

**MINUTES
OF THE
CITY OF SACRAMENTO
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION**

**REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 5, 2004**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. The Regular Meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation was called to order by Chair John Andrew at 7:12 p.m. on the above date at the George Sim Community Center, Multipurpose Room, located at 6207 Logan Street, Sacramento, California 95824.
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	
Vacant	Planning Area 2- Land Park		X
Vacant	Planning Area 4- South Sacramento		X
W. 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		X
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 6 members		11	

Toni Terhaar, Member of the River Park Neighborhood Association, was present in support of the shade structure proposal for Glen Hall Park, which was a part of Item 10 on the meeting agenda.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2004 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Item 6: Follow Up Report on Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees for 2004

Corrected to remove Dave Tamayo as a volunteer for any subcommittee in which members were needed.

Item 7: Public Testimony for Matters Not on the Agenda

Janet Baker's comment corrected to read: "However, multiple occupancy dwellings (i.e. apartments) are not subject to these laws unless they are subdivided..."

Item 8: Update on Parking in William Land Park

John Deglow's comment corrected to read that he "asked if the joint-use agreement would include the Land Park Golf Course, Fairy Tale Town, ..."

Item 13: Recommendation to Support City Ordinance Regarding Public Use of Parks

The amendment to Section 12.72.062-A corrected to read "using or wearing cleats on a tennis court,..."

CAC Members Ideas, Questions and Announcements

Dave Tamayo's comment was corrected regarding the "Intake Station near the Pocket Area Neighborhood.."

Bob Overstreet's comment was corrected to state that "The current negotiations between the East Bay Municipal Utilities District, the City of Sacramento, and local residents would not allow public access to the site due to its proximity to adjacent homes."

Motion to approve meeting minutes with the above corrections and additions:

Motioned: Deglow
Seconded: White
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

4. FOLLOW UP ON MEETING TOPICS AND LOCATIONS FOR 2004

The CAC accepted a recommended list of meeting topics and locations for the CAC for 2004 with the following comments:

George Raya, Planning Area 1, suggested that Items 9 and 10 under "Maintenance" be moved to a separate topic entitled "Trees", which will also be more consistent with the charge of the new subcommittees.

The meeting locations for 2004 were amended to change the July 1, 2004 meeting to July 15, 2004 due to the July 4th holiday. The July 15th meeting will still be held at the Pannell Meadowview Community Center. The August 5, 2004 meeting was cancelled and no CAC meeting will be held during August 2004. Dates for the Director's Cup for Best Maintained Park and the Semi-Annual Park Tour were requested. Staff will follow up.

5. FOLLOW UP ON STANDING AND AD-HOC COMMITTEES FOR 2004

The CAC accepted a list of subcommittee assignments, with the following amendments:

The following City liaisons were added for each subcommittee:

Park and Recreation Planning, Design, and Development Committee: Janet Baker
Resource Development Committee (Grants/Legislation): Lori Harder
Park Maintenance Services Committee: Bob Fleming
Programming Committee: Ralph Pettingell
Tree Services Committee: Bob Fleming

The following changes were made to the CAC subcommittee assignments:

Park and Recreation Planning, Design, and Development Committee: No changes made.
Resource Development Committee (Grants/Legislation): Bruce Pomer added.
Park Maintenance Services Committee: Bruce Pomer removed, George Raya and John Andrew added.
Programming Committee: Bruce Pomer removed, Dave Tamayo added.
Tree Services Committee: Dave Tamayo removed, John Andrew added.

6. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

7. UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES WITH THE POSITIVE COACHING ALLIANCE

Ralph Pettingell, Recreation Manager, gave an update on the program which the CAC and Council recently supported. A purpose statement, criteria for partnership activities, and financial information was reviewed. State Proposition 12 bond funds for the program will be spent over three years. The first year, they will seek two projects/ applicants to spend up to \$50,000 on each. Additional years will be determined once the pilot projects are underway and the number of applications received can be determined.

8. UPDATE ON THE CAC'S PROPOSAL TO BECOME A COMMISSION

Motion to accept Items 7 and 8:

Motioned: Guadiana
Seconded: Deglow
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

STAFF REPORTS:

9. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF DRAFT PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE CONTENT

J.P. Tindell provided an update on the 2004 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Project, including topics such as Policy Review and Discussion; Additional Draft Material; Mapping/Inventories; Planning Commission; January 28, 2004 Public Workshop; Project Timeline; and Excerpts from 1989 Park Master Plan Update.

Cindy Cooke, Member at Large, requested the following changes to Attachment B:

1. Page 10: Break down lighted fields by city location (i.e. north/south), and level of use (i.e. adult/youth).
2. Page 15: Add a bullet to read "Rehabilitation of Athletic Fields (i.e. condition assessment)."
3. Page 19: Add "All weather Fields" under the list entitled "Identified by Sacramento Parks and Recreation Department Staff."

John Andrew made the following request regarding Attachment B:

1. Page 15: Amend the seventh bullet point read "Rehabilitate play grounds, park furnishings, and group picnic areas."

John Andrew suggested the CAC provide a list of "Top Ten" priorities for the Master Plan and a joint letter between the Parks and Recreation and the CAC be included in the Master Plan.

