



**Recreation and Park Commission
Davis Joint Unified School District, East Conference Room
526 B Street
Thursday, November 20, 2008
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Michael Bartolic, Roger Gambatese, Robert Glassburner, Lorraine Hwang, Nathaniel Leachman, Susan Sabatier (Chair) and Nicole Slaton

Commission Members Absent: Michael Beckman

Council Liaison Present: Lamar Heystek

Staff Present: Elvia Garcia-Ayala, Donna Silva, Samantha Wallace, Connie Foppiano, Anne Marquez, Sandra Montgomery and Christine Helweg

Chairperson S. Sabatier called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Approved by consensus

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of October 16, 2008 were approved by consensus.

3. Public Communications

None

4. Written Communications

None.

5. Review and Approve of Proposed Aquatic Programming Changes for 2009-2010 Season

Aquatics Program Coordinator, Sandra Montgomery, provided the Commission with a presentation related to the Aquatic Program Needs Assessment Survey, which occurred the past summer in 2008, and the proposed changes to the Aquatic programming schedule for the 2009-2010 season based upon the results of the survey.

A few residents expressed concerns related to the proposed closure of the dedicated lap swim times at Community Pool during the school year, as well as their interest in expanding evening lap swim times. A request was made of staff to add additional lanes for lap swimming at Manor pool during the recreational swim periods in the summer. Staff agreed to monitor the

recreation swim attendance and add lap lanes when possible in order to accommodate this request.

Motion #1 - Motion was made by S. Sabatier, seconded by N. Leachman to approve recommendations for modified Recreation Swim program hours for summer, including the Hot Monday Nights, as outlined in the Staff Report. The motion passed as follows:

Motion: Ayes: 5 Nays: 1 Abs: 0

Motion #2 - Motion was made by N. Leachman, seconded by N. Slaton to approve recommendations for modified Swim Lessons for summer as outlined in the Staff Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #3 - Motion was made by S. Sabatier, seconded by N. Leachman to approve recommendations for modified Lap Swim hours for summer as outlined in the Staff Report. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission also requested that staff proceed with the additional lanes during recreational swim at Manor Pool, as needed, for summer lap swim as previously requested by the public.

Motion #4 - Motion was made by N. Leachman, seconded by N. Slaton to approve recommendations for modified Recreation Swim End of Season hours as outlined in the Staff Report. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Review and Approve Proposed Aquatic Facility User Fees for FY2009-10

Superintendent Helweg presented an overview of the Cost Recovery Policy related to Aquatic Facility Users and the most recent methodology approved for calculation of facility use fees in July 2008. The most significant impact would occur with the Co-sponsored Youth Swimming Group, Aquastarz, due to their small size and their need for a deep water pool. Thus, staff did recommend that there be mitigating measures approved for fee implementation in FY2009-10.

Motion #1 - Motion was made by N. Leachman, seconded by N. Slaton to approve staff recommendations #1-#3 for proposed Aquatic Facility User Rates as shown in the Staff Report and Attachment A for implementation with the summer 2009 season per the approved Cost Recovery Policy. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission also requested that staff provide more review time for the general public and facility users when bringing Aquatic Facility Use fees forward in the future, and to continue to work with Co-sponsored Aquatic groups to streamline the scheduling process in order to assist in the reduction of staffing costs.

7. Review and Approve Facility, Fields and Miscellaneous Program Fees for FY2009-10

Superintendent Helweg presented an overview of the approved Cost Recovery Policy related to Facilities, Fields and Miscellaneous Programs, noting the most significant changes in fees occurring at the Veterans Memorial Theatre and the 3rd & B Teen Center due to re-calculations of these facility worksheets due to missing staff costs and incorrect percentages of usable rental space. In addition, staff noted that there is no baseline for the new synthetic turf

soccer field at Playfields Park and that the new proposed fee was based upon an agency survey of comparable fields until a baseline is developed.

Motion #1 - Motion was made by L. Hwang, seconded by M. Bartolic to approve staff recommendations #1 and #2 for proposed Facility, Field and Miscellaneous Program Fees as shown in the Staff Report and Attachment A for implementation as of FY2009-2010, excluding I1 (Booking Deposit for Fields) and I22 (Co-sponsored Youth Group rate). The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission requested that staff develop a tiered deposit or alternative system for field deposits so as not to impose any significant financial hardship on potential field users. Staff agreed to develop alternative recommendations prior to going back to the Finance & Budget Commission in December 2008. The Commission also requested that the fee for Co-sponsored Youth groups be researched and confirmed prior to going to Council for final approval. The Commission had anticipated a slight increase as previously discussed at a past Commission meeting. Staff agreed to research previous meeting minutes and review this rate prior to its final approval.

8. Review and Approve Recreation Program Fees for Fiscal Year 2009-10

Superintendent Helweg presented an overview of the approved Cost Recovery Policy related to Recreation Program Fees, with associated programming changes to assist in the reduction of General Fund subsidy, and to more effectively reallocate division resources. The Commission expressed its concern with not having more time available to adequately consider all programs and their associated cost recovery goals. Staff was requested to clarify the cost recovery policy at a future meeting relative to each individual program's target. The Commission also expressed their concern, particularly related to teen oriented programs, and felt a broader discussion was needed with the City Council as to their level of subsidy and overall benefit in the community. There was also an interest by the Commission to possibly maximize the non-resident fee for the future.

Motion #1 - Motion was made by M. Bartolic, seconded by N. Slaton to approve recommendations for Recreation Program Fees and proposed programming changes as outlined in the Staff Report, excluding the \$2.00 fee for the Youth Open Gym. The motion passed as follows:

Motion: Ayes: 4 Nays: 3 Abs: 0

9. Selection of Commission Chair/Vice Chair and Liaison Positions

Motion #1 - Motion was made by N. Slaton, seconded by M. Bartolic to approve Lorraine Hwang as Chair for 2009. The motion passed as follows:

Motion: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abs: 1

Motion #2 - Motion was made by N. Slaton, seconded by M. Bartolic to approve Susan Sabatier as Vice Chair for 2009. The motion passed as follows:

Motion: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abs: 1

Motion #3 – A motion was approved by consensus to have Nathaniel Leachman remain the Commission's liaison to the Finance & Budget Commission.

Motion #4 - A motion was approved by consensus to have Nicole Slaton remain the Commission's liaison to the Open Space & Habitat Commission.

10. Commissioner Announcements/Comments

None.

11. Liaison/Staff Reports

- No City Council Liaison report
- Finance & Budget Commission (FBC) – no report
- Open Space and Habitat Commission – no report
- Upcoming Commission Meetings – Thursday, December 4, 2008 - Parks and Facilities Master Plan.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson S.Sabatier at 12:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Helweg
Community Services Superintendent