

**MINUTES
OF THE
CITY OF SACRAMENTO
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION
REGULAR MEETING
November 6, 2003**

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Chair Andrew called the Regular Meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation to order at 7:10 p.m. on the above date at the Evelyn Moore Community Center 1402 Dickson Street, Sacramento, California.
2. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS, CITY STAFF, GUESTS

MEMBER	PLANNING AREA	Present	Absent
John Andrew	Chairperson, Planning Area 3- Pocket	X	
Cindy Cooke	Vice Chairperson, Member at Large	X	
George Raya	Planning Area 1- Central City	X	
Chris Yatooma	Planning Area 2- Land Park	X	
Dorothy Cotton	Planning Area 4- South Sacramento		X
Ray White	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	
Vacant	Planning Area 10- North Natomas		
Virginia Guadiana	Planning Area 11- Airport/Meadowview	X	
Dave Tamayo	Member at Large		X
Bill Maynard	Member at Large	X	
TOTAL MEMBERS PRESENT- Quorum is 7 members		9	

3. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Page 2, Item 3B corrected

Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes as corrected.

Motioned: John Deglow
Seconded: Leo Lujan
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Absent: Pomer, Tomayo, White, Cotton

4. COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE POLICY

John Andrew, Chair, outlined a proposed CAC attendance policy. Members may be removed from the Committee after three (3) consecutive absences. Members should inform the Committee Chair or, if the Chair is unavailable, Gretchen Bender of any anticipated absence. There were no objections to the proposed policy.

5. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

A member of the audience, Joan King, representing the "Rescue Land Park Grassroots Campaign" expressed her frustration over the parking situation in Land Park. She requested this issue be placed on the December agenda.

John Andrew, Chair, stated the issue is scheduled for next month's agenda. Richard Ramirez, Deputy City Manager, will attend to address this issue.

George Raya- Commented on a public meeting regarding J. Neely Johnson Park and requested the fence be moved.

Janet Baker, Park Planning Design and Development Manager, responded with next steps: 1) Securing agreement with SHRA for the funding; 2) park master plan needs to be approved, and 3) City Real Estate staff needs to work out the property line with the senior housing facility next door.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

6. Overview of Community Center Operations (Janet Jewell)

Janet Jewell, Recreation Superintendent, provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting Community Centers operations throughout the City, including regional and neighborhood centers, programming and and unique amenities.

CONSENT ITEMS

Items 8 and 10 were pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Items 7 and 11 (with comments), and 9 (without comments) moved to a vote.

Motion to Approve by Virginia Guadiana

Seconded by George Raya

Ayes: Andrew, Cooke, Raya, Yatooma, Deglow, Lujan, Price, Guadiana, Maynard

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cotton, White, Pomer, Tamayo

7. Update on the Citizen's Advisory Committee's Proposal to Become a Commission (Lori Harder)

John Andrew commented the City Council's Personnel and Public Employee Committee is supportive of the CAC's bid to become a Commission, and that he appreciated P & PE's efforts to move the proposal forward for Council consideration.

Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, gave an update. Councilmember Steve Cohn, the Chair of the Council Law and Legislation Committee, requested City staff draft an ordinance establishing a Parks and Recreation Commission for the Council committee's consideration.

8. US Soccer Foundation Grant Application for Sports Field Lighting (Lori Harder)

Bob Overstreet, Director, stated that staff and Council addressed CAC's recommendations to place a priority on field renovation and lights on the existing fields utilizing Proposition 12 funds. Sacramento United Soccer notified staff of available grants and loans for soccer field improvements. Staff reviewed in the context of all needs at Granite and lighting the existing athletic fields is staff's recommendation. This grant will be fast-tracked for a December 1st deadline.

Jordan Lang, representing Sacramento United Soccer Club, requested consideration of a larger project for the grant program, to create a "24/7" field in Area 2 of the park, which would provide an all-weather surface and include lights. A proposed multi-year financing plan was distributed to all present for consideration. The benefits of a 24/7 field were outlined and discussed with CAC members and staff, including youth vs adult field use, the need for practice fields, and current availability of fields with lights.

Bob Overstreet stated the proposed finance plan was based on assumptions and would require further analysis and discussion and therefore, would not be ready for a grant proposal submittal by the December 1st deadline.

Motion to approve staff recommendation.

Motioned by: Virginia Guadiana

Seconded: John Deglow

Ayes: Andrew, Cooke, Raya, Yatooma, White, Guadiana, Maynard

Nays: None

Abstain: Lujan

Absent: White, Pomer, Tamayo, Cotton

10. Policy for Converting Granite Regional Athletic Fields to Tournament Level Play (Bob Fleming)

Bob Fleming, Park Maintenance and Tree Services Manager, provided information regarding the Department's initial efforts to improve the quality of Granite's Athletic fields, the Council-adopted policy to change the maintenance standard of the fields to tournament level play, and permitted use of the field by both youth and adult soccer groups.

