



Recreation and Park Commission
Davis Joint Unified School District, East Conference Room
526 B Street
Thursday, February 19, 2009
MINUTES

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

Commission Members Absent: Michael Bartolic and Michael Beckman

Council Liaison Present: none

Staff Present: Anne Brunette, Sandy Dietrich, Connie Foppiano, Elvia Garcia-Ayala, Ken Hiatt, Caitlyn Hughes, Christine Helweg, Anne Marquez and Bob Stephenson

Public Present: Paul Deering, Tom Frankel, Jean Jackman, Doug Jena, Darlene Kupa and Norm VanBrocklin

Vice Chair S. Sabatier called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda
Approved by consensus

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
The minutes of January 15, 2009 were approved by consensus, with the following correction: awkward wording under Item #6, first sentence.

3. Public Communications
None.

4. Written Communications
Email correspondence from Davis resident, Jean Jackman, concerning the proposal submitted by Yolo Hospice for a Commemorative Grove renovation. Ms. Jackman expressed concern about the city's procedure for noticing the surrounding neighbors and the potential impacts of the renovation proposal on an endangered pair of Swainson's hawks that frequently nest in the proposed project area.

Email correspondence from John McNerny, City of Davis Wildlife Specialist, identifying the potential impacts and/or restrictions for the proposed project that are relative to the endangered Swainson's hawks that frequently nest in the park.

5. Yolo Hospice Commemorative Grove Renovation

Commissioner Roger Gambatese excused himself from discussion of this item due to a potential conflict of interest. His primary residence is located adjacent to the proposed project site.

Resident Jean Jackman expressed her concern for the city's noticing procedures relative to proposed changes in city parks. She did not feel the neighborhood had been given adequate opportunity to express concerns about the proposal being presented by Yolo Hospice. Ms. Jackman also expressed concern about the potential relocation of the picnic table.

Resident Norm VanBrocklin expressed concern about the location of the proposed walking path which is currently planned for the top of the berm which allows for walkers to look into the backyards of the adjacent homes. Mr. VanBrocklin also expressed concern about the "no-mow" grass that appears to lead right up to the back fences of the adjacent homes.

Motion was made by S. Sabatier, seconded by L. Hwang to approve staff recommendations #1-9 as identified in the staff report, with the following additions:

10. The proposed renovation project shall incorporate all required mitigation measures as identified by the City of Davis Wildlife Resource Specialist to minimize any potential impacts to the endangered Swainson's hawks.
11. To have Parks & General Services staff facilitate a neighborhood meeting with the project developer and neighboring residents of the park to further seek resolution of any project concerns.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Teen Programming Discussion

Superintendent Helweg, Supervisor Marquez, and Coordinator Hughes provided a historical overview of past and current teen programming within the Community Services Division. Key areas of emphasis included staffing levels, operating budget, current uses of the 3rd & B facility, and enhanced programming plans.

Commissioners suggested increased marketing of teen programs, new teen employment opportunities, Project Runway for teens, open mike nights, teen website, and babysitter trainings. No further action was required by the Commission – informational item only.

7. Downtown Building Reuse Report – Third and B

Commissioner Roger Gambatese excused himself from discussion of this item due to a potential conflict of interest. His personal business is located adjacent to the project site.

Anne Brunette, Property Management Coordinator, and Ken Hiatt, Deputy City Manager, provided a summary of the Council's request to explore potential reuses of certain City facilities, of which the Third and B Teen Center had been identified. This location was identified as a potential site for reuse due to its marketability and location near the downtown core area. Anne and Ken highlighted key fiscal impacts that the City could reasonably expect

with a variety of different reuses of the Third and B facility, including maintaining its current uses, a museum/gallery, a restaurant, or a mixed use scenario.

Motion #1 - Motion was made by N. Leachman, seconded by R. Glassburner to approve staff recommendations #1 and #2 as presented in the staff report. The motion failed as follows:

Motion: Ayes: 2 Nays: 2 Abs: 0

Motion #2 - Motion was made by L. Hwang, seconded by S. Sabatier to approve staff recommendation #2 as presented in the staff report, with the following additions:

- a. To expand the analysis of alternative sites to all feasible options and not just those identified in the staff report.
- b. Based upon the findings identified from the alternative site analysis, the Commission will re-consider staff's request for potential reuse of the Third and B facility.

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #3 - Motion was made by S. Sabatier, seconded by L. Hwang to request that Community Services staff return to the Commission with a report containing the following information:

- a. To provide information on various teen center/program models that staff believe would be successful in serving Davis teens, ages 12-15 years of age.
- b. What additional resources, if any, would be needed to implement the above mentioned program/models?

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Commissioner Announcements/Comments

None.

9. 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, March 19, 2009

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson L. Hwang at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Helweg
Community Services Superintendent