

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

**REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, August 11, 2005**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Commissioner Cindy Cooke at 6:10 p.m. on the above date at the Sacramento Zoo, Kampala Room, 3930 West Land Park Drive, Sacramento, California 95822. This meeting was held jointly with the Sacramento Youth Commission.

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		6	5

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JULY 2005 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the July 7, 2005 meeting were approved as mailed.

4. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Lou Edgar asked City staff to look into the possibility of improving the unsightly street curb along the west side of 24th Street between the Airport Little League field to Florin Road. Staff will follow up with the appropriate City department and Mr. Edgar.

Mr. George Thompson asked staff to follow up on the response given to requests by volunteers to pick up bagged garbage and debris along the Sacramento Northern Bikeway.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

5. WORKSHOP ON THE 2006 PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING GUIDE

Janet Baker, Park Planning and Development Manager, provided an overview of the Programming process, reviewed the previous guide's priorities and projects, and gave an update on the development of the 2006 programming guide. Commissioners discussed the process with staff. At the meeting, Commissioners and guests were asked to provide written comments and any new park project requests, by Planning Area, for the 2006 guide.

6. RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION- 2005 AND BEYOND

Ralph Pettingell, Recreation Manager, and staff gave a broad overview of the diverse programs and services offered by Recreation and Human Services. A booklet outlining each program was distributed. Commissioners discussed various services with staff, including elder care programs and youth employment opportunities.

CONSENT ITEMS:

7. None.

STAFF REPORTS:

8. DOCKS AREA SPECIFIC PLAN UPDATE

Staff from the City's Economic Development Department and Parks and Recreation reviewed concepts and progress to date on the redevelopment of the Docks area, a focus area of the Sacramento Riverfront Master Plan. Zoning changes and design options for public spaces are underway, and staff will return to the Parks and Recreation Commission with land use alternatives and design options for recommendations prior to final City Council action.

Commissioners' comments and suggestions included: concerns about adequate parking and the possibility of the Docks area sharing the baseball stadium parking lot in West

Sacramento in the off season; the feasibility of excursion trains through the area and potential access, noise and air pollution impacts; providing for a mix of housing; design to provide for both neighborhood park uses and more regional amenities; looking for funding sources beyond locally; and, desirability of visitor boat docks on the river (which is in the plan).

9. URBAN FOREST BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND URBAN FOREST ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Staff updated Commissioners on progress to date on implementing the Trees Best Practices Management Plan, and will share this report with the City Council in late August. The Department of Parks and Recreation reorganized and established "Urban Forest Services" as a division of the Department. Commissioners expressed their appreciation of the progress made to date on implementing the management plan.

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

Staff postponed this report to a later date.

COMMISSIONER'S IDEAS, QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

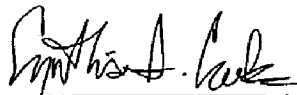
ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved:



Cindy Cooke, Chair
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