



**Recreation and Parks Commission
Davis Joint Unified School District, East Conference Room
526 B Street
Thursday, January 21, 2010
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Michael Bartolic, Michael Beckman, Libby Earthman, Susan Sabatier (Vice-Chair) and Nicole Slaton

Commission Members Absent: Robert Glassburner, Lorraine Hwang and Charlie Russell

Council Liaison Present: None

Staff Present: Elvia Garcia-Ayala, Lori Conrad, Donna Silva, Christine Helweg and Kelly Stachowicz

Public Present: None

Vice Chair S. Sabatier called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Approved by consensus.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approved by consensus.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. Written Communications

None.

5. Review and Approve Recommendation to Provide An Annual Exemption from the Playfields Conditions of Use for DJUSD Baseball Pre-Game Warm Up

The Commission was provided with a brief history and analysis of the request from the DJUSD Freshman Baseball Team.

A motion was made by S. Sabatier, seconded by Nicole Slaton as follows:

“The members of the Recreation and Park Commission do not approve staff’s recommendation to the City Council to allow for an annual exemption from the Playfields Conditions of Use for DJUSD Baseball to allow a one-hour pre-game warm-up in the outfield only, due to the following reasons:

1. There is no compelling documentation to warrant such an exemption;
2. RPC members are uncomfortable providing an exemption for one single user of a facility;
3. RPC members are aware of prior violations of Playfields rules by DJUSD coaching staff, and therefore do not have the confidence that the DJUSD coaching staff will abide by the remaining Conditions of Use as set forth.

However, if the City Council feels that this exemption is necessary to maintain positive relations with DJUSD, then the Recreation and Park Commission respectfully requests the City Council to place the following conditions upon the exemption:

1. The exemption be set forth for a maximum of one season (not to exceed 6-9 months) to allow for adequate review and evaluation of the success of the agreement by both parties;
2. Any incidents of violations of the Conditions of Use for Playfields Park, or those contained in the mutual agreement, shall be grounds for immediate termination of the exemption to the Playfields Park Conditions of Use; and
3. The City shall have full access and use of available DJUSD high school fields for baseball tournament play during the months of June, July and August on an "as-needed" basis. Dates to be scheduled through the District office under regular reservation procedures."

The motion was approved as follows: 4 ayes 0 naves 1 abstention.

6. Review and Discuss Possible Amendments to the Facility and Field Cost Recovery Policies

Superintendent Helweg and Director Garcia-Ayala expressed staff's interest in exploring the existing cost recovery levels, the need to simplify the complex fee structure, to implement additional costs associated with operational program equipment replacement, and the sharing/loaning of City equipment. The Commission stated that they could not provide direction to staff without further documentation outlining the causes and effects. No action was taken on this item.

7. Commissioner Announcements/Comments

Commissioner Bartolic reported on his participation in the judging of the Golden Heart Awards. He recommended that the Commission provide input to staff relative to the development of criteria and standards for award nominees for future award ceremonies.

8. Liaison/Staff Reports

- City Council Liaison – no report
- Finance & Budget Commission (FBC) – a written report was submitted by Commissioner Russell and was included in the meeting packet as an informational item
- Open Space and Habitat Commission – Commissioner Slaton reported that she will need to step down as liaison to the Open Space and Habitat Commission due to other time commitments. A new appointment will be scheduled on the February 2010 meeting agenda.
- Youth Advisory Task Force – Commissioner Sabatier reported that the Task Force is preparing for community focus group meetings to occur in February and March. There will also be a presentation and status update for the City Council on February 16, 2010.

- Upcoming Commission Meetings – Thursday, February 18, 2010

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair S. Sabatier at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Helweg
Community Services Superintendent