



**Recreation and Park Commission
Senior Center – Valente Room
Thursday, July 19, 2017
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Emily Griswold - Chair, Maurice Pitesky - Vice Chair, Ira Bray, Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald, Tyson Hubbard (arrived 6:33 pm), Stephanie Koop (arrived at 6:42 pm), Travie Westlund and Vanessa Richter - Alternate (arrived at 7:12 pm).

Commission Members Absent: None

Council Liaison Present: Will Arnold (arrived at 7:04 pm)

Public Present: Greg & Jennifer House, Roberta Millstein and Paul Steinberg

Staff Present: Martin Guarena, Stan Gryzko, Christine Helweg, Martin Jones, John McNerney and Dale Sumersille

The meeting was called to order by Chair Griswold at 6:33 pm.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by C. Greenwald to approve the agenda, seconded by I. Bray. The motion passed with a 6-0-1-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Greenwald, Griswold, Hubbard, Pitesky and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: Koop

Abstentions: None

3. Brief Announcements from Commissioners, Liaisons and Staff

- Parks & Community Services Director Dale Sumersille thanked the members of the Commission for participating and assisting at the City Hall at the Market event on July 8.
- Director Sumersille announced that the new outdoor fitness equipment that is being installed around the perimeter of Arroyo Park will be completed by the end of the week
- Director Sumersille also announced that the new equipment being installed at Oxford Circle Park will be completed by the end of next week.
- Commissioner Bray stated that the Kiddie Parade that was held as part of the Fourth of July festivities was a huge success.
- Chairperson Griswold thanked those commissioners who attended the City Council's Proclamation for National Parks & Recreation Month on Tuesday, July 11, 2017.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by T. Westlund to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by C. Greenwald. The motion passed with a 6-0-0-1 vote.

AYES: Bray, Greenwald, Hubbard, Koop, Pitesky and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: Griswold (was not present at the June 21 meeting)

6A. Consider Proposed Naming of the Davis Tennis Clubhouse in Memory of Gene Sakai

The Commission received a brief presentation on the naming proposal from Parks & Community Services Director Dale Summersille and representatives of the Davis Tennis Club.

A motion was made by T. Hubbard, seconded by T. Westlund, to approve staff's recommendation to support the naming of the Davis Tennis Clubhouse in memory of Gene Sakai and to forward to the City Council for final approval. The motion passed unanimously with a 7-0-0-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Greenwald, Griswold, Hubbard, Koop, Pitesky and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

6B. Receive Proposed Revisions to the City's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy

The Commission received a brief summary from Wildlife Resource Specialist John McNerney regarding the proposed major policy changes. The Recreation & Park Commission is the first commission to review the proposed changes, and subsequent reviews are to follow in August and September for the Natural Resources Commission and the Open Space and Habitat Commission.

The Commission expressed several concerns about the proposed policy changes, including but not limited to:

- The composition, roles and responsibilities of the TAC need to be more clearly defined
- Would like to see more technology defined and encouraged as part of the policy and procedures (i.e. GIS mapping)
- Concerned with the cost implications for the City since no substantive financial analysis has been completed
- Timeline needs to be developed for the implementation of the TAC and volunteer engagement
- Does not appear to address many of the NRC's subcommittee recommendations
- The proposed process appears to increase overhead and become more bureaucratic

A motion was made by I. Bray to approve staff's recommendation and to incorporate the additional comments of the Commission as it goes before City Council. The motion failed due to a lack of second.

A second motion was made by C. Greenwald, seconded by T. Westlund, to not approve the proposed policy changes as recommended by staff, and to have the Commission's comments forwarded to City Council. The motion failed with a 3-4-0-0 vote.

AYES: Greenwald, Koop and Westlund

NOES: Bray, Griswold, Hubbard and Pitesky

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

A third motion was made by T. Hubbard, seconded by I. Bray, to incorporate all Commission's comments into the proposed policy changes after meeting with all the other City Commissions, and bring a revised draft back for further review. The motion passed with a 6-1-0-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Greenwald, Griswold, Hubbard, Koop and Pitesky

NOES: Westlund

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

A fourth motion was made by C. Greenwald, seconded by E. Griswold, to request a joint meeting with the Natural Resources, Open Space & Habitat, Tree and Recreation & Parks Commissions at a later date for further discussion on the IPM policy. The motion failed with a 3-4-0-0 vote.

AYES: Greenwald, Griswold and Hubbard

NOES: Bray, Koop, Pitesky and Westlund

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

6C. Discussion on Volunteer Program to Support Parks & Community Services Department

Chairperson Griswold expressed the interest in exploring alternative volunteer programs for the Parks & Community Services Department to improve effectiveness of volunteers and to improve upon the volunteer engagement with the Department.

A motion was made by E. Griswold, seconded by T. Hubbard, to establish a 2-3 member subcommittee to evaluate the current volunteer programs for the PCS Department and to make potential recommendations for future improvements and enhancements to the Department's volunteer program.. The motion passed unanimously with a 7-0-0-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Greenwald, Griswold, Hubbard, Koop, Pitesky, and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Commissioners Greenwald, Griswold and Richter expressed interest in participating on the subcommittee. This item will be scheduled on the September 2017 meeting agenda for further discussion and appointment of the sub-committee.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

- a. Commission Work Plan – Appointment of volunteer subcommittee and re-consideration of the Bike Pump Track Proposal will be added to September 2017 agenda items, and the Off Leash Dog Permit policy will be deferred to October 2017.
- b. City Council Liaison – No report
- c. Staff Communications – The next meetings of the Sports Complex Task Force will be held on August 8 and September 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Center, Club Room.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by T. Westlund, seconded by C. Greenwald at 9:33 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Helweg
Parks & Community Services Assistant Director