

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

**REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, October 13, 2005**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Commissioner Cindy Cooke at 7:02 p.m. on the above date at the Coloma Community Center, Gold Run Room, 4623 T Street, Sacramento CA 95819.
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		8	3

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2005 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

The draft September 2005 meeting minutes were approved as mailed.

4. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

5. None

CONSENT ITEMS:

6. PROPOSED MASTER PLAN AND PARK NAME FOR RICHFIELD PARK

Motion approved to support the proposed master plan and park name for Richfield Park with the recommendation the selection of plant species in the natural areas be consistent with those in natural wetland areas bordering the park, as previously stated by the Parks and Recreation Commission's Park Planning and Development Committee.

Motion made by: Williams
Seconded by: Price
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk
Nays: None

7. PROPOSED NAME CHANGE AND MASTER PLAN FOR CHARLIE JENSEN PARK

Motion approved to support the proposed master plan and park name for Charlie Jensen Park with the recommendation that specific strips of turf be reduced and replaced with native plantings and trees to save water and maintenance, as previously stated by the Parks and Recreation Commission's Park Planning and Development Committee.

Motion made by: Williams
Seconded by: Price
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk
Nays: None

8. PROPOSED MASTER PLAN FOR ALDER PARK

Motion approved to support the proposed master plan for Alder Park.

Motion made by: Williams
Seconded by: Price
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk
Nays: None

9. PROPOSED MASTER PLAN FOR PEREGRINE PARK

Motion approved to support the proposed master plan for Peregrine Park with the recommendation to add skatepark features and a drinking fountain as previously stated by the Parks and Recreation Commission's Park Planning and Development Committee.

Motion made by: Williams
Seconded by: Price
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk
Nays: None

10. PROPOSED PARK NAME CHANGE FROM FRANKLIN VILLA TO PHOENIX PARK

Motion approved to support the proposed park name change from Franklin Villa to Phoenix Park.

Motion made by: Williams
Seconded by: Price
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk
Nays: None

11. REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR BOAT LAUNCHING FEE AT MILLER PARK

This report was pulled from the meeting agenda by City staff and was not considered by the Commission.

TREE APPEAL HEARING:

12. APPEAL OF THE DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO DENY A PERMIT FOR THE REMOVAL OF TWO AMERICAN LIQUIDAMBARS (COUNCIL DISTRICT 5)

Senior Deputy City Attorney Michael Sparks, advisor to the Parks and Recreation Commission for Tree Appeal Hearings, stated that he has an economic interest in real property that is directly involved in the Appeal because his property is located within 500 feet of the property owned by the County (the property where one of the Liquidambar trees is located). Mr. Sparks stated that his property is not within 500 feet of Mr. Noto's property (the property where the other Liquidambar tree is located). Mr. Sparks stated that he did not have a conflict of interest that required his disqualification because it is not reasonably foreseeable that the Commission's decision to grant or not grant a permit to cut down the trees would have any impact whatsoever on the value of his property.

Commissioner Price stated that she had the following ex parte communication regarding this case: she asked City staff if the tree roots had interfered with the integrity of the sidewalks; Staff responded the tree roots had not interfered with the sidewalks. Commissioner Williams stated his commute takes him by the site each workday.

Testimony was received from City staff and the appellant, Mr. Noto. Staff circulated a plastic baggy containing seed balls from a Liquidambar tree. Mr. Noto circulated site photos and a plot map of his commercial property, which he retained after the hearing. Commissioners made inquiries and discussed ownership and responsibilities for the trees and sidewalks, condition of the trees and surrounding sidewalks, the tree species and habits, the size and types of trees in the surrounding area, the property owner's maintenance practices, City calls for service including clearing tree debris from storm drains, and recommended methods to reduce tree debris. The hearing was then closed."

Motion approved to support staff's recommendation to deny the appeal and affirm the decision of the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation not to grant Mr. Michael Noto a permit to remove two American Liquidambar located at 2188 Stockton Boulevard and 2150 Stockton Boulevard.

Motion made by: Williams
Seconded by: Raya
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk
Nays: None

Motion approved to adopt written Findings of Fact and Decision in the Appeal of Michael Noto before the Parks and Recreation Commission. (Attached to these meeting minutes.)

Motion made by: Raya
Seconded by: Williams
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk
Nays: None

STAFF REPORTS:

13. OVERVIEW OF ADVANCE PLANNING PROJECTS

Commissioners discussed various planning projects and emphasized the need to look at opportunities to acquire property for parkland in in-fill areas.

14. PROPOSED CRITERIA FOR LOCATING NEW AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Staff introduced Items 14 and 15 together and described core services and Recreation's approach to establishing facility and/or service partnerships with school districts and community based organizations. Commissioners discussed with staff the challenge of facility location outside of service boundaries; outreach and marketing to school districts,

community based organizations, and parents; incentives and evaluation methods to maximize student participation and determine program activities, communicating criteria and opportunities to potential partners and how to engage them, and utilizing the Neighborhood Services Department's Area Teams to reach neighborhood association and groups.

Motion approved to support proposed criteria for locating new After-School Programs as outlined in the staff report as contained in the agenda packet.

Motion made by: DeBlonk
Seconded by: Raya
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk
Nays: None

15. PROPOSED CRITERIA FOR TEEN PROGRAM EXPANSION

Motion approved to support proposed criteria for Teen Program Expansion as outlined in the staff report as contained in the agenda packet.

Motion made by: DeBlonk
Seconded by: Raya
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk
Nays: None

COMMISSIONER'S IDEAS, QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Cooke asked the Commission's Urban Forest Services Committee to review the City's ordinance regarding property owner's responsibilities and financial obligations for sidewalks and City street trees.

The Commission requested a reportback from staff be agendaized on the change in policy regarding cancellation of field reservations. Commissioner Raya asked for a reportback on the condition of Southside Park Lake and clean up the algae before the rainy season begins.

Commissioner Tamayo suggested staff refrain from recommending application of sprays or pesticides to members of the public due to liability and potential problems with pesticide regulations, and that City staff be more proactive in planning for cell tower sites.

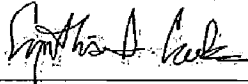
ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved:



Cindy Cooke, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission