

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

**REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, April 1, 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 7:05 p.m. on the above date at the Mims Hagginwood Community Center, located at 3271 Marysville Blvd., Sacramento, California 95815.
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	
Vacant	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 6 members		12	

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MARCH 2004 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the meeting minutes with no amendments:

Motioned: Cooke
Seconded: White
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

4. UPDATE ON THE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION'S PROPOSAL TO BECOME A COMMISSION

No comments.

5. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

6. PARKS AND RECREATION'S JUVENILE OFFENDER AND ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING WORK PROGRAM

The Parks Division has worked with the Alternative Sentencing program for 15-20 years. Inmates have completed thousands of hours of work in park and neighborhood clean up efforts during those years.

Randy Will, Park Supervisor, presented information on the Juvenile Offender and Alternative Sentencing Work Programs.

Two agencies that the Division has not worked with in association with the Juvenile Offender Work Program, but would like to work with in the future, are the Sacramento County Work Project Division and the Sacramento Parole Office of the California Youth Authority. The Division has not worked with the Sacramento Boys Ranch and the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency because they are unavailable for work projects as all their inmates are incarcerated.

Juvenile Offender work crews with the Sacramento County Work Project Program have up to 25 youth per crew. No fee is currently charged for the use of these crews, but due to budgetary concerns, fees may be associated with the work crews in the future. Crews are available on a first come, first served basis. Project examples are weed pulling in McKinley Park rose garden, putting "fall material" or wood chips in playgrounds, etc.

The Alternative Sentencing Program consists of work crews with two City staff, a County Sheriff, and a crew of 10-30 adults who have committed misdemeanors. Projects worked on are usually requested by City Council, City Departments, or neighborhood groups. Typical projects consist of homeless camp clean-ups, cleaning of drainage canals after winter storms, clearing overgrown

vegetation, and alley way clean up. This program costs the Parks and Recreation Department \$95,000 annually.

Work crews from both programs perform isolated work with armed guards present, so that park visitors will not be endangered by their presence. Concern over sex offenders working near children in parks was expressed.

CONSENT ITEMS:

None.

STAFF REPORTS:

7. SACRAMENTO RIVERFRONT MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

The California State Capitol Riverfront is an ambitious plan to protect and enhance natural habitat and recreational uses of the Sacramento and American Rivers. This plan will also support public and private reinvestment in key infill areas that will result in housing for 30,000 new residents and 110,000 new jobs. This plan was developed and is being implemented in a spirit of partnership by the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento, the Counties of Sacramento and Yolo, and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA). The project area includes riverfront areas in the metropolitan core of Sacramento County and Yolo County.

The Waterfront Advisory Committee met on March 15, 2004 regarding the implementation of the Riverfront Master Plan. Staff is seeking support of the plan from the CAC prior to presenting it to the City Council. The goals of the implementation plan are to create riverfront neighborhoods and districts, the establishment of a web of connectivity on both sides of the river, to strengthen the green back bone of the community, and to create a place for celebration.

The Steering Committee for the Riverfront Master Plan Implementation Project includes the City of West Sacramento, the City of Sacramento, the County of Sacramento, the County of Yolo, and the Sacramento Agency Formation Commission. The Steering Committee work plan includes budget proposals for 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 and exploration of funding options and opportunities in relation to the project. They are working on a regional, joint powers approach to funding currently. The Committee is made up of several teams: The Capital Project Team, The Planning and Regulatory Team, The Maintenance and Operations Team, the Public Safety Team, The Marketing Team, and The Riverfront Resource Development/Legislative Team.

Concern over the issue of the cooling towers that are located on the Riverfront, which are under the authority of the Central Valley Regional Water Control Board, were expressed. The issue is currently under discussion with the entities involved in the Riverfront Master Plan Implementation Project.

Copies of the Powerpoint presentation on the Riverfront Master Plan Implementation Project are available at the Department of Parks and Recreation, Administrative Offices, at 1231 I Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA, 95814, (916) 264-5200.

Motion to support the Sacramento Riverfront Master Plan Implementation Report:

Motioned: White
Seconded: Lujan
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent:None

8. UPDATE ON THE PARK IMPACT FEE (PIF) NEXUS STUDY

The Park Impact Fee (PIF) is a city wide fee which provides the Department of Parks and Recreation with a funding mechanism for new neighborhood and community park development (PIF funds are currently prohibited from being used to finance regional parks). Staff requested feedback on the direction they are moving towards recommending to City Council an increase in the base amount of the PIF, which is currently \$1,938 per single family unit. Staff seeks to increase the base amount of the PIF, as well as expand the use of the PIF to include regional parks in a future Nexus Study.

The City Attorney's Office reviewed the 2002 Nexus Study and approved the use of the existing study to move forward on suggesting the PIF increase to City Council. Staff recommends increasing PIF funding to a level which will provide for the following development components in each park: basic landscaping, walkways, entry improvements, site furnishings, irrigation, a children's play area, an individual picnic area, a group picnic area, a major field or court facility, a restroom, and walkway lighting. Staff will return to the CAC in May 2004 with costs of implementing the recommended PIF fee levels and will at that time request support from the CAC on moving forward with this issue.

The CAC had a consensus of support for moving forward on this issue, but no official vote was taken.

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

J.P. Tindell provided the CAC with a rough draft of the "Services" chapter of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Information on Service Levels, the Disabilities Advisory Commission, and a Revised "Introduction" chapter were also provided.

The Disabilities Advisory Committee received the draft information on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan favorably and staff will return to a future CAC meeting to request they recommend Master Plan adoption to the City Council.

A special meeting of the CAC on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update Draft will be held on Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at the South Natomas Community Center, Arts and Crafts Room, located at 2901 Truxel Road, Sacramento, California, 95815. The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be provided.

One amendment to attachment A-2 was requested by Cindy Cooke to add the words "School Parks Included" to the Park and Tree Maintenance Services Organization Chart box for "Park Maintenance Services South."

CAC MEMBERS IDEAS, QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The CAC meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Christie Benavides, Parks and Recreation

Approved:

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