



Meeting Minutes City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation Commission

COMMISSION MEMBERS

George Azar
Jonathan Rewers
Jeff Harris

Cindy Cooke
Malachi Smith
Dave Tamayo

Jay Hansen
Virginia Guadiana
David Heitstuman

Brandon Beaver
(Council District 7,
vacant)

CITY STAFF:

Jim Combs, Director of Parks and Recreation
Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Cynthia Ramsey, Administrative Assistant

December 2, 2010

**Historic City Hall Meeting Room
915 I Street**

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

Call to Order – 7:05 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Rewers at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2010. All commissioners were present. Note that Commissioner Woo, representing Council District 7, resigned prior to this meeting. The seat is vacant at present.

Director Jim Combs introduced Shannon Brown, the new Park Maintenance Manager.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. To be announced

Public Hearings

2. None

Special Oral Presentation

3. None

Consent Calendar

4. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve Commission minutes for November 4, 2010
Contact: Cynthia Ramsey, Administrative Assistant, 808-8379

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to approved as mailed. (Hansen/ Guadiana; Ayes: Azar, Cooke, Rewers, Harris, Tamayo, Guadiana, Beaver, Heitstuman; Hansen; Smith)

5. Update on Community Partnerships for the Operation of City Community Centers

Location: Council Districts 2, 4 and 6

Recommendation: Receive and File

Contact: Dave Mitchell, Operations Manager, 808-6076

Action: Received and filed.

Discussion/Action Reports

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

6. Sacramento County Regional Parks and Open Space Funding Initiative from the Grassroots Working Group

Location: Sacramento County

Recommendation: Review and Comment

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

Mr. Bill Davis, Volunteer Chair of the "Grassroots Working Group", reviewed the item as outlined in the agenda packet. Commissioners asked questions about methods of financing, proposed service levels and types of services, how a "regional park" would be defined for voters, how City residents would benefit from a funding initiative focused on Sacramento County parks and the American River Parkway, and public outreach. Commissioners advised to emphasize benefits to all voters including connectivity of the system through trails and waterways. Commissioners asked the Working Group to consider including unfunded development needs in North Natomas and Sutter's Landing Regional Parks as part of the overall initiative, and how the City and County might work together on current funding initiatives.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to recommend Director Combs meet with the Grassroots Working Group to explore possibilities for coordinating funding initiatives. (Tamayo/ Guadiana; Ayes: Azar, Cooke, Rewers, Harris, Tamayo, Guadiana, Beaver, Heitstuman; Hansen; Smith)

7. Parks and Recreation Commission: Planning for 2011

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and Discuss

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

Commissioners and staff reviewed a list of potential agenda items for calendar year 2011. Commissioners requested staff provide opportunities to learn more about park and recreation financing, master planning and programming, and to help identify where individual commissioners could be more involved in assisting the Department and the

Council in park and recreation matters. Commissioners requested the following topics be discussed in 2011, and perhaps included in an annual report as recommended by the Chair: status of the Department's safety improvement plan, swimming pools and concerns about closure due to budget cuts, current deficiencies in parks, statistics of public use, and park reservation use and related fee revenue.

Chair Rewers and Vice Chair Cooke will seek assistance from commissioners and work with staff to produce an annual report to be reviewed with the Commission in February, and then presented to the City Council.

8. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): Review Highlights of November and December, 2010

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment

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

No report this month.


Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Chair Rewers announced that Commissioner Woo had resigned. Commissioner Hansen recommended an ad hoc committee be established to work with staff and others as needed should Council support a property assessment engineering study benefitting park maintenance.

Adjournment

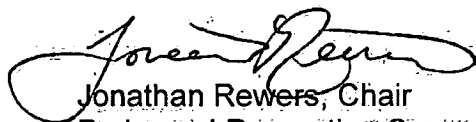
The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved by:



Jonathan Rewers, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission