

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

**REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, November 3, 2005**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Commissioner Cindy Cooke at 7:00 p.m. on the above date at the Clunie Community Center, Meeting Rooms B and C, 601 Alhambra Boulevard Sacramento CA 95816.
2. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS, CITY STAFF, 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		9	2

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2005 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

The October 13, 2005 meeting minutes were approved with the following addition under COMMISSIONER'S IDEAS, QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (in italics): Commissioner Tamayo suggested staff refrain from recommending application of sprays or pesticides to members of the public *due to potential liability and problems with pesticide regulations*, and that *City* staff be more proactive in planning for cell tower sites.

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

4. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Several residents from the McKinley Park neighborhood were present to state the following concerns regarding the park: the overall condition of the park has declined; City staff, park users and landscape contractors are driving and parking on the turf, causing ruts and broken sprinkler heads; vehicles are parked on the jogging path also causing ruts and uneven surfaces which can cause injury to joggers; broken heads and ruts lead to standing water; the restrooms are open 24/7 and thus subject to vandalism and filth; sod was installed in a shaded area at the new picnic area and failed within a month, bringing into question if the landscape contractor guaranteed the job; weeds with stickers are proliferating in the turf; tree maintenance is lacking; the number of inebriates is increasing; graffiti is increasing; lighting needs to extend around the tennis courts; pesticide use on the perimeter of the park may harm wildlife, and the sufficiency of food for ducks and geese in the pond over the winter months was questioned.

Commissioners made recommendations including calling City Park Safety Services at 825-3562 to report incidents as they occur. Bob Overstreet, Parks and Recreation Director, will have Department staff coordinate an on-site meeting with those present and appropriate City staff to discuss these issues, and report back to the Commission.

Mr. Bill Grant stated concerns about programming decisions at the Hart Senior Center, and questioned the adequacy of promotion of activities such as Bingo. A citizen at the meeting commented on the age, education and training of Recreation staff who work with Triple R Program participants.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

5. None

CONSENT ITEMS:

6. MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON SACRAMENTO YOUTH -- UNIVERSAL PRE-SCHOOL

Received and filed.

7. SACRAMENTO TREE FOUNDATION'S GREENPRINT INITIATIVE

Connie Gallippi, Program Director for the Sacramento Tree Foundation's Greenprint Initiative, briefed the Commission on the purpose of the initiative and stated the Tree Foundation is currently seeking adoption of the Initiative by over 20 jurisdictions in the regional area, including the Sacramento City Council.

Motion approved to support the Sacramento Tree Foundation's Greenprint Initiative.

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

8. JIBBOOM STREET HISTORIC POWER STATION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Received and Filed.

9. "GREEN TREES FOR THE GOLDEN STATE" GRANT PROPOSAL

Motion approved to support a grant application to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention's "Green Trees for the Golden State" Program for continuation of the citywide reforestation program.

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

STAFF REPORTS:

10. SOUTHSIDE PARK POND UPDATE

Staff updated the Commission on current and long-term plans and activities to achieve an environmentally safe and long-term solution to managing the health and clarity of South Park Pond.

Commissioners suggested that staff post information on-site about plans and activities; retain a consultant to analyze the water for algae, bacteria and nutrients and make recommendations; develop a monitoring plan including data on water quality, etc.; monitor the effect of these activities on waterfowl; develop an educational/interpretive effort at the pond for public information and benefit, engage the neighborhood in monitoring the pond, and apply to the City's Utilities Department for water quality management grants.

Residents from the Southside Park neighborhood stated they appreciated the natural approach and efforts to improve the pond, would like to establish an agreed-upon water quality level, and would like to stay involved.

11. EXPANDED VISION FOR SUTTER'S LANDING REGIONAL PARK

Following staff's presentation, Mary Healy, Sacramento Zoo Director, and Terry Kastanis, Sacramento Zoological Society Board Member, discussed the long-range vision to develop a regional zoo at the park. Commissioners discussed with staff and Mr. Kastanis environmental concerns and future review and regulatory processes to ensure public health and safety; the park's centralized location along the river and the potential to purchase surrounding properties to expand the park; revenue needs, and various recreation elements.

Motion approved to support an expanded vision for Sutter's Landing Regional Park to include regional destination attractions to be reflected in a future formal update of the Parks' Master Plan, with the addition of the following statement to the *Vision for Sutter's Landing Park* (Attachment B in the agenda packet): Retain, or replace of equal size, an onsite covered skatepark as a regional destination.

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

COMMISSIONER'S IDEAS, QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners discussed future meeting locations. Staff will research the use of downtown and North Natomas facilities and report back to the Commission. Bob Overstreet announced that Commission Deglow will be absent from the next several meetings due to illness.

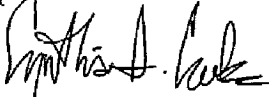
ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved:



Cindy Cooke, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission