

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

**REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 2, 2006**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Commissioner Cindy Cooke at 7:00 p.m. on the above date at the South Natomas Community Center located at 2901 Truxel Road, Sacramento CA. 95815.
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		11	

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2006 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

The draft January 2006 regular meeting minutes were approved as mailed.

4. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

A resident near South Natomas Community Park expressed concern about the unreliability and disrepair of the backyard fences that border the park, and inquired about the construction of a concrete perimeter wall. Staff will follow up with the resident on the process to request funding for a wall through the *Parks and Recreation Programming Guide* process.

A representative from the Oak Park Neighborhood Association spoke to illegal activity in Fourth Avenue and McClatchy Parks, and the need for more soccer and softball fields in the area. These concerns will be discussed in more detail at the March meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Concern was also expressed about the Capitol Area Development Authority renaming "Ron Mandella Community Garden" to "Fremont Community Garden". Chair Cooke stated the name change may come forward to the Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council for consideration at a future date.

CONSENT ITEMS:

5. COLLABORATION WITH THE SACRAMENTO AREA FLOOD CONTROL AGENCY (SAFCA) FOR PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SERVICES THROUGH MARCH 2009

Commissioner Williams commended staff for providing these services in partnership with SAFCA, and encouraged staff to establish a specialty crew to maintain open space and natural resource areas.

6. FREMONT COMMUNITY GARDEN

Motion approved to support the Capitol Area Development Authority's (CADA) Fremont Community Garden Design Plan.

Motion made by: Guadiana
Seconded: Lynn
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk, Guadiana
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

7. SUPPORT LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION GRANT PROPOSALS FOR EARL WARREN PARK REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF MACKEY/KENWOOD PARK

Motion approved to support Land and Water Conservation grant proposals for Earl Warren Park rehabilitation and development of Mackey/Kenwood Park.

Motion made by: Guadiana
Seconded: Lynn
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk, Guadiana
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

STAFF REPORTS:

8. DRAFT PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

Ed Cox, Alternate Modes Coordinator with the City of Sacramento, reviewed the *Draft City of Sacramento Pedestrian Master Plan*. Bob Overstreet, Parks and Recreation Director and JP Tindell, Parks and Recreation Principal Planner, stated the plan's goals and objectives align well with the City's *Parks and Recreation Master Plan* and *Bikeway Master Plan*. For instance, to place an emphasis on locating parks within a reasonable walking distance from residences, and the wellness benefits gained by walking and biking.

Commissioners and staff discussed the community's recreation and wellness needs and the importance of providing safe pedestrian routes to schools and work sites, as well as to encourage designs that support connectivity to parks, schools, and other public places for pedestrians and bicyclists. Additional discussion and input from Commissioners included: street design and the pros and cons of cul-de-sacs vs. grid layouts in residential areas; the need to educate developers to better facilitate walking; the social benefits of pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods; challenges with sidewalk maintenance; the challenge of designing curb cuts and intersections that are compliant with ADA yet have a lack of drainage due to minimized elevation changes, and pedestrian considerations in two-way street conversion projects and other traffic calming measures.

The Draft Plan is scheduled for City Council adoption in mid-2006. The draft Plan in its entirety can be found on the City's web site:
[http://www.cityofsacramento.org/pedestrian_master_plan/Draft Ped Master Plan 11.02.05.pdf](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/pedestrian_master_plan/Draft_Ped_Master_Plan_11.02.05.pdf)

9. BOAT LAUNCHING FEE AT MILLER PARK AND GARCIA BEND PARK

Bob Fleming, Park Maintenance Manager and Barbara Bonebrake, Convention, Culture and Leisure Department Director, reviewed staff's recommendation to establish a boat launch fee to address rising costs in maintaining the ramps. Commissioners inquired about the affect on park users, frequency of method of ramp maintenance, and State regulations regarding silt and soil removal.

Commissioners stated the fee seemed reasonable compared to the cost of other recreation opportunities in the community, and suggested the City explore a joint boat launch pass with the County of Sacramento.

Motion approved to support the implementation of a daily boat launch fee of \$8, a season pass fee of \$80, and a season pass fee of \$40 for low income persons at Miller Park and Garcia Bend Park.

Motion made by: DeBlonk
Seconded: Raya
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams Deglow, Pomer, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk, Guadiana
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

10. PROCESS AND PROJECTS IN THE REGIONAL PORTION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING GUIDE

Janet Baker, Park Planning and Development Manager, reviewed the process for development of the 2006 guide, the status of various acquisition and/or development needs in the regional park and recreation system, and regional projects that were funded over the past few years.

Commissioners discussed the North Natomas Regional Park master plan, the priority and status of various unfunded recreation facilities for the park, fragmented biketrails in North Natomas, and the need for improved directional signage to Granite Regional Park.

COMMISSIONER'S IDEAS, QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Commissioners agreed to have Chair Cooke redraft a letter to the Mayor and City Council regarding consideration for regional parks and recreation needs as the Council finalizes a list of projects to be funded through a proposed General Fund bond.

ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lori Harder

Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved:

Cindy A. Cooke

Cindy Cooke, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission