

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2009

***Clunie Community Center
601 Alhambra Boulevard***

Call to Order – 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call – A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Cooke at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2009 at Coloma Community Center, located at 601 Alhambra Boulevard. All members were present except Commissioners Raya, Lynn, Lujan and DeBlonk.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. None

Public Hearings

2. None

Special Oral Presentation

3. 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.

4. **Approval of Minutes for April 2, 2009**

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve commission minutes for April 2, 2009

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

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to approve as mailed. (Deglow/Price: Ayes: Cooke, Deglow, Pomer, Price, Tamayo, Guadiana; Absent: Raya, Lynn, Lujan, DeBlonk)

5. **Trust for Public Land Report: "How Much Value Does the City of Sacramento Receive from its Parks and Recreation System?"**

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and file

Contact: Kim Swaback, Administrative Analyst, 808-8367

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to receive and file the report. (Deglow/Price: Ayes: Cooke, Deglow, Pomer, Price, Tamayo, Guadiana; Absent: Raya, Lynn, Lujan, DeBlonk)

Discussion/Action Reports

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

6. Update on the River District Specific Plan

Location: The River District Specific Plan area is bounded by Downtown and the Railyards on the south, the Sacramento River on the west, the American River on the north, and 16th and 18th Streets on the east, Council District 1

Recommendation: Review and comment

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

Greg Bitter, Principal Planner, reviewed the River District Specific Plan and outlined next steps in the process. Commissioners questioned and gave input on plans for connectivity between parks, public walkways and the rivers; connectivity with Sutter's Landing Regional Park for vehicular traffic; public school planning anticipating future residential development, and the integration of the River District Specific Plan with other land use plans and policy documents.

7. City of Sacramento's Proposed FY 2009/10 Operating and Capital Budgets for Parks and Recreation

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and discuss the proposed budgets and take action if desired

Contact: Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172, J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

Jim Combs, Director, and Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, reviewed the status of the City's General Fund and the proposed operating and capital budget for Parks and Recreation, including impacts of continued reductions to the Department's general fund operations, and lack of development-related funds to the capital program.

Commissioners and staff discussed federal and state funding challenges and opportunities, approach to reduction planning, and approach to future restoration of services. Chair Cooke stated the Department should prepare for public criticism in developing new parks at this time, and recommended that park use fees for permitted events should help recover restroom and grounds maintenance.

8. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): A. April 2009 department highlights; B. May 2009 department highlights

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment

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

Director Combs highlighted recent awards, pending ordinances, projects, and facility openings:

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Commissioners asked about concerns expressed by residents at last month's meeting regarding the Oak Park Community Center and operations.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Harder".

Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation