

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

**REGULAR MEETING
October 4, 2007**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Cooke at 7:04 p.m. on the above date at Historic City Hall, Commission Hearing Room, 915 I Street Sacramento CA 95814.

2. Introduction of Commission Members, City Staff and 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		10	1

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2007 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Approved as mailed without changes.

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

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2007 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Approved as mailed without changes.

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

5. STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Chairperson Cooke announced two changes to existing appointments: Commissioner Deglow will move from the Urban Forest Services Committee to the Park Operations Committee, and Chair Cooke will be on the Urban Forest Services Committee. Committees are to appoint committee chairs for the next year.

Motion approved to confirm the Parks and Recreation Commission's standing committee appointments.

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

6. COMMISSION DISCUSSION ON A PROPOSAL TO CREATE AN URBAN FOREST SERVICES CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER RAYA

Commissioner Raya recommended the item be referred back to the Urban Forest Services Committee for further discussion and to formulate a more specific recommendation for consideration by the Commission.

Motion approved to forward the proposal to create an Urban Forest Services Advisory Group or Commission to the Parks and Recreation's Urban Forest Services Committee to formulate a specific recommendation for action by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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

7. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Marc Brandes spoke to concerns about Muir Park being restricted to use by children and adults with children, and requested additional information on how this decision was made within the City of Sacramento.

Motion approved to add Muir Park to a future Parks and Recreation Commission meeting agenda and request staff report back on the item.

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

SPECIAL ORAL PRESENTATION

8. OVERVIEW OF CAMP SACRAMENTO OPERATIONS

Dave Mitchell, Recreation Manager, gave information on services, fees, and recreation and arts activities at Camp Sacramento for all age groups. In response to Commissioner Guadiana's question about accessibility, a site plan has been completed, two main buildings and nine cabins are accessible, and improvements continue to be made as funding allows. In response to Commissioner Lynn's question about any subsidies for low income families,

youth in low income families visit Camp Sacramento as participants in the City's core recreation programs.

CONSENT ITEMS:

9. GOLDEN POPPY PARK (PARK 6E) MASTER PLAN AND PARK NAME

Commissioners and staff discussed proximity and size of proposed recreation elements. Commissioner Williams acknowledged staff for referencing the City of Sacramento's Greenprint Plan in the report. Ms. Molly Munz asked to speak to the item and inquired about an undeveloped park nearby. Staff responded to her questions.

Motion approved to support the master plan and park name for Golden Poppy Park.

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

10. PROPOSED OAK BROOK PARK MASTER PLAN

Motion approved to support the proposed master plan for Oak Brook Park.

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

STAFF REPORTS:

11. GEORGE SIM COMMUNITY CENTER EXPANSION AND PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

David Mitchell, Recreation Manager, and David Morgan, Associate Architect with the City of Sacramento's General Services Department, reviewed the project. Staff and commissioners discussed design, budget, funding gaps, public art, and project phases and

timelines. Analysis of sport field lighting and park uses, proximities and needs were also discussed.

Motion approved to support the master plan update for George Sim Park with consideration for including large canopy trees on the north side of the park, and to include multicultural features in the building, park and landscape designs.

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

12. RAILYARDS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Manager, introduced the item. Mr. Richard Rich, Development Director with Thomas Enterprises, gave a presentation focusing on the open space, park and recreation, and street and public space possibilities for the railyard development, including photos of examples from other cities.

Commissioners recommended consideration for the open space and recreation needs for residents in dense urban areas including walking and jogging paths, and off leash dog areas. Commissioners discussed the need to design for youth in constructive ways, to prepare for skateboarders and challenges with concrete structures, and to consider connectivity to Sutter's Landing Regional Park to serve park and organized sports needs. Chair Cooke recommended keeping off leash dog areas, and play areas for children, away from transit stops for safety reasons. Possibilities for special events, and creative use of space and vegetation for areas under I-5 freeway were discussed. Commissioners referenced "River Friendly Landscape" guidelines be given to development applicants by staff, and encouraged planning for long range maintenance and operations needs. Commissioners discussed proposed museums including consideration for Native Americans and other cultural groups, and how the concepts presented by Mr. Rich relate to the community's park and recreation service level goals and facility needs. Commissioner Tamayo suggested that the approach used with smaller parks in the Railyards project be addressed while developing policy updates to the City of Sacramento's *Park and Recreation Master Plan*.

Chair Cooke summarized comments by stating the Commission is supportive of the presented concepts and footprint, and concurred with the proposed Open Space Plan, understanding the Service Level Goal reached on the project site is very close to 2.5 acres/1000 population. Staff will draft a letter for the Commission chair to forward to the City Council with recommendations, concerns, questions and comments.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATES

J.P. Tindell, Acting Director, stated that key Parks and Recreation staff had completed joint emergency operation and response training with the County of Sacramento, the American River Parkway Plan Update project was the recipient of a national planning award, the Department Director met with local media to relay key objectives and services, and gave updates on heritage trees the Commission had addressed.

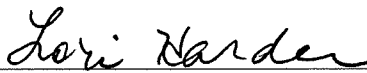
COMMISSIONERS' IDEAS, QUESTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Cooke announced Ad Hoc Committee appointments, committee tasks and timelines. The information given was distributed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Price discussed parks in her area, and mentoring and tutoring programs in schools.

ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved:

Cindy Cooke, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Commission