

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2009

*Johnston Community Center
231 Eleanor Avenue*

Call to Order – 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call – A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Cooke at 7:10 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at Johnston Community Center, located at 231 Eleanor Avenue. All members were present except Commissioners Raya, Lynn and Pomer.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. Two Oak Park residents spoke to concerns about the Oak Park Community Center staff, supervision of youth and the way issues are addressed, and operation of the building.

Public Hearings

2. None

Special Oral Presentation

3. None

Consent Calendar

4. **Approval of Minutes for February 5, 2009**

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve commission minutes for February 5, 2009

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

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to approve as mailed. (Deglow/DeBlonk:

Ayes: Cooke, Lujan, Deglow, Price, DeBlonk, Tamayo, Guadiana; Absent: Raya, Lynn, Pomer)

5. **Amend City Code Chapter 2.62 Relating to the Parks and Recreation Commission Membership due to City Community Planning Area Changes**

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Support staff recommendation to amend City Code Section 2.62.020 relating to membership requirements of the Parks and Recreation Commission, and recommend the issue be presented to City Council for adoption.

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

Commissioners and staff discussed the item. Commissioner Tamayo made the following motion with a recommended change to the upcoming application and appointment process. Staff will follow up and include the Commission's recommendation in related reports to Council committees, and to the full City Council.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support an amendment to City Code Section 2.62.020 relating to membership requirements of the Park and Recreation to continue representation by community planning areas, and to add an at-large position to maintain an odd number of total positions. Further, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommends the City Council streamline the appointment process by reappointing the incumbents in the reconfigured planning areas 4 and 5, as opposed to opening an application period for these areas. (Tamayo/Guadiana: Ayes: Lujan, Deglow, Price, DeBlonk, Tamayo, Guadiana; Nays: Cooke; Absent: Raya, Lynn, Pomer)

6. Jefferson Park Master Plan Update

Location: 1990 Roma Court, Planning Area 9, Council District 1

Recommendation: Support Jefferson Park Master Plan Update

Contact: J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

Commissioner Price commented on elements in the master plan. Residents spoke to concerns about future plans to remove the park restroom. Staff and Commissioners addressed the issue.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the Jefferson Park Master Plan Update. (Guadiana/Price: Ayes: Cooke, Lujan, Deglow, Price, DeBlonk, Tamayo, Guadiana; Absent: Raya, Lynn, Pomer)

7. Park Acreage Need Analysis

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and file

Contact: J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to receive the report. (Deglow/DeBlonk: Ayes: Cooke, Lujan, Deglow, Price, DeBlonk, Tamayo, Guadiana; Absent: Raya, Lynn, Pomer)

Discussion/Action Reports

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

8. City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2005-2010 Technical Update

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Commission support the update and moving the item forward to City Council for approval.

Contact: J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

Commissioners and staff discussed the item, which is moving forward to the City Council on April 21st. Commissioner Tamayo commented that while not including the master plan as part of the City's General Plan may provide flexibility and have other benefits, it may also lower its stature and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan would lack the same level of authority with the Planning Commission and City Council.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2005-2010 Technical Update and moving the item forward to City Council for approval. (DeBlonk/Deglow: Ayes: Cooke, Lujan, Deglow, Price, DeBlonk, Tamayo, Guadiana; Absent: Raya, Lynn, Pomer)

9. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): A. February/March 2009 department highlights; B. April 2009 department highlights

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment

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

Director Combs highlighted recent awards, events, programs, and facility openings.

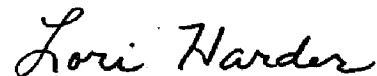
Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Commissioner DeBlonk requested staff consider a community center fee waiver for a teen chess club. Commissioner Deglow requested that potential closure of park restrooms due to budget cuts be a high priority to reopen when budget issues improve. Commissioner Lujan acknowledged staff for their follow up on an accessibility and safety issue at Robla Park.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation