



**Recreation and Park Commission  
Senior Center – Valente Room  
Thursday, September 20, 2017  
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Emily Griswold - Chair, Maurice Pitesky - Vice Chair, Ira Bray, Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald (arrived at 6:55 pm), Tyson Hubbard and Travie Westlund

Commission Members Absent: Stephanie Koop and Alternate (Vacant)

Council Liaison Present: None

Public Present: Craig Corstorphino, David Fahy, Jill and Steven Theg

Staff Present: Kevin Fong, Rachel Hartsough, Christine Helweg, Diana Jensen, Martin Jones, Kristina McClellin, Holley Saraf 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**

Staff requested that item #6B be moved ahead of #6A the agenda due to a scheduling conflict for staff.

A motion was made by T. Westlund to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by I. Bray. The motion passed with a 5-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Griswold, Hubbard, Pitesky and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: Greenwald, Koop

Abstentions: None

**3. Brief Announcements from Commissioners, Liaisons and Staff**

- Commissioner Westlund encouraged fellow commissioners to read the most recent R&R magazine from the California Parks & Recreation Society regarding homelessness in parks.
- Parks & Community Services Director Dale Sumersille announced that the Department received a \$100,000 grant award from Play Core for the playground replacement/renovation at Pioneer Park.
- Parks & Community Services Assistant Director Christine Helweg announced that the City Clerk's Office has opened a new City Commissioner recruitment. Deadline to submit applications is Thursday, October 12, 2017.

#### **4. Public Comment**

Alan Pryor provided the Commission on an update to the proposed Integrated Pest Management policy that is currently being reviewed by City staff and expressed his disappointment in the lack of substantive changes that have been made since its last review before several of the City's commissions. The proposed policy is scheduled to be considered by the City Council at a future Council meeting within the next couple of months.

Jilly Theg expressed her opposition to the proposed demonstration bike pump track at Mace Ranch Park due to its proximity to the reserveable picnic area and barbecues. The pros and cons listed in the staff report are not comprehensive enough, nor are they an accurate reflection of the proposed area.

#### **5. Consent Calendar**

A motion was made by T. Westlund to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by I. Bray. The motion passed with a 5-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Griswold, Hubbard, Pitesky and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: Greenwald, Koop

Abstentions: None

#### **6A. Temporary Art Opportunity in the Parks**

The Commission received a brief presentation from Arts & Culture Manager Rachel Hartsough on the proposed art pieces and their suggested park installations.

A motion was made by I. Bray, seconded by T. Westlund, to approve staff's recommendation to install two temporary public art pieces at Walnut and Playfields Sports Parks. The motion passed unanimously with a 6-0-1-0 vote.

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

NOES: None

Absent: Koop

Abstentions: None

#### **6B. Receive Presentation on Proposed Bike Pump Track Modifications**

Associate Civil Engineer Kevin Fong provided the Commission with a brief overview and summary of three proposed park sites to be considered for the installation of a demonstration bike pump track as proposed by the Davis Bike Park Alliance (DBPA).

The Commission received multiple email communications from residents surrounding Mace Ranch Park expressing their opposition to this site, including but not limited to:

- Lack of parking
- Park location is already heavily impacted and with the most recent renovation of the softball fields, additional community use is anticipated
- Addition of noise and dust in the area
- Re-purposing the only green space in the park that is not already designated for a specific sport or recreational use

DBPA representatives Joe Pickens and John Clay spoke in support of the proposed bike track and provided additional information about the type of facility that is being recommended, and the minimal impacts that are anticipated with this type of facility.

Additional concerns were expressed by multiple members of the Commission regarding the noticing of neighborhoods on potentially controversial issues.

A motion was made by C. Greenwald-Escamilla to recommend that the demonstration bike pump track be located at John Barovetto Park, and request that staff conduct additional community outreach to the residents surrounding this site location. The motion passed with a 6-0-1-0 vote.

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

NOES: None

Absent: Koop

Abstentions: None

#### **6C. Presentation on 2017 Aquatic Season**

Community Services Supervisor Kristina McClellin and Aquatics Coordinator Hollay Saraf provided the commission with an overview of this past summer aquatic season, including the expanded public swim hours, expanded swim lessons at Manor Pool, special events, etc.

Commissioner Pitesky expressed concern that the City should have better outreach to the community as to why the pool facilities are not open during the month of September when we typically experience hot weather. Would also like to see more flexibility in extending public swim hours instead of reserving certain hours for private pool parties.

Commissioner Bray expressed the need to expand the number of cashiering stations and improving the process to expedite entry to the pools, particularly when it is hot.

A motion was made by M. Pitesky to request that City Council direct staff to develop a matrix of options to extend the operating hours for Arroyo and Manor pools during the month of September. The motion was seconded by T. Hubbard. The motion failed with a 1-2-1-3 vote.

AYES: Pitesky

NOES: Bray and Westlund

Absent: Koop

Abstentions: Greenwald, Griswold and Hubbard

#### **6D. Appoint Subcommittee for Upcoming 2018 Teen Services Grant Process**

The Commission selected Commissioners Bray, Greenwald and Hubbard to review applications and make funding recommendations for the 2018 Teen Services Grant awards.

#### **6E. Appoint Subcommittee for Volunteer Engagement Program**

The Commission selected Commissioners Greenwald and Griswold to participate in the Volunteer Engagement Subcommittee Project.

**7. Commission and Staff Communications**

- a. Commission Work Plan – Commissioner Greenwald would like to request that a discussion item related to restroom in City parks be added to a future agenda. Staff to present pros and cons of restroom facilities, and estimated costs for installation, ongoing maintenance and capital replacement.
- b. City Council Liaison – No report

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Helweg

Parks & Community Services Assistant Director