

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2009

*Historic City Hall, Hearing Room
915 I Street*

Call to Order – 7:09 p.m.

Roll Call – A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Cooke at 7:09 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2009 at Historic City Hall, Commission Hearing Room, located at 915 I Street. All members were present.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. None

Public Hearings

2. None

Special Oral Presentation

3. **Teen Center Revival – Presented by Recreation Management Staff**

Superintendent Laura Bjornsen reviewed teen programming trends and activities in years past, and shared information and a video on more recent and successful teen centers at Pannell Meadowview and Robertson Centers that have a more unstructured approach, in a home-like atmosphere with more opportunity for socializing.

Commissioners had supportive comments and discussed any opportunities for expansion.

Consent Calendar

4. **Approval of Minutes for January 3, 2009**

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve commission minutes for January 3, 2009

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

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to approve with amendments to agenda items 7 and 8. (Pomer/Guadiana: Ayes: Cooke, Lujan, Deglow, Price, DeBlonk, Raya, Lynn, Tamayo, Pomer, Guadiana)

5. **Zapata Park Master Plan Update**

Location: 905 E Street, Planning Area 1, Council District 1

Recommendation: Support the amendment of the Zapata Park Master Plan to include a community garden

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

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the Zapata Park Master Plan Update to include a community garden. (Pomer/Deglow: Ayes: Cooke, Lujan, Deglow, Price, DeBlonk, Raya, Lynn, Tamayo, Pomer, Guadiana)

6. Procedures for Managing Written Communication from the City of Sacramento and the General Public

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt staff recommendations on procedures to manage written communications from the City of Sacramento and the General Public

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

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the recommended communication procedures. (Pomer/Deglow: Ayes: Cooke, Lujan, Deglow, Price, DeBlonk, Raya, Lynn, Tamayo, Pomer, Guadiana)

7. Quimby Ordinance Revision Amending Sacramento City Code Section 16.64.030

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Support the ordinance revision

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

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the recommended Quimby Ordinance revision. (Guadiana/Lujan: Ayes: Cooke, Lujan, Deglow, Price, DeBlonk, Raya, Lynn, Tamayo, Pomer, Guadiana)

Discussion/Action Reports

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

8. Letter of Intent: Use of the Northern Portion of the Sanitation District Bufferlands for a Regional Park

Location: Between the North Beach Lake Levee and the proposed extension of Cosumnes River Boulevard, Interstate 5 and Franklin Boulevard (Delta Shores Project Area), Planning Area 11, Council District 7

Recommendation: Recommend the City Council authorize a letter of intent between the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District and the City of Sacramento regarding use of the northern portion of the Sacramento Regional Water Treatment Plant bufferlands for a regional park

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

Mary de Beauvieres, Principal Planner, displayed maps of the project area including proximities to surrounding development and public spaces, and reviewed the item including public access, passive park uses, funding and timing. Commissioners and staff discussed roles and responsibilities between the City and the Sanitation District; concerns about sensitive environmental areas, proximity to Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, and any impact on wildlife; future public uses; planned trails within and connecting to the site; the potential heavy impact on surrounding neighborhood and community parks given this park would remain largely undeveloped; considerations with the lack of developed active recreation facilities; concerns this may be viewed as a

precedent that future regional parks would not provide for the broader recreation needs of citizens, and confirming that while utilizing this bufferland as a regional park reflects limitations and financing challenges, the opportunity it presents and use as a preserved natural area with public access is positive.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support a letter of intent and advise that future regional park facilities have more diversified recreation opportunities.

(Guadiana/Deglow: Ayes: Cooke, Lujan, Deglow, Price, DeBlonk, Raya, Lynn, Tamayo, Guadiana; Absent: Pomer)

9. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): A. January 2009 department highlights; B. February 2009 department highlights

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment

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

Director Combs highlighted recent awards received by the department and statistics regarding public use of park and recreation facilities.

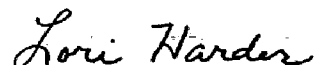
Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Commissioner Guadiana requested follow up on spring maintenance plans for Chorley Park. Commissioner Tamayo requested Dr. Fujino from UC Davis give a presentation on urban horticulture. Commissioner Lujan noted misuse of access ramps in Northpointe Park and recommended a berm design. Chair Cooke stated the new parking lot lights at Granite Regional Park are a real safety improvement.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation