

**FINAL MINUTES
OF THE
CITY OF SACRAMENTO
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION**

**REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, September 2, 2004**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. The Regular Meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation was called to order by Chair John Andrew at 7:10 p.m. on the above date at Coloma Community Center, located at 4623 T Street, Sacramento, California 95819.

2. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS, CITY STAFF, GUESTS

MEMBER	PLANNING AREA	Present	Absent
John Andrew	Chairperson, Planning Area 3- Pocket	X	
Cindy Cooke	Vice Chairperson, Member at Large		X
George Raya	Planning Area 1- Central City	X	
Jordan Lang	Planning Area 2- Land Park	X	
Dave Tamayo	Planning Area 4- South Sacramento	X	
W. Ray White	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	
Vacant	Member at Large		X
Bill Maynard	Member at Large	X	
TOTAL MEMBERS PRESENT- Quorum is 8 members		10	

Chair John Andrew introduced new CAC member, Sheila DeBlonk, representing Planning Area 10 and welcomed her aboard.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JULY 2004 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the meeting minutes with the following amendments:

CAC Members John Deglow and W. Ray White were absent from the July 15, 2004 meeting. Change status to "absent" on attendance roster.

Motioned: Deglow
Seconded: Guadiana
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: W. Ray White, Cindy Cooke, Deirdre Price

4. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

John Andrew thanked all CAC members and staff for their support and patience for seeing the CAC commission proposal through final City Council approval on August 5, 2004. Staff will follow up with the next steps and inform the CAC members of the application opening. CAC discussed the structure of the new commission, and clarified that the members would be represented by Planning Areas and the current at-large seats would be removed.

John Andrew also thanked the CAC members for their presence at the August 24, 2004 City Council meeting to support the Department of Parks and Recreation's request to increase the Park Development Impact Fee (PIF). Bob Overstreet, Director of Parks and Recreation, commented on the value of their presence and support at the City Council meeting, and mentioned the Building Industry Association (BIA) supported staff's recommendation to increase the fee. Staff will return to City Council in 60 days with a work plan on how the Department will proceed with the evaluation of the PIF structure to include more amenities and regional parks.

Leo Lujan shared information on the design, solid construction, and building costs of park restrooms during a recent visit to the City of Davis.

5. CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PARK & RECREATION COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD MEMBERS – ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

Bob Overstreet shared information on this organization and the potential benefits of membership. John Andrew asked this be discussed when the Commission is in place, and to explore the possibility of looking at similar statewide and/or regional organizations for membership opportunities. Bruce Pomer and Leo Lujan stated such memberships could be valuable and useful learning new approaches, and with legislation and funding in support of parks and recreation.

6. FALL PARK AND RECREATION FACILITY TOUR

The tentatively scheduled date for the annual fall tour is Saturday, October 30, 2004.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

7. UNION PACIFIC RAILYARDS VISIONING EXERCISE

Celia Yniguez, Senior Planner with Planning and Building Department, presented information on the Union Pacific Railyards implementation efforts and described how the private development will change the face of the Central City. These efforts include Bridging I-5, Crocker Expansion, Docks Site, Gateway Streetscape Master Plan, R Street Urban Design and Infrastructure Plan, Sacramento Intermodal Facility, Millennia, Riverfront Master Plan implementation, 16th Street Streetscape Master Plan, and 7th Street Extension. CAC members were asked for their input in completing the "Railyards Visioning Exercise" survey and to visualize what they would like to see in the proposed development from various perspectives. City staff will evaluate all community input information and make policy recommendations during the evaluation period.

CAC members expressed some of their concerns with transportation, security, and traffic issues and asked for updates on various stages of project development.

At a future meeting, the CAC would like to learn more about the City's planning process, and how and how the CAC could be more involved in planning park and recreation elements within larger developments.

CONSENT ITEMS:

8. "TREE BEST PRACTICES" REPORT STAFF RECOMMENDATION UPDATE

The report in the agenda packet provided responses to questions raised by CAC members at the July 15, 2004 meeting. The topic was discussed by CAC and staff to clarify the Tree Best Practices consultant report is a three-year action plan for the City of Sacramento's tree services, and should be considered a blueprint at this point. Issues relayed in the report on our urban forest will be significant and will have a financial impact. Staff is evaluating the "Tree Best Practices" report, will make recommendations, set reasonable priorities and come up with ways of achieving those priorities and bring those forward through the normal review process. A broad spectrum of public input is needed. There will be a public meeting on September 29, 2004 at the Blue Diamond Auditorium, followed by review and input by the Tree Subcommittee of the CAC, with a report to the full CAC in early November, and to City Council in late November or December.

Staff will report back to the CAC on current operations for in Tree Maintenance Services.

STAFF REPORTS:

9. WORKSHOP ON 2004 PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE DRAFT

Ms. J.P. Tindell, Department of Parks and Recreation Master Plan Consultant, provided updates on the schedule of public meetings, project timeline, financing information being developed, outcomes of meetings with other City advisory groups, a special community sports field/user study, and reviewed first drafts of additions requested by the CAC. Staff is in the process of finalizing the Master Plan, which will be presented to the CAC in November for recommendation to City Council.

Bob Overstreet commented on the importance of City Council knowing the role the CAC has played in the development of the Master Plan and the CAC's complete understanding of the document being proposed. Mr. Overstreet expressed how critical the CAC's input will be and encouraged their attendance when the Master Plan is heard by City Council.

CAC MEMBERS IDEAS, QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Virginia Guadiana asked for an update on the "Director's Cup for Park Maintenance." Staff reported the Director's Cup program is being re-evaluated and will be rescheduled for next spring.

Bill Maynard asked for an update on Independence Field and Southside Park Accessible Playground projects. Staff stated that the Independence Field project is currently in the fundraising stages to secure \$1 million. The Southside Park Accessible Playground project is currently \$400,000 short of its total proposed budget. Fundraising efforts have been extended and staff will be proposing to use Proposition 40 funds for some project related costs.

Dave Tamayo asked for a report back from staff on the Department's pest management program including policies, training and design, and reminded CAC and staff of the upcoming "Child Cancer Walk Benefit" to be held on September 19, 2004, at the north steps of the State Capitol beginning at 8:30 AM.

Alan Tomiyama announced the upcoming ground breaking ceremony of the Mims Hagginwood Community Center on September 29, 2004 at 10:30 AM.

Dave Tamayo commented on the well-attended dedication of the Darrell Steinberg Room within the Elmo Slider Clubhouse in Max Baer Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The CAC meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marcy Tierce, Parks and Recreation

Approved:



John T. Andrew, Chair
Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation