

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2008

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

Call to Order – 7:12 p.m.

Roll Call – A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Cooke at 7:12 p.m. on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at Historic City Hall, Commission Hearing Room, located at 915 I Street. All members present except Commissioners Raya, Lujan, Pomer and DeBlonk.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. None

Public Hearings

2. None

Special Oral Presentation

3. **Art Work in City Parks - Donald Tarnasky, Consultant, Art in Public Places, and Shelly Willis, Art in Public Places Administrator**

Models of sculptures and tile walls for several City parks were circulated and reviewed. Commissioners and staff discussed neighborhood input processes, how public art panelists are selected, how any themes are determined, and concerns about future vandalism. Commissioner Price requested the placement of a proposed tile wall for Dogwood Park be reviewed by public safety staff prior to installation to ensure its visibility to passersby.

Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar were approved by all in attendance upon one motion made by Commissioner Guadiana, seconded by Commissioner Deglow.

4. **Approval of Minutes for September 4, 2008**

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve commission minutes for September 4, 2008

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

Action: Approved without changes.

5. **Park Production Report: Projects Completed 1/1/2005 through 9/1/2008 and Park Development Work Program FY 2008/2009**
Location: Citywide
Recommendation: Receive and file
Contact: J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955
Action: Received and filed

Discussion/Action Reports

6. **Support an Application for a Brownfields Cleanup Grant for the Remediation and Future Development of Park Site at 19th & Q Streets**
Location: Southwest corner of the intersection of 19th & Q Streets in Midtown, Council District 3, Planning Area 1
Recommendation: Support an Application for Brownfields Cleanup Grant for the Remediation and Future Development of Proposed Park Site at 19th & Q Streets
Contact: Camille Wise, Resource Development Specialist, 808-8830

Camille Wise reviewed the item. Commissioners and staff discussed responsibility in cleaning up the site, and proposed matching funds.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support an application for a Brownfields Cleanup Grant for the remediation and future development of a park site at 19th & Q Streets. (Guadiana/Tamayo; Ayes: Lynn, Tamayo, Deglow, Cooke, Price, Guadiana)

7. **Support the 2008 Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG)**
Location: Citywide
Recommendation: Staff recommends the PRC recommend City Council approval of the 2008 PRPG
Contact: J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

Gary Hyden, Supervising Landscape Architect, reviewed the item. Dan Gorfain, representing the Friends of the Sacramento River Greenway, supported the guide and suggested adding language to the project already included to place uniform signage along the greenway to provide guidance and help raise public awareness of those segments of the riverway that are open to the public.

Commissioners and staff discussed specific project proposals, overall needs and locations for various park and recreation elements including skate parks and community gardens, and a recommendation to cluster similar requests where appropriate.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the 2008 Parks and Recreation Programming Guide, recommend City Council support the document, and to add to the project already included to provide uniform signage along the open portions of the Sacramento River Greenway. (Guadiana/Tamayo; Ayes: Lynn, Deglow, Cooke, Tamayo, Price, Guadiana)

8. Parks and Recreation Safety Implementation Plan: Support Master Plans for Strawberry Manor Park and Gardenland Park

Location: Strawberry Manor Park, 200 Danville Way, Planning Area 8; Gardenland Park, 310 Bowman Avenue, Planning Area 9

Recommendation: Support Master Plans for Strawberry Manor Park and Gardenland Park

Contact: Jonathan Rewers, Parks and Recreation Analyst, 808-7590

Jonathan Rewers reviewed the report, described proposed recreation amenities, and highlighted the goal to create new public spaces that generate interest and positive uses for these two established parks.

Josi Juarez, representing the Gardenland/Northgate Neighborhood Association, spoke to the community input process and that, overall, the community is supportive of the Gardenland Park redesign.

Commissioners expressed support for the project and efforts to provide additional recreation activities for youth. Commissioners and staff discussed the adequacy of parking at Gardenland Park, and concerns about protecting the Steelhead Creek area that runs along the east side of the park, given the proposed adjacent BMX course for bicycle riders in this park.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support new master plans for Strawberry Manor Park and Gardenland Park. (Price/Deglow; Ayes: Lynn, Deglow, Cooke, Tamayo, Price, Guadiana)

9. Update on Florin Station and Meadowview Station Transit Oriented Development Concept and Design Guidelines

Location: Florin Station, bound by Florin Road to the South, 53rd Street to the North, Woodbine to the East and Florin Light Rail Station to the West, Planning Area 11, Council District 5; Meadowview Station, bound by Meadowview Road to the South, Trentwood Street to the North, 32nd Street to the East and the Meadowview Light Rail Station to the West, Planning Area 11, Council District 8

Recommendation: Review and comment

Contact: J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

Mary deBeauvieres, Principal Planner, and Jeanne Corcoran, Senior Planner, reviewed the item and asked for input at this conceptual stage. Commissioners and staff discussed potential public spaces, green spaces and "softening" hardscape areas with greenery; use of current parking lots around the light rail stations and potential future reuse; and concerns that increased density may result in increased crime as well.

Action: Reviewed and comments received.

10. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): A. September 2008 department highlights; B. October 2008 department highlights

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment

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

Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, highlighted events in absence of the Director. J.P. Tindell shared an award given to the Department of Parks and Recreation by the Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission for exemplary efforts in creating inclusion within programs and services.

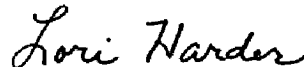
Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Commissioner Price requested that consideration be given to improve the condition of the Bannon Creek Parkway, which is overgrown and hazardous, when outreaching and determining activities for staff and volunteers related to the upcoming development of Fort Natomas and a new playground at Jefferson Park.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation