

March 6, 2008 MINUTES

All items listed are heard and acted upon by the Parks and Recreation Commission unless otherwise noted.

Call to Order – 7:08 p.m.

Roll Call – A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Cooke at 7:08 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at the Sacramento City Hall Council Chamber. All members present except Commissioners Williams and Pomer.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. None

Public Hearings

Public hearings may be reordered by the Chair at the discretion of the Commission

2. 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.

3. **Approval of Minutes for February 7, 2008**

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Approve commission minutes for February 7, 2008

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

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes with the correction of a typographical error in Item 9, City Sustainability Maser Plan Project Update. (Guadiana/Raya; Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Deglow, Lujan, Price; DeBlonk, Guadiana; Absent: Williams, Pomer)

4. **Approval of Minutes for a Special Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on February 20, 2008**

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Approve commission minutes for February 20, 2008

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

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

Discussion/Action Reports

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

5. City Tree Ordinance Revisions Update

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment

Contact: Joe Benassini, Urban Forest Manager, 808-6258

Jerry Way, Transportation Director and Joe Benassini, Urban Forest Manager, reviewed the item. The Commission's Urban Forest Service Standing Committee met previously on the item and agreed with staff's recommended revisions, with the addition to clarify references to days as "business" days.

Commissioners and staff discussed City and property owner responsibilities for trees and sidewalks affected by tree roots, maintenance easements, maintenance of heritage trees, and native vs. non native species. Commissioners advised staff to return with a timeline to complete Tree Ordinance revisions, allowing for both public and technical input; to consider including City architectural and/or engineering services in evaluating heritage tree removal requests, including maintenance requirements for heritage trees, further defining "as of by right" as stated in Section 12.64.050 A. C. 1; determining the correct body and expertises needed to conduct heritage tree removal appeal hearings as most involve trees on or near private property or structures.

Action: Reviewed and commented.

6. Parks and Recreation Facility Safety Recommendation and Action Plan

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review, provide comment and support the proposed Plan

Contact: Jonathan Rewers, Parks and Recreation Analyst, 808-7590

Staff reviewed the process, timeline and plan with the Commission. Chair Cooke recommended defining service levels for customers that pay for services through facility reservation, and to consider the geographic spread of park safety officers.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the proposed *Parks and Recreation Facility Safety Implementation Plan* recommendations contained in pages 44 and 45 of the report. (Raya/ DeBlonk; Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Deglow, Lujan, Price; DeBlonk, Guadiana; Absent: Williams, Pomer)

7. **Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): A. February 2008 department highlights; B. March 2008 department highlights; C. FY07/08 Budget Update; D. Update on Cell Tower Revenue; E. William Land Park parking report back**
Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment

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

Director Combs updated the Commission on the City's General Fund budget plans and gave highlights of park development projects and recreation programs.

Action: Received.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

8. Commissioner Lynn asked how the Commissioners might consider returning meeting stipends to the Parks and Recreation budget to help with the City's funding issues. Commissioner Raya requested information on a youth dance event at Sutter's Landing Regional Park and any permitting process. Commissioner Price reported a tree had damaged a school fence and needs to be addressed. Commissioners expressed positive comments about Marshall Park redesign and the new picnic area at Belle Cooledge Park.

Adjournment – 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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