



Meeting Minutes
City of Sacramento
Parks and Recreation Commission.

COMMISSION MEMBERS

George Azar
Jonathan Rewers
Jeff Harris

Cindy Cooke
Malachi Smith
Dave Tamayo

Araceli Mercado
Virginia Guadiana
David Heitstuman

Jay Hansen
Brandon Beaver

CITY STAFF:

Jim Combs, Director of Parks and Recreation
Lori Harder, Support Services Manager

May 5, 2011

Historic City Hall Meeting Room
915 I Street

All items listed are heard and acted upon by the Parks and Recreation Commission unless otherwise noted.

Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Rewers at 7:07 p.m. Commissioner Guadiana was absent. Commissioner Tamayo arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda.

1. To be announced

Public Hearings

2. None

Special Oral Presentation

3. None

Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Anyone may request that an item be removed for separate consideration.

4. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve Commission minutes for April 7, 2011

Contact: Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to approve as mailed. (Cooke/Azar: Ayes; Azar, Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Beaver, Mercado; Abstain: Heitstuman; Absent: Hansen, Tamayo, Guadiana)

5. Naming of Redding Avenue Park Site to "Mae Fong Park"

Location: Council District 6

Recommendation: Support Staff Recommendation to Name the Redding Avenue Park Site to Mae Fong Park

Contact: Tim Hopper, Administrative Officer, 808-8173; J.P. Tindell, Park Planning & Development Manager, 808-1955.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support naming the Redding Avenue Park Site to Mae Fong Park. (Cooke/Azar: Ayes; Azar, Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Beaver, Mercado, Heitstuman; Absent: Hansen, Tamayo, Guadiana)

6. Parks and Recreation Capital Grants Review, 2009 – Present

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and File

Contact: Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172

Action: Received and filed.

Discussion/Action Reports

Discussion/Action reports include oral presentations including those recommending review and comment

7. Sacramento County Regional Parks and Open Space Funding Initiative from the Grassroots Working Group – Survey Results

Location: Sacramento County

Recommendation: Hear Presentation; Review and Comment

Contact: Lori Harder, Administrative Manager, 808-5172

Mr. Bill Davis, Volunteer Chair of the "Grassroots Working Group", reviewed the group's April 13, 2011 report including public survey results, recommendations, public outreach, governance structure, need for enabling legislation and overall project schedule. Commissioners discussed County and State processes to further recommendations, process, policy and governance considerations, and potential benefits to City residents.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to recommend the City Council express its support to the County of Supervisors to pursue enabling legislation to establish an independent regional park and open space district.

(Tamayo/Heitstuman: Ayes: Hansen, Azar, Cooke, Rewers, Harris, Smith, Tamayo, Mercado, Beaver, Heitstuman; Absent: Guadiana)

8. Review of Northwest Land Park Proposed Development Project

Location: Council District 4

Recommendation: Review and Comment

Contact: Mary de Beauvieres, Principal Planner, 808-8722; J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

Mary de Beauvieres, Principal Planner, introduced the item and representatives for the project. Project maps, densities, development timelines, Quimby and park and trail considerations were reviewed. Commissioner Cooke commented on the planning process, the park and recreation needs of future residents, and how they may be addressed at nearby school parks and community parks. Commissioner Smith voiced consideration for the needs and demographics of the surrounding neighborhoods and school.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to recommend that future Quimby fees associated with this project be invested in park or school park facilities, or for the purchase of a park or school park space, within a two mile radius of the project, and to coordinate master planning with the school district.

(Rewers/Heitstuman: Ayes: Hansen, Azar, Cooke, Rewers, Harris, Smith, Tamayo, Mercado, Beaver, Heitstuman; Absent: Guadiana)

9. City of Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation Volunteer Program Update

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and Comment

Contact: Shannon Brown, Park Maintenance Manager, 808-4070; Dave Mitchell, Operations Manager, 808-6076

Shannon Brown, Park Maintenance Manager, and Julie Meir, Parks and Recreation Volunteer Coordinator, reviewed the report. Commissioner Hansen recommended the City work to resolve issues in maximizing volunteer activities when there are risk management concerns. Commissioners and staff discussed the positive, energizing effects of volunteering in parks, the need for volunteers to be as self-sufficient as possible, and the need for donations, additional tools and equipment to loan to volunteer groups.