Motion to Approve Policy for Converting Granite Regional Park Athletic Fields to Tournament Level Play

Motioned by: John Deglow

Seconded: Chris Yatooma

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: White, Pomer, Tamayo, Cotton

11. Park Renovation Projects for the 4th Avenue Temple Park (Janet Baker)

Virginia Guadiana commented that a neighbor states there are too many dogs off leash and there are problems with vagrants at Temple Park. Otherwise, it's a nice park.

12. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update (J.P. Tindell)

JP Tindell, Master Plan Consultant, reviewed new developments and information on the Master Plan and requested approval of the goals for Parks and Recreation in working draft form as outlined in Attachment E of the staff report.

John Andrew informed attendees the CAC will review the public telephone survey further at the public meeting at the Sacramento Zoo's Kampala Center, which will be co-hosted by the CAC and the Youth Commission. The meeting will include a gallery walk with a poster-sized map of each planning area. Discussion by the CAC of the telephone survey will also be agendized for the December CAC meeting.

Motioned to Approve Goals on Attachment E as a working Draft

Motioned by: Chris Yatooma

Seconded: Virginia Guadiana

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: White, Pomer, Tamayo, Cotton

13. North Area Park Tour Debriefing (Lori Harder)

CAC members who attended the tour commented that riding together in one bus worked out well.; that Hansen Ranch is a beautiful park amenity and could the City provide viewing/resting areas with a few benches, and that it may be beneficial to rotate the areas covered on the tour to view them in different seasons to see if seasons affect how they are used.

14. Park Impact Fee Nexus Study Update (Janet Baker)

Janet Baker informed the CAC that the Nexus Study report went before City Council on October 9th. Councilmembers were in agreement with soft cost numbers such as water, administration, and lack of funding for regional parks. Need a baseline of elements to be included in "Phase I" development such as restrooms, parking lots, and lights in community parks. A nexus study from April 2002 recommends the fee at \$3200 per unit. Council set the fee at \$1900. Staff has not determined whether council could approve a higher fee (between \$1900-\$3200) without an updated nexus study. Staff will develop a new nexus study to address regional park funding through the Park Impact Fee. Staff would like the CAC to be involved in drafting a proposal.

Virginia Guadiana and Deirdre Price volunteered to serve on an ad-hoc subcommittee to help review proposals.

15. Sutter's Landing Regional Park Master Plan. (Janet Baker)

Janet Baker requested CAC approval of the master plan. On January 15th, a \$1.5 million grant application will be filed with the State for Proposition 40 funds to help develop the park.

Item 5 continued:

Roy Tatman, Associate Landscape Architect, provided an overview of the Sutter's Landing Conceptual Master Plan including areas for proposed activities. The proposed Master Plan is designed to be flexible and allow for several recreation facility options. Elements reviewed by Tatman include:

- As of now, Area 1 will be for active recreational use, such as fields, courts, BMX, Skate Park, soccer field, the size of area 1 is 11-12 acres.
- Area 2- 4+ acres for dog park use and perhaps water play area for dogs.
- Area 4- Passive recreational use, such as bocce ball, giant chess set, skeet ball, the focus of this area would be multi-generational. Something grandparents can do with their grand kids.
- The site will include 2 restrooms, concession stands, shade structure, and river viewing areas.
- Bailer building will house Sacramento Skate with semi-permanent and portable ramps and basketball hoops.
- A rustic boat ramp for kayaking and canoeing could be placed along the lower American River along with picnic tables to bring people closer to the river.
- A large portion of Sutter's Landing is still considered active landfill for 20 plus years. Options include hiking trails, interpretive signs, and viewing areas on the hill.
- Staff should have a technical plan by May 2004, the Environmental Report by January or February.
- Anticipated construction start date is January 2005.

CAC member comments included a request to consider synthetic turf soccer field and lights, and that other cities including Santa Clara and Palo Alto put golf courses over landfill and they have become valuable to those cities.

Motion to approve Sutter's Landing Regional Park Master Plan with any plans for amendments to be brought back to the CAC.

Motioned: Deirdre Price
Seconded: George Raya
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: White, Pomer, Tamayo, Cotton

CAC MEMBERS' IDEAS, QUESTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

George Raya inquired as to whether there have been any reviews for tree services?

Bob Overstreet replied that staff is reviewing a consultant study on the City's tree services and industry best practices.

Virginia Guadiana asked for an explanation of the difference between Staff Items and Consent Items.

Lori Harder responded that "Consent" means that staff recommends the item can be approved without a presentation and discussion, as a way to save time at CAC meetings. Consent items can be action oriented or for information. A "Staff Report" indicates that staff recommends the item be presented and discussed by the CAC, whether or not action is requested or the item is for informational purposes. This reflect the City Council's agenda format.

John Andrew commented the grand opening of Bill Conlin Youth Sports Complex has once again been cancelled due to rain. It will be rescheduled in the spring.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the CAC, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Gretchen C. Bender, CAC Coordinator
Administrative Analyst, Parks and Recreation

Approved:

John T. Andrew, Chair
Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation