

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

**REGULAR MEETING
May 3, 2007**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Cooke at 7:07 p.m. on the above date at the Oak Park Community Center, 3425 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Sacramento CA 95817.

2. Introduction of Commission Members, City Staff and 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		7	4

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2007 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

The April 2007 draft meeting minutes were approved as mailed.

4. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Local residents spoke to ideas and suggestions to revitalize McClatchy Park and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Corridor through such means as a farmers market, and turning small

vacant lots into pocket parks. Residents were referred to staff at the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency.

SPECIAL ORAL PRESENTATIONS:

5. OVERVIEW OF PARK OPERATIONS IN THE OAK PARK AREA

Mr. Gregory Crump, Park Supervisor, reviewed his responsibilities. Staff and residents spoke to concerns about safety hazards in parks, the need for lighting, and homeless camping in parks.

CONSENT ITEMS:

6. 2007 PARK PRODUCTION SCHEDULE

Commissioners and staff discussed funding sources, uses, and allocations for projects among the various planning areas.

Motion approved to accept this report.

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

7. TRANSMITTAL OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION'S PARK OPERATION COMMITTEE'S DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Motion approved to accept this report.

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

STAFF REPORTS:

8. SUSTAINABILITY MASTER PLAN

Staff reviewed the item including the Department of Parks and Recreation's role, the City of Sacramento's approach and next steps, and phased implementation plan. Commissioners

discussed specific efforts including baseline pesticide use, removal of leaf waste which causes need to replace with mulch, recycling, and public education.

9. 2030 GENERAL PLAN – PREFERRED LAND USE ALTERNATIVE

Commissioners discussed integration of bike trails, public transportation plans, traffic congestion considerations, housing mix strategies, and sustainability. The City's Long Range Planning staff will incorporate the Commissioner's comments into this phase of development of the General Plan.

10. GEORGE SIM COMMUNITY CENTER EXPANSION UPDATE

Dave Morgan with the City's General Services Department reviewed the status of the project which is on a fast track and is to break ground in Spring 2008. Commissioners and staff discussed sustainability measures in the design of the Center, water and plant use for surrounding areas, and storm water management.

11. CITY OF SACRAMENTO'S PROPOSED FY 2007/08 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGETS AND TENTATIVE COUNCIL HEARING SCHEDULE

Staff reviewed the City Manager's proposed Fiscal Year 2007/08 budget, which was released on May 1, 2007. The Parks and Recreation Department's sections of the proposed budget were distributed at the meeting. Staff and Commissioners discussed the use of various funding sources for capital improvements and planning and public outreach for specific park development projects.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Cassandra Jennings, Assistant City Manager and Interim Parks and Recreation Director, stated there will be a temporary snack facility in McClatchy Park this year in response to requests for assistance from youth sports league groups. The Commission's Planning and Communication Workshop will continue at next regular meeting on June 7th. The Commission Chair may want to start the meeting earlier to allow sufficient time for the workshop.

COMMISSIONERS' IDEAS, QUESTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Tamayo distributed a local publication entitled *River Friendly Landscape Guidelines* and requested an opportunity for the Commission and staff to learn more about the principles covered in the document and their direct application to Parks and Recreation.

ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved:

Cindy Cooke, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Commission