



**Recreation and Park Commission  
Davis Senior Center Valente Room, 646 A Street  
Thursday, November 17, 2016  
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald – Chair, Travie Westlund - Vice Chair, Ira Bray, Emily Griswold, Stephanie Koop and Maurice Pitesky (arrived at 6:16 pm)

Commission Members Absent: None

Council Liaison Present: None

Public Present: Emily Henderson, Carl Hiller, Mary Kimball, Sunny Shine, Merline Williams and Natalie Nelson

Staff Present: Carrie Dyer, Tamiko Kwak, Anne Marquez, Jerry McKean and Dale Sumersille

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Greenwald at 6:04 pm.

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

A motion was made by I. Bray to approve the agenda, seconded by T. Westlund. The motion passed with a 5-0-1-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Greenwald, Griswold, Koop and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: Pitesky

Abstentions: None

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

- Director Sumersille distributed an updated department organizational chart and announced that Christine Helweg was promoted to Assistant Director. Additionally, two new staff were added to the Urban Forestry division.
- Director Sumersille announced the ExoFit unit will be installed at Arroyo Park and additional improvements will occur at Oxford Circle.
- I. Bray announced that the annual CPRS conference will be in Sacramento this March.

**4. Public Comment**

Several residents, including Merline Williams, Sunny Shine and Carl Hiller representing the Friends of the Russell Blvd Fields, are opposed to the development of the Russell Blvd fields and would like to have a presentation and/or public hearing regarding the proposed project.

**5. Consent Calendar**

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

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

NOES: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

**6A. Appoint Commission Representative for 2017 Golden Heart Awards Selection Committee**

Stephanie volunteered to be the representative for the Golden Heart Awards, and the Commission agreed by consensus.

**6B. 2017 Teen Services Grant Funding Recommendations**

A motion was made by I. Bray to approve the subcommittee's funding recommendations as identified in the staff report. The motion was seconded by S. Koop. The motion passed with a 6-0-0-0 vote.

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

NOES: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

**7. Commission and Staff Communications**

- a. Commission Work Plan – the Commission expressed interest in adding the Russell Fields topic to a future meeting agenda.
- b. Upcoming Meeting Items/Events – Director Sumersille mentioned that the Commission will need to meet on December 15 – Commissioners E. Griswold and S. Koop will not be available
- c. Subcommittee Reports/Inter-Commission Liaison Reports
  1. City Council Liaison – No report.
  2. Finance & Budget Commission – T. Westlund reported the FBC discussed unfunded OPEB at the last meeting.
  3. Open Space & Habitat Commission – Commissioners Griswold and Greenwald will alternate the next few meetings and report back to the Commission until a permanent liaison can be selected.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by E. Griswold, seconded by T. Westlund at 6:57 pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Helweg  
Community Services Superintendent