

# **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**March 4, 2010**

*Historic City Hall  
Commission Hearing Room 915 I Street*

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

## **Call to Order – 7:05 p.m.**

**Roll Call** – A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Rewers. All Commission members were present.

## **Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda**

None

## **Consent Calendar**

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Anyone may request that an item be removed for separate consideration.

### **1. Parks and Recreation Commission Rules of Procedure**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Adopt Rules of Procedure

**Contact:** Michael Sparks, Senior Deputy City Attorney, 808-5346

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to adopt rules of procedure for the Parks and Recreation Commission. (Guadiana/Woo: Ayes: Azar, Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Tamayo, Woo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Hansen, Beaver)

### **2. Park and Recreation Commission Administrative Hearing Procedures**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Adopt Rules and Procedures for Conducting Administrative Hearings

**Contact:** Michael Sparks, Senior Deputy City Attorney, 808-5346

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to adopt administrative hearing procedures for the Parks and Recreation Commission. (Guadiana/Woo: Ayes: Azar, Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Tamayo, Woo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Hansen, Beaver)

### **Public Hearings**

**3. Appeal of a Decision of the Director of the Department of Transportation to Deny a Heritage London Plane Tree Removal Request**

**Location:** 4000 McKinley Boulevard, Council District 3

**Recommendation:** Deny the Permit to Remove a Heritage Tree

**Contact:** Joe Benassini, Urban Forest Manager, Department of Transportation, 808-6258

Mr. Benassini gave an overview of the item. The applicant and property owner, Ms. Carolyn Seymour, was not present at the hearing. Mr. Robert Fairbanks and Ms. Janet Maira, who reside near the subject property, spoke against removal of the tree. Commissioners asked questions of staff and discussed the item.

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to deny the appeal of Ms. Carolyn Seymour to grant a permit for the removal of a heritage London Plane tree. (Woo/Guadiana; Ayes: Azar, Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith; Tamayo, Woo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Hansen, Beaver)

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to approve findings and a decision that the applicant failed to establish the need to remove a heritage London Plane tree located at 4000 McKinley Boulevard based on the requirements in Sacramento City Code section 12.64.050, subdivision (c) (1). (Hansen/Heitstuman; Ayes: Azar, Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Tamayo, Woo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Hansen, Beaver)

### **Special Oral Presentation**

**4. Junior Giants Field Renovation Project at George Sim Park**

**Location:** 6207 Logan Street, Council District 6

**Presenter:** Dave Mitchell, Operations Manager, 808-6076

Dave Mitchell reviewed the proposed project in partnership with the San Francisco Giants' "Junior Giants" program to renovate ballfields at Sim Park this spring. The program generally includes a request from the SF Giants to name the renovated fields. No request had been made to date.

Commissioner Cooke expressed concern about impact on adjacent soccer fields, safety issues with play near skinned infields, and possible displacement of soccer leagues and drop-in soccer play. Commissioners and staff discussed overall project timing, methods and plans for public and sports user group outreach, and prevailing wage policy. Chair Rewers requested the item be brought back to the Commission for further input unless overall timing with City Council and the SF Giants precluded it.

## **Discussion/Action Reports**

Discussion/Action reports include oral presentations including those recommending review and comment

### **5. Community Sponsorship Initiative**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Support Staff Recommendation

**Contact:** Hindolo Brima, Media and Communication Specialist, 808-5972; Dave Mitchell, Operations Manager, 808-6076

Hindolo Brima, Media and Communication Specialist, reviewed the item. Commissioners were supportive of the concept and gave input on the draft policy and guidelines which will be further analyzed by staff and incorporated as the item moves forward to the City Council.

Commissioners and staff discussed the types of facilities covered by the initiative; how competitiveness with other City services could be addressed; anticipating response from the private sector including public service announcements addressing alcohol or tobacco use and additional activities sponsors may request; City sites covered by the initiative, and how any neighborhood/citizen concerns would be addressed.

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to support the concept and implement a one year pilot of the Community Sponsorship Initiative, and to agendize the staff report to City Council. (Rewers/Guadiana; Ayes: Azar, Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Tamayo, Woo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Hansen, Beaver)

### **6. Amend the Schedule for Consideration of the City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2005-2010 and the Parks and Recreation Programming Guide**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Support Staff Recommendation

**Contact:** Mary de Beauvieres, Principal Planner, 808-8722, J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

Mary de Beauvieres, Principal Planner, reviewed the item. Community outreach, notification of park development progress and overall timing was discussed.

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to support the review of the *City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2005-1020* in 2014 and the *Parks and Recreation Programming Guide* in 2012, and to recommend staff provide an annual report on the status of the capital improvement program and note completed projects. (Hansen/Woo; Ayes: Azar, Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Tamayo, Woo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Hansen, Beaver)

### **7. Proposed Telecommunications Facilities on an Existing Transmission Tower in North Laguna Creek Park**

**Location:** 6400 Jacinto Avenue, Council District 8

**Recommendation:** Support Staff Recommendation

**Contact:** Mary de Beauvieres, Principal Planner, 808-8722, J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

Mary de Beauvieres, Principal Planner, reviewed the item. The process, use of revenues, and proposed changes to existing fixtures was discussed.

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to support the co-location of telecommunication facilities on an existing electrical transmission tower at North Laguna Creek Park. (Woo/Beaver; Ayes: Azar, Rewers, Harris, Smith, Tamayo, Woo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Hansen, Beaver Nay: Cooke)

**8. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): Review of February and March, 2010 Department Highlights**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Review and comment

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

Director Combs reviewed program and facility highlights and community volunteer projects.

**Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members**

Commissioner Hansen requested consideration of a "one stop shop" approach to telecommunication facility siting as a way to generate revenue. Commissioner Cooke requested information on plans for the proposed Curtis Park Village and how contaminated soil may be treated on the park site. Commissioner Tamayo suggested staff provide information on specific park and recreation subject matter over time as a way to orient the new commissioners. Commissioner Cooke stated she will decline her meeting stipend to help preserve Parks and Recreation funding. Chair Rewers asked staff to give commissioners regular updates on park development projects by Council district.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Harder, Support Services Manager  
Department of Parks and Recreation