



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

May 6, 2021

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 Good at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Flores, Gaines, Good, Hermann, Kletzman, Lavelle, Law, Loew, Mehta, and Vasquez

Absent: Commissioner Guerrero

Special Announcement

The commission recognized outgoing Commissioner Tyler Aguilar for his years of service representing District 6. A plaque was presented to Tyler Aguilar for his dedication to the commission.

Consent Calendar

1. Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Meeting Minutes

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve Commission meeting minutes for April 1, 2021

Contact: Junjie Yu, Administrative Analyst, (916) 808-6402, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Action: Motion to approve Commission meeting minutes

Moved/Seconded (Lavelle/Mehta)

Motion carried 9-Yes 0-No 1-Absent (Guerrero) Abstain-1 (Vasquez)

Discussion Calendar**2. Selection of Youth and Parks Volunteer Recognition Award****Location:** Citywide**Recommendation:** Pass a motion selecting award recipient(s) for the Volunteer Recognition Award for the Youth and Parks Categories**Contact:** Junjie Yu, Administrative Analyst, (916) 808-6204, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

This item is postponed to June 3rd meeting. New deadline for submission of Youth and Parks categories is extended until Sunday, June 16th.

3. Master Plan and Naming of Neighborhood Park within the Township 9 Development**Location:** District 3**Recommendation:** Pass a motion to support the City Council's adoption of 1) Park Master Plan for the pocket park in the Township 9 Development, and 2) naming the neighborhood park as Vine Park**Contact:** Jeff Nittka, Landscape Architect, (916) 808-5996, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Claire Beard, landscape designer, presented the Master Plan for Vine Park. Details included survey results, park physical location, adjacencies of nearby surroundings, and amenities. This park will also include two dog parks.

Kevin Smith said that the Vine Park name is a reflective of a cannery theme. This area represents the former agricultural space of Sacramento for many decades.

Action: Motion to to support the City Council's adoption of 1) Park Master Plan for the pocket park in the Township 9 Development, and 2) naming the neighborhood park as Vine Park.

Moved/Seconded (Lavelle/Loew)

Motion carried 9-Yes 1-No (Hermann) 1-Absent (Guerrero)

4. Community Centers, Leisure Enrichment and Community Recreation Program Update**Location:** Citywide**Recommendation:** Informational**Contact:** Jackie Beecham, Recreation Manager, (916) 808-3818; Katie Houser, Recreation Superintendent, (916) 808-6046; Anthony Munoz, Recreation General Supervisor, (916) 808-6251, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Katie Houser provided an overview list of community centers operating throughout the City. Centers offer recreation services to residents of all ages. Centers host private and community group rentals, support afterschool programs and partner with community-based organizations. In response to COVID, Essential Worker Childcare, Sac CLASS, In-Person Afterschool, Summer Camp programs, Special Event Drive Thrus, and other virtual

programming was provided. In addition, staff responded to emergency services including Curbside Meal Distribution, Vaccine Pop Up Clinics at Pannell and Cooling and Warming Shelters. Softball leagues will resume in May and tournaments will return in phases as allowed by County health orders. Leisure Enrichment classes will return as long as instructors are comfortable under COVID circumstances.

Anthony Munoz provided an overview of YPCE's Reservation Office located at Coloma Community Center and how it is responding to County COVID guidelines. The Reservation Office uses a system called Active Net to track down participants. He also mentioned there are many facility improvement projects completed for various community centers recently with Measure U Funds.

5. Joint Use Agreement with School Districts

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational

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

Shannon Brown explained the importance of joint use agreements with school districts. The City in coordination with Sacramento, Natomas, Twin Rivers, Robla, and Elk Grove school districts has benefited from cooperative agreements. The City's general plan has policies to encourage joint use development to meet service level goals and for effective usage of facilities.

6. Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment Director Report (Oral): Update on COVID-19 Related Impacts

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational

Contact: Mario Lara, Director, (916) 808-1041, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Mario Lara stated that there has been an increase in usage of park space with summer season approaching. Reminders are shared in social media to advise residents to use parks carefully under County health guidances. Vaccination effort is continuing with County partnership. Summer programming is being planned for the upcoming months.

7. Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment Director Report (Oral): Review Highlights for April

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational

Contact: Mario Lara, Director, (916) 808-1041, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Mario Lara provided information that the 4th R Program will continue to collaborate with Sacramento City Unified School District. The previous transition plan has been reversed. The team is recruiting staff aggressively to bring support at various sites immediately. An update on program registration will be provided at a future meeting. With regard to the public's comments about priority registration for kindergartners, the commission asked

about whether there is a need to schedule an alternate meeting or create an ad hoc committee to discuss the 4th R registration process.

Shannon Brown, Assistant Director, provided information that the Park Maintenance team is preparing for firebreak season by mowing down lawn in open spaces. Seasonal recruitment is in process for Utility Workers. Staff can work up to 40 hours per week. Furthermore, Park Rangers are preparing for the upcoming Mother's Day.

Monica Blanco, Youth Division Manager, provided that the Sac CLASS program is ending soon so staff will be transitioned to support Summer Oasis camp. The 4th R program is recruiting for Program Developers and Program Coordinators. In addition, there are 89 Recreation Aide vacancies that need to be filled. The Summer @ Virtual City Hall is making selection of participants now. Junior Baseball and Softball League are opening for registration and in-person programming will happen this year. Skate Park is upgrading countertops currently in phase 2. Landscape & Learning program is hiring Youth Aides and Crew Leaders. Prime Time Teen will host mock interviews for youth ages 13 – 17. Staff are going through a certification process to become a Youth Development Institute Trainer.

Jackie Beecham, Recreation Manager, mentioned that the Aquatics Division provided more training classes than ever before. Lifeguards, Senior Lifeguards and Utility Workers are being recruited. Fourteen pools plan to be opened this summer beginning Memorial Day. Camp Sacramento plans to have all family camp sessions under modified guidelines. Hart Senior Center is welcoming back older adults for reopening. Access Leisure began offering outdoor and indoor activities to children and youth with disabilities.

Raymond Costantino, Park Planning Manager, provided that staff have been making community connections for the Master Plan. They are also reaching out to youth for a Photo Voice contest. Lastly, \$21 million dollars were spent in completing Capital Improvement Projects during the third quarter.

Lisa DeCarlo, resident, expressed concern about priority registration for the 4th R program. She encouraged others to think creatively to include children that may have been left out this past year.

Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

None.

Member Comments-Ideas, Questions and Meeting/Conference Reports

Commissioner Metha shared the opening of Meadows Park in Natomas. She thanked staff for their hard work.

Item #1

Vice Chair Lavelle would like to hear back on the 4th R program again in next few months, and possibly discuss allocating resources for children as well as addressing the prioritization concern with council members.

Commissioner Loew announced volunteer opportunities at Richardson Village Park on May 8th and Johnston Park on May 22nd. Furthermore, Commissioner Loew would like staff to consider door to door surveys for feedback as many residents are not responding to the Master Plan surveys. He is volunteering himself for community outreach in District 2 as needed.

Adjournment

Chair Good adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m

This is to certify the forgoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of May 6, 2021 as approved by the Commission.



Junjie Yu, Administrative Analyst
Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment