

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

**REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, July 7, 2005**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Commissioner Cindy Cooke at 7:10 p.m. on the above date at George Sim Community Center, 6207 Logan Street, Sacramento, California 95824.
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		9	2

3. JUNE 2005 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the June 2, 2005 meeting were approved as mailed.

4. MAY 19, 2005 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the May 19, 2005 Special Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 Budget for the Department of Parks and Recreation were approved as mailed.

5. AUGUST 2005 JOINT MEETING WITH THE SACRAMENTO YOUTH COMMISSION

A joint meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2005 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Agenda items to include the 2006 Parks and Recreation Programming Guide, an overview of Recreation and Human Services, an update on implementation of the Tree Best Practices Management Plan, and the City's General Plan Update.

6. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Three residents representing ACORN, a community organization, spoke about their efforts to organize volunteers and improve the Oak Park and Del Paso Heights neighborhoods.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

7. FRIENDS OF THE SACRAMENTO RIVER GREENWAY

Former Mayor Anne Rudin, Tom Higgins, and Dan Gorfain provided information on this organization's efforts to advise on and promote public access and recreation opportunities along the Sacramento River. The organization has a goal to help establish a continuous public trail along a 30 mile reach through Sacramento and Yolo Counties and to improve connectivity to neighborhoods. Meeting handouts included a flyer with the organization's mission, and a map outlining proposed additional parkway acreage within the City of Sacramento's Docks Area Master Plan.

Various projects were discussed that are in the planning and/or development stages including the Docks Area and Captain's Table. Director Overstreet stated the Department of Parks and Recreation has a good working relationship with the Friends of the Sacramento River Greenway and appreciates their efforts. Additional information will be forthcoming to the Commission regarding the Docks area, which is part of the Sacramento Riverfront Master Plan.

CONSENT ITEMS:

8. STATUS OF THE FY 2005/06 CITY OF SACRAMENTO BUDGET FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

Received and filed.

9. UPDATE ON STATE LEGISLATIVE BILLS RELATED TO PARKS AND RECREATION

Received and filed.

10. "CITY OF FESTIVALS" UPDATE

Received and filed.

11. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION BROCHURE

Received and filed.

12. ENCROACHMENT ON CITY PARK LAND POLICY UPDATE

Received and filed.

13. REPORT BACKS ON TEEN CENTERS, AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING, AND CITY, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.

Received and filed.

STAFF REPORTS:

14. LOWER AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY PROJECT UPDATE

Staff reviewed the status of this joint effort between the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, Water Forum, and Cal Expo to update the American River Parkway Plan. The update will focus on the portion of the American River Parkway that runs from the Cal Expo area to the confluence of the American and Sacramento Rivers. Several Boards and Commissions of each of these public agencies are stakeholders and will continue to be involved in the plan update. A detailed map of the area outlining conceptual plans was handed out at the meeting.

Specific projects were discussed including the potential for a State Indian Heritage Center within the Parkway, efforts to purchase private property along the Lower American River, habitat protection, a proposed off-leash dog park with river access, and the potential to acquire property adjacent to Sutter's Landing Park in order to expand the park.

Commissioners stressed the importance of retaining a skatepark at Sutter's Landing Park and recreational opportunities within the areas that are currently private property along the river, should they become public property and a part of the American River Parkway.

COMMISSIONER'S IDEAS, QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Deglow relayed a citizen's concern about the recycling program City parks, and discussed encroachment on City property with Director Overstreet.

Commissioner Raya asked for a follow up on the Department's practices regarding the placement and pick up of porta-potties in City parks.

Commissioner Tamayo stated concerns about public park use at Peter Burnett Elementary School when after-school programs are occurring. Ralph Pettingell, Recreation Manager, will look into the matter.

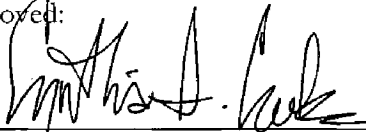
ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved:



Cindy Cooke, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission