

**FINAL MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, September 7, 2006**

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

1. The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Commissioner Chairperson Cindy Cooke at 7:05 p.m. on the above date at, Robertson Community Center, 3525 Norwood Avenue, Sacramento CA 95838
2. Introduction of Commission Members, City Staff and Guests

MEMBER	PLANNING AREA	Present	Absent
George Raya	Planning Area 1- Central City	X	
Cindy Cooke	Planning Area 2- Land Park	X	
Patrick Lynn	Planning Area 3 – Pocket	X	
Dave Tamayo	Planning Area 4- South Sacramento	X	
Brett Williams	Planning Area 5- East Broadway	X	
John Deglow	Planning Area 6- East Sacramento	X	
Bruce Pomer	Planning Area 7- Arden/Arcade	X	
Leo Lujan	Planning Area 8- North Sacramento	X	
Deirdre Price	Planning Area 9- South Natomas	X	
Sheila DeBlonk	Planning Area 10- North Natomas	X	
Virginia Guadiana	Planning Area 11- Airport/Meadowview	X	
TOTAL MEMBERS PRESENT- Quorum is 6 members		<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2006 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES  
Approved as mailed.
4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
Motion approved to elect Cindy Cooke as President, and Brett Williams as Vice President, for the following year.

Motion made by: Pomer  
Seconded: Raya  
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Deglow, Pomer,  
Lujan, DeBlonk, Guadiana  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Price

5. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

6. PROPOSED PARK NAME AND MASTER PLAN FOR HAMPTON PARK

Motion approved to support the proposed park name and master plan for Hampton Park.

Motion made by: Deglow  
Seconded: Williams  
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Deglow, Pomer,  
Lujan, DeBlonk, Guadiana  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Price

7. PROPOSED PARK NAME AND MASTER PLAN FOR "NATOMAS BASEBALL COMPLEX" AND "PARKEBRIDGE" NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AMENITIES

Staff reviewed the project and distributed an amended master plan indicating an existing water canal through the site that cannot be filled as previously planned. Bob Overstreet, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that consolidating existing ballfields managed by Natomas Youth Baseball into this complex will free up existing fields for consideration of other sports field needs, and this partnership with Natomas Youth Baseball will serve as a model for long term facility operations and maintenance in serving youth recreation needs. Chair Cooke stated the need for gender equity and providing equal quality recreation facilities for girls.

Vince O'Brien and Bob Moreno with Natomas Youth Baseball discussed consideration for adequate emergency vehicle access throughout the site, public access, traffic patterns, lighting, fencing and adjacencies to other sports fields and parking areas. Offering naming rights for the entire complex as well as individual fields to generate development funds was also discussed.

Motion approved to support the complex be named "Opus Fields at the Natomas Baseball Complex", to incorporate principles of integrated pest management in complex design, and to include provisions for using integrated pest management practices in the lease

agreement between the City of Sacramento and Natomas Youth Baseball.

Motion made by: DeBlonk  
Seconded: Raya  
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Deglow, Pomer,  
DeBlonk, Guadiana  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Lujan  
Absent: None

Motion approved to support the amended master plan for the Opus Fields at the Natomas Baseball Complex.

Motion made by: DeBlonk  
Seconded: Raya  
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Deglow, Pomer,  
DeBlonk, Guadiana  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Lujan  
Absent: None

8. REVIEW OF PROPOSED UPDATES TO QUIMBY AVERAGE LAND VALUES

Received and filed.

9. SUPPORT PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2006 ROUND OF THE PROPOSITION 50 RIVER PARKWAYS PROGRAM

Motion approved to support the preparation of a Proposition 50 River Parkway grant proposal for acquisition and/or development of projects within the Docks Area of the Sacramento Riverfront.

Motion-made by: Williams  
Seconded: Pomer  
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Deglow, Lujan,  
Pomer, DeBlonk, Guadiana  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

10. PARK DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Staff clarified the completion schedule for the 24/7 all weather field at Granite Regional Park. The project has broken ground and staff will continue to work to see the project completed this calendar year.

11. OUTLINE FOR CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP ON PARKS AND RECREATION

Received and filed.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

12. NAMING AIRPORT LITTLE LEAGUE DIAMOND #4

Claude Thurston, President Elect for the Airport Little League, spoke in favor of the item which includes a volunteer project to renovate the field. Commissioner Price recommended signage include information on Mr. Navarrete.

Motion approved to support naming Airport Little League Diamond #4 to "John S. Navarrete Field".

Motion made by: Pomer  
Seconded: Lujan  
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Deglow, Lujan,  
Pomer, Price, DeBlonk, Guadiana  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

13. PARK MAINTENANCE SERVICE DELIVERY OPTIONS

Janet Baker, Operations Manager, presented the item. Bob Overstreet clarified a pilot maintenance program with the private sector has been in place for two years, and that per the current Memorandum of Understanding with the union, once City staff maintains a park it cannot be shifted to private sector maintenance at a later date.

Staff and Commissioners discussed the item including City contract requirements, standardized practices, consistency in appearance of parks maintained either by City staff or contractors, efficiencies, one time versus ongoing costs of maintenance, overall cost comparisons of City maintained versus private sector, City contract service inspection and oversight needs, youth employment opportunities, overall customer service to citizens and timely response to emergencies, contractors' ability to adequately maintain natural open space areas, work jurisdiction provisions, prevailing and living wage ordinances, differences in compensation between the City and private sector.

Motion approved to support staff's recommendation to continue the practice of contracting park maintenance for new park development citywide, and that integrated pest management practices be a provision in park maintenance contracts.

Motion made by: Guadiana  
Seconded: Williams  
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Williams, Lujan, Pomer, Price, Guadiana  
Nays: Tamayo, Deglow, DeBlonk

Abstain: None  
Absent: None

14. UPDATE ON URBAN FOREST ENHANCEMENT PLAN PHASE 2

Staff clarified that after an individual tree assessment was conducted as part of Phase 1, the overall number of tree removals was less than projected.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Park Operations: Commissioner Guadiana reported on various items from the last meeting including the recommendation to have each City Park Supervisor to give a brief presentation on the area he/she maintain at future Commission meetings; integrated pest management activities; park recycling containers and park signage.

Planning, Design and Development: Commissioner Williams reported the items they discussed were on tonight's Commission meeting agenda.

**PRC MEMBERS IDEAS, QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

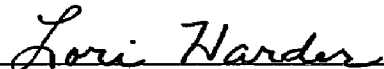
Commissioners discussed required ethics training through the City Clerk's Office. Staff will follow up on any options for additional training opportunities and requirements for attendance verification.

Chair Cooke encouraged the Commissioners to volunteer together to help rebuild the Fort Natomas Playground. Commissioner Tamayo encouraged assistance with the rebuilding of Max Baer Playground when more details of the project are known.

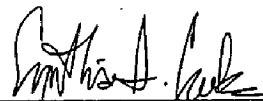
**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Lori Harder, Support Services Manager  
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved:

  
Cindy Cooke, Chair  
Parks and Recreation Commission