity encompassed nature, people, play, and events and facilities.

After the presentation, MIG consultants engaged with commissioners on brainstorming topics relating to priorities, equity and vision for the Master Plan.

Commissioner Mar wants to see more community gardens. She wishes the community have more accessibility to fresh produce. In addition, she wants more lighting at parks.

Commissioner Rye wants people have access to parks within a walking distance.

Commissioner Galvez wants to see parks with more nature based, educational with its history, and background of the parks names. Also, she believes accessibility and safety are very important.

Commissioner Kailonn wants safe programs that children can attend.

Commissioner Flanagan wants to see safe parks that people can enjoy recreation activities.

Commissioner Aguilar emphasizes equity at the citywide level. Certain parks thrive in recent years, on the other hand some received little improvement such as locations in the south area.

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Commissioner Loew wants to see more infrastructure with minimum maintenance, yet can still attract people. Also, he wants a sustainable master plan with creative and innovative approach.

Commissioner Lavelle wants every neighborhood to have a safe place to play, access to nature, transportation, bike trail, exercise without emitting carbon monoxide. He mentioned certain parks are better than others because of capital investments and how they are funded.

Commissioner Murphy wants district 4 master plan to reflect connectivity with nature trail, also accessibility to the river. She mentioned the Sutter's Landing area can further be expanded.

Commissioner Flores wants a trail connecting multiple neighborhoods. People can enjoy the city as a daytrip activity biking through nature.

Commissioner Rye wants community outreach prior putting resources on a project. She wants the indigenous people have the opportunity to provide advice and feedback.

Commissioner Mehta wants community engagement from residents living in the area. When residents get involved with the plan, she believes people will feel part of the plan.

Commissioner Rhodes wishes the community can be part of the plan and not just the result of the plan.

Chair Kawada wants more activities in the park that children can play. She wishes to see better sanitization and cleanliness. Also, she would like volunteer program where residents can get involved.

Commissioner Nazir wants youth program have volunteer or job opportunity within the parks.

Chair Good recognizes the importance of equity in the park system. She hopes staff continue to work on community engagement for feedback.

For the future, MIG consultants and City staff will host more youth workshop, community briefings, analysis on data, and needs assessment.

2. November Updates

Locations: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational

Contact: Kris Wimberly, Interim Superintendent, (916) 808-6172; Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Kris Wimberly, Interim Superintendent, mentioned recent flyers sent out on Mental Health Wellness and Empowerment workshop, and Landscaping & Learning workshop on how to fill out an application. Next week, there will be another workshop on WIOA program. Youth Development network is sending out a survey to receive feedback from young people on barriers or frustration they may have.

Commissioner Comments-Ideas and Questions

Commissioner Metha thanked Chair Kawada and Chair Good for hosting this meeting. She was pleased to see how outreach effort has been for the Master Plan.

Commissioner Galvez thanked the commissioners for attending. She hopes the community outreach effort will continue to reach out to higher number of city residents.

Chair Good applauded the young adults present. She hopes youth commissioners will continue to stay engage and be role models.

Adjournment

Chair Good and Chair Kawada adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m

This is to certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of December 7, 2020 as approved by the Commission.



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