The following summarizes public comment following Ms. Tindell's presentation:

Key Policies

A) Community Gardens

- "Constructed" by the community groups: Does this mean community must construct?
- Request that infrastructure be provided by City; additional items (i.e. sheds) would be developed over time by community and other future on-site improvements
- City should commit to water/taps and backflow prevention as well as ADA improvements and fencing

- Perhaps partner with groups
 - Improvements may delay the development of new gardens if there is a lack of funds; perhaps on a “case-by-case” basis
 - Water should be a basic policy improvement for community gardens
 - Master Plan should reflect providing the “basics” for park facilities
 - Staff committed to sending draft Community Garden policy to B. Maynard for his review and comment (done 2/10/04 by J.P. Tindell)
- B) Recreation/Community Services
- Add: use recreation programs to build a sense of community at all levels
- C) Financing
- Ensure funding for operation and maintenance when new parks are developed: Ensure, what does that mean? What are we or will we do?
 - New capital improvement projects should note long term obligations with these new facilities
 - Create a long term policy rather than short term fixes
 - New regional partnerships for shared financing
 - Specific financing policies in Master Plan will be addressed in Implementation Chapter
 - Does this mean if there is no long term operations/ maintenance funding, areas get no new facilities? (possibly)
 - Perhaps new developing areas should pay more rather than diverting existing resources equitably
- D) When does Parks and Recreation get involved in developing parks?
- Panhandle Annexation Proposal: early in development/ planning process
- E) Page B-10 (Facilities Data)
- Break out soccer fields –adult/youth “lighted” where located (north versus south)
 - More details on facilities with asterisks
- F) Page B-15 (Facility Condition Assessments) <DONE>
- Add: rehabilitation of athletic fields and facilities
 - Change “play areas” to “playgrounds”
- G) Page B-11 (CC&L Facilities)
- Note facilities that are in parks <DONE>
 - Should CAC have oversight over any of this other department’s facilities? Staff suggested that CAC might inquire as to its role/authority in relationship to these facilities, once Commission-hood is approved
 - Does Park and Recreation get revenue from facilities in parks such as the Zoo? (No)
- H) Page B-19 (Demand for . . .)
- Add: all weather fields, model airplane areas, kayaking, other new interests raised in series of public meetings
- I) How do the benefits fit in?
- Preamble should include words from the Benefits section

J) Preamble and Letter from CAC in plan noting top priority issues for the CAC
(CAC to email priorities to John Andrew)

10. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR AQUATIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS WITH PROPOSITION 12 FUNDS

Greg Narramore reviewed proposed selection criteria and a list of sites categorized by need. Staff will work to complete all projects by late spring 2005.

Motion to support the aquatic facility selection criteria.

Motioned: Guadiana

Seconded: Deglow

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

11. APPLICATION FOR A PROPOSITION 50 WATERSHED GRANT FOR ARCADE CREEK

Patrick Sanger, Department of Utilities, made a presentation outlining the purpose and goals of the grant and major tasks. The Arcade Creek Watershed Management Group requested that the City of Sacramento co-sponsor the grant application to the State of California Department of Water Resources and CALFED for \$930,000 for environmental improvements along Arcade Creek to protect and enhance the creek area within Del Paso Regional Park. Parks and Recreation and Utilities are partners in the proposed project.

CAC members had questions and recommendations on public outreach and mosquito abatement.

Motion to Support the Joint Grant Application for a Proposition 50/CALFED Watershed Grant for Arcade Creek.

Motioned: Pomer

Seconded: Tamayo

Ayes: Cooke, Raya, White, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan, Price, Guadiana, Tamayo, Maynard

Nays: None

Abstain: Andrew (Sat on the CALFED Watershed Grant Panel this year so abstained)

Absent: Maynard

CAC MEMBERS IDEAS, QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Deglow, Planning Area 6, brought up the topic of neighboring property owners encroaching on public park land, specifically at Glenbrook Park and the Ninos Parkway, and if there could be an individual approach to each area. Could the City move more quickly where private property owners have erected fences on City parkland? The Glenbrook Park Neighborhood Association requested that Mr. Deglow bring this issue up before the CAC. The neighborhood association will not support any park openings until this matter is addressed.

Janet Baker, Park Planning, Design, and Development Manager, responded that Department staff is planning to send certified letters to all residents that back up to both sides of Glenbrook Park River Access (whether they encroach on park land or not) stating they are to remove any encroachments on park land by September 1, 2004, or the City will begin removing items such as fences that encroach on City property. The City Attorney's Office has advised on the matter which is somewhat complicated legally and will take some time to resolve. Bob Overstreet indicated the September 1 date was arbitrary and could be changed if there were no legal issues that would preclude it and if it did not complicate similar issues in other areas of the City.

Dave Tamayo requested the meeting minutes reflect his statement that this was "another example of the City Attorney not being aggressive enough about enforcing the law, enforcing the city's rights, and [of them] being overly cautious."

The CAC requested this item return to the CAC at the March 2004 meeting. The CAC also suggested drafting a letter to the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The CAC meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Christie Benavides, Parks and Recreation

Approved:

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