

Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes

Monday, July 24, 2017

City Hall – 300 First Street – Council Chambers

Call to Order

The Parks & Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Jesse Salinas at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2017 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Commission Members Present:

Chair Jesse Salinas
Vice Chair Jon-Paul Valcarenghi
Commissioner Carla White-Snyder
Commissioner Stephanie Miller
Commissioner Andrew Foraker
Commissioner Rashid Ali

Commission Member Absent:

Commissioner Joe Romero

Staff Present:

CSD Director Engel
CSD Superintendent Schroeder
CSD Recreation Manager Bain
CSD Administrative Supervisor Haynie

Public Comment

Art Williams from Woodland Tennis Club, thanked the Commission for their outreach to the user groups.

Communication-Commission/Staff Statements and Requests

Commissioner Miller stated that one tennis court at City Park is cracking. Staff will inspect the courts. Commissioner White-Snyder commented on the 4th of July event. Engel thanked the Commissioners for their involvement. Engel introduced the new Parks Supervisor, Andrew Cital. Cital worked in the Parks Division before the 2007 staff reductions.

Presentation

None

New Business

Election of Officers

Commissioner Salinas nominated Commissioner Valcarenghi for Chair. Commissioner Valcarenghi nominated Commissioner White-Snyder for Vice-Chair.

Action:

Salinas/White-Snyder seconded to elect Commissioner Valcarenghi to Chair.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Salinas, White-Snyder, Valcarenghi, Miller, Foraker, Ali

Noes: none

Valcarenghi/Miller seconded to elect Commissioner White-Snyder to Vice-Chair.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Salinas, White-Snyder, Valcarenghi, Miller, Foraker, Ali

Noes: none

Measure J Sports Scholarships and Fee Reduction

Engel explained when the budget was passed, \$60,000.00 was added to the Measure J budget. The funds will be used to help families who enroll their children in sports programs that use City Facilities each season (Fall & Spring). Families can receive a scholarship or a rebate. Outreach and advertising will begin after this fall.

Committee Reports

Standing Committees

Parks & Recreation Facilities Needs

Concession Stand

Commissioner Miller gave the Commission copies of the Concession Stand survey. Commissioners will take turns handing out surveys at the Sports Park through August.

Handicap Parking

Commissioner Valcarenghi updated the Commission on the Committee's efforts. Committee walked the facility to review existing parking. Committee will bring recommendations to the Commission.

Facilities Committee

Commissioner White-Snyder reported that the Committee had met with all the user groups. Committee met to put the information collected together, Committee will meet one more time before presenting their report to the Commission. Aquatic Feasibility Study Update, Contractor is working on fourth option located at Pioneer High School, prioritizing options and locations for the pool. Committee will bring back to Commission for approval at the September meeting. Engel was contacted on Friday, July 21st by Phil Cello concerning the Tennis Complex.

Program & Department Evaluation Committee

No Report

Budget and Finance Committee

No Report

Urban Forest Committee

Commissioner Valcarengi and staff held their quarterly meeting to discuss projects. Staff suggested Commissioner Valcarengi meet with the Woodland Tree Foundation about the Legacy Grove project. Commissioner Ali and Valcarengi had a productive meeting with the Woodland Tree Foundation.

Volunteerism Committee

Committee met tonight to identify potential projects to do in the parks. The Committee's goal is to have a project for October. Project discussed was a Park Beautification Day. The Committee would like to involve the Youth Leadership programs and teams from youth sports.

Consent Calendar

May 22, 2017 Minutes

Action:

Miller/ White-Snyder seconded to approve the May 22, 2017 minutes.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Salinas, White-Snyder, Valcarengi, Miller, Foraker, Ali

Noes: none

Other Business

Update Work Plan FY17/18

Action:

Miller/Foraker seconded to approve the FY 17/18 Work Plan.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Salinas, White-Snyder, Valcarengi, Miller, Foraker, Ali

Noes: none

Consider Commissioner Requests for Excused Absences from Future Meetings

No requests at this meeting. Note that Commissioner White-Snyder has an approved absence for September, requested in May 2017.

Staff Reports

Community Services Report

Hiddleson Demolition and Park Reuse Project construction documents have been completed and the City will be posting them soon. Staff are conducting weekly inspections at three different parks each week. Carole Pirruccello a co-trustee of the John & Eunice Davidson Foundation has been working with staff to donate additional funds for workout equipment and two new teeter-totters for the playgrounds at Woodside Park. As the temperature began to rise, there was a demand for places within the City to cool off and after some consideration; the water feature at Ferns Park was repaired and reopened on June 23. Charles Brook Community Swim Center will be closed for annual maintenance August 19-26. Letters will go out to Ralph Harris Park neighborhood for the August 26th event to choose the new playground for the park. The City received the signed contract for the CalFire Urban Forest Management Plan and Community Tree Planting Project. The City hosted the Mandela Washington Fellows for Young African Leaders in collaboration with the Woodland Tree Foundation for tree planting at Pioneer Park on July 31. Staff thanked Commissioner Salinas and Commissioner White-Snyder for their help at the Fourth of July Celebration. Adult Softball 10-week summer season started

May 31 and has forty-four teams playing in seven divisions. New this summer several levels of swim lessons have been available to be taught in Spanish. Engel informed the Commission that Recreation Supervisor, Brad Petersen suggested the Spanish lessons. Summer Teen Pack's seven-week program averaged 40 participants per week. The Yosemite Trip has 39 participants with 15 of those on scholarship.

Action: Received

Regional Park Update

The lease agreement will be presented to Council at the August 22 meeting.

Action: Received

Neighborhood Meeting to Select Play Structure Design for Harris Park

The City will hold a neighborhood meeting at Ralph Harris Park (100 Imperial Street) on Saturday, August 26, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to provide residents with an opportunity to select a new play structure design for the park. Commission discussed the three designs.

Action: Received

CSD Quarterly Report

Commission discussed report.

Action: Received

Next Meeting June 26, 2017

Adjourn 8:00 p.m.

Action:

White-Snyder/Valcarenghi seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Salinas, White-Snyder, Valcarenghi, Miller, Foraker, Ali

Noes: none