

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**June 3, 2010**

All items listed are heard and acted upon by the Parks and Recreation Commission unless otherwise noted.

### **Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Rewers at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, 2010 at the Robertson Community Center located at 3525 Norwood Avenue. All members were present except Commissioner Woo.

### **Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda**

1. None

### **Public Hearings**

2. None

### **Special Oral Presentation**

3. None

### **Consent Calendar**

4. **Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Approve commission minutes for May 5, 2010

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

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to approve as mailed. (Azar/Beaver: Ayes; Azar, Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Tamayo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Hansen, Beaver. Absent: Woo)

### **Discussion/Action Reports**

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

5. **Sacramento Tree Foundation Proposal for Development of Urban Ecology Center at North Natomas Regional Park**

**Location:** Council District 1

**Recommendation:** Support Staff Recommendation

**Contact:** Camille Wise, Resource Development Specialist, 808-8830; J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

Camille Wise, Parks and Recreation Resource Development Specialist, and Colleen Cadwallader, Development Services Director with the Sacramento Tree Foundation (STF), presented the item. If successful in receiving State grant funds to develop the center, staff would return to the community, Commission and Council to formally revise the park master plan, implement CEQA process and related project requirements. Commissioners and staff discussed the proposed site within the park, the center's relationship to perimeter roadways and other proposed recreation facilities; whether or not the center warrants primary public space and access; plans to address any potential funding shortfall, and program, partnership and activity suggestions should STF be successful in developing the center.

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to support execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Sacramento and the Sacramento Tree Foundation, in the event the Foundation is awarded a State of California Proposition 84 Nature Education Facilities grant. (Hansen/Tamayo: Ayes: Azar, Rewers, Harris, Smith, Tamayo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Hansen, Beaver; Abstain: Cooke; Absent: Woo)

**6. Parks and Recreation Commission's Annual Budget Workshop (Continued from the May 5, 2010 Commission meeting)**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Review and comment

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

Director Combs reviewed the proposed operating budget and reduction plan for the Parks and Recreation Department. Commissioners and staff discussed the use of one time funds for the next fiscal year, reduction impacts on aquatics, community centers, and approach to potential leases. Chair Rewers voiced a specific recommendation to the Commission which was adopted.

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to recommend the City Council utilize \$1,400,000 in one time Special Recreation funds and \$485,000 in Landscape and Lighting funds to restore proposed General Fund reductions for Fiscal Year 2010/11, and to recommend the City Council direct the City Manager to immediately prepare a proposal for Council to review to increase the citywide Landscape and Lighting assessment \$15 annually per parcel, with the additional revenue being set aside for park maintenance. (Rewers/Tamayo: Ayes: Azar, Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Tamayo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Hansen, Beaver; Absent: Woo)

**7. Proposed Fiscal Year 2010/11 Park, Recreation, and Special Event Fee Changes**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Support Staff Recommendation

**Contact:** Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172; Dave Mitchell, Operations Manager, 808-6076

Lori Harder presented the item. Commissioners voiced concern about the ability of families to pay higher fees for aquatics and core children's services, thereby limiting access. Commissioner Cooke confirmed additional fee revenue from youth sports field

use would be used for field renovations, requested the funds be spent in the areas raised, and recommended a cleaning deposit be implemented for picnic area use.

**Action:**—The following motion was made by Rewers, seconded by Guadiana, but not carried as six affirmative votes are required to approve any action of the Parks and Recreation Commission, not a majority of those present: to support fee recommendations with the exception of an increase in swimming pool entry fees and core services for children. (Rewers/Guadiana: Ayes: Tamayo, Azar, Smith, Gaudiana, Rewers. No: Beaver, Harris, Cooke, Tamayo Absent: Woo)

In the report to City Council, staff will state a majority of Commissioners present supported fee recommendations, with the exception of an increase in swimming pool entry fees and core services for children. Further, those opposed spoke to concern about the impact on low income families and their ability to pay the higher fees.

**8. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): Review Highlights of May and June, 2010**

None

**Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager  
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved by:



Jonathan Rewers, Chair  
Parks and Recreation Commission