10. Landscape and Lighting Assessment for Park Maintenance – Update on Engineering Study, Process and Public Input

Recommendation: Review and Discuss

Contact: Jim Combs, Director, 808-8526

Director Jim Combs updated the Commission on the status of the project. Chair Rewers emphasized the need to be prepared for questions from the media and the community.

11. Special Event Ordinance Review Committee

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and Comment

Contact: Teresa Jackson, Recreation Supervisor, 808-3818; Vincene Jones, Neighborhood Services and Special Events Manager, 808-5072

Teresa Jackson, Recreation Supervisor, reviewed the item. Commissioner Heitstuman, Special Event Ordinance Review Committee Chair, stated that several elements have been addressed thoroughly, many questions have been raised, and good consensus has been reached on various aspects of events. The committee will continue it's work and return to the Commission for input prior to any review by the City Council.

12. Parks and Recreation Commission's Annual Budget Workshop

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Parks and Recreation Commission review and discuss proposed operating and capital improvement budgets and take action if desired

Contact: J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Manager, 808-1955; Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808- 5172

Lori Harder and J.P. Tindell presented the proposed budgets. Commissioners discussed and arrived at the following actions.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried the Parks and Recreation Commission does not support the Fiscal Year 2011/12 proposed budget for the Department of Parks and Recreation Heitstu..

(Rewers/Heitstuman: Ayes: Hansen, Heitstuman, Azar, Harris, Cooke, Rewers, Smith, Tamayo, Mercado, Beaver; Absent: Guadiana)

Action: Moved, seconded and carried that the Parks and Recreation Commission and recommends an alternative plan to help sustain core service levels in aquatics, community centers, and older adult services. The plan redirects City general funds related to the park system to provide a one to two year bridge pending the outcome of a potential property assessment benefitting parks, as follows:

- 1) 50% of celltower lease revenues, and 100% of lease revenues from Business 80 billboards currently benefitting the development of Sutter's Landing Regional Park (Phase II improvements have recently been completed), for a two year period to restore aquatics, community centers and the Hart Senior Center to current, Fiscal Year 2010/11 levels;
- 2) If labor savings from union concessions are achieved in Fiscal Year 2011/12, redirect savings to aquatics for Summer 2012 operations, including wading pools;
- 3) Redirect \$100,000 in City deferred maintenance funds to park maintenance operations for Fiscal Year 2011/12, and
- 4) Reallocate general funds for maintenance of William Land Park to restore aquatics and community centers, and replace the program the Land Park Trust fund balance for maintenance services in William Land Park until the fund balance is exhausted.

The Parks and Recreation Commission Chair is to forward the recommended plan to the Mayor and City Council for consideration at the Fiscal Year 2011/12 budget hearing for the Department of Parks and Recreation on May 12, 2011.

(Rewers/Harris: Ayes; Hansen, Heitstuman, Azar, Harris, Cooke, Rewers, Smith, Tamayo, Mercado, Beaver; Absent: Guadiana)

13. Opportunities for the Parks and Recreation Commission to Sponsor or Support Parks and Recreation Projects and/or Programs

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and Comment

Contact: Jim Combs, Director, 808-8526

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to continue to the next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. (Rewers/Cooke: Ayes; Azar, Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Beaver, Mercado, Heitstuman; Absent: Hansen, Tamayo, Guadiana)

14. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): Review Highlights of April and May, 2011

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment

Contact: Jim Combs, Parks and Recreation Director, 808-8526.

Report will be made at the next regular meeting.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved by:



Jonathan Rewers, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission