

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

**REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, September 8, 2005**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Commissioner Cindy Cooke at 7:10 p.m. on the above date at the Commission Hearing Room, 1231 I Street, Sacramento CA 95814.
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		11	

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2005 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

The draft August 2005 meeting minutes were approved as mailed.

4. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Bill Grant spoke about programs and activities at the Hart Senior Center and gave the Commissioners written information on his concerns.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

5. None

CONSENT ITEMS:

6. TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND STUDY-“WHAT IS A PARK SYSTEM WORTH TO A CITY”

Commissioner Cooke commented on the need to base use data in this Study on observed actual use of fields, as there is unpermitted use at some fields, and there is some use of fields other than for their officially classified purpose.

7. SUPPORT PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM, HABITAT CONSERVATION AND PROPOSTITION 50 RIVER PARKWAY PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS

Motion approved to support project recommendations for Recreational Trail Program, Habitat Conservation and Proposition 50 River Parkway Program grant applications.

Motioned by: Tamayo
Seconded: Lynn
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan, DeBlonk, Guadiana
Nays: None
Absent: Price

STAFF REPORTS:

8. CITY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE VISION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Motion approved to support staff's recommendation to concur with the content of the August 31, 2005 draft General Plan Update Vision and Guiding Principles.

Motioned by: Williams
Seconded: DeBlonk
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan, DeBlonk, Guadiana
Nays: None
Absent: Price

9. SUTTER'S LANDING REGIONAL PARK PLANNING

Staff presented an overview of an expanded vision of Sutter's Landing Regional Park to include regional destination attractions in the future, in addition to neighborhood and community serving uses as in the approved Park Master Plan. Various regional park elements/destination attractions were reviewed and discussed, including relocation of the Sacramento Zoo to an expanded Park in the next 15-25 years, as well as a long-term concept to develop the park and adjacent river parkways with a string of visitor attractions from Sutter's Landing Park to the Docks area on the Sacramento River.

Comments and discussion points included design considerations in developing amenities on a former landfill and the inability to penetrate the clay cap; maintaining the pristine and beautiful river corridor environment; retaining a covered skate park at this site as a regional amenity; consideration and potential impacts of buffer and support areas, parking needs, and overall access to the park. Flood control considerations and the potential relocation of adjacent private businesses along the American River next to the park were also discussed.

10. SUPPORT PROCEDURE FOR URBAN FOREST SERVICES TREE MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL APPEALS

Motion approved to support a procedure for Urban Forest Services Tree Maintenance and Removal Appeals as contained in the agenda packet with the following amendment: Section K, titled "Decision" to read: At the conclusion of the hearing, and after deliberation or not later than the next regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission shall render a decision based on findings of fact.

Motioned by:	Raya
Seconded:	Guadiana
Ayes:	Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan, Guadiana
Nays:	DeBlonk
Abstain:	Price

11. WILLIAM LAND PARK PARKING RESTRICTIONS PROPOSAL TO THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

Parks and Recreation Commissioners discussed the parking proposal with City staff. Land Park residents and a member of the Sacramento City College staff were present and also spoke to the item. Commissioners had several comments including: this is a regional park that serves as a parking lot for College students; student parking in Land Park is a growing problem as more of the on-street parking in the park is utilized by the students, leaving less parking spots for park users. Student parking during summer session also impacts park use. There is an apparent lack of enforcement after dusk when the park is closed. Suggest

restricting access to the park after dark utilizing existing gates. Will the parking restrictions after a new parking structure is opened in January 2007 be effective? Will there be a trial period to see if the two-hour parking restriction is working? Individual members supported the plan and commented this is a difficult situation which could be repeated in North Natomas Regional Park without careful planning; commented the students will take advantage of free parking and easy access to the adjacent campus and leave campus parking spaces open, and questioned if the Los Rios College District and the City of Sacramento had discussed all possible solutions to the problem; could funding for park signs be instead used to provide free student parking on campus? Park use patterns may need to change to address the situation with students parking in the park.

COMMISSIONER'S IDEAS, QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Deglow received an update on private encroachment on City property and pending process, meetings, and potential court actions.

Commissioner Cooke requested information on the Department of Parks and Recreation's Reservation Cancellation policy. Staff will follow up.

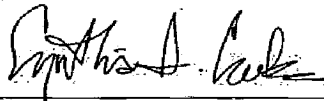
ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved:



Cindy Cooke, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission