



**Recreation and Park Commission
Davis Senior Center Valente Room, 646 A Street
Thursday, December 15, 2016
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald – Chair, Travie Westlund - Vice Chair, Ira Bray, and Maurice Pitesky

Commission Members Absent: Emily Griswold and Stephanie Koop

Council Liaison Present: None

Public Present: Alex & Merry Draffan, Chris Granger, John Johnston, Codie Kamisky, Andrew Minsk, Nathaniel & Nora Oldwin, Alice, Evan and John Provost, Alan Pryor, Caroline Sunny Shine, Colin Walsh and Carson Wilcox

Staff Present: Christine Helweg and Martin Jones

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Greenwald at 7:10 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 4-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Greenwald, Pitesky and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: Griswold, Koop

Abstentions: None

3. Brief Announcements from Commissioners, Liaisons and Staff

- Chairperson Greenwald stated that she had attended the Integrated Pest Management Public Forum held on December 7, and it was well attended.
- Assistant Director provided the Commission with copies of written correspondence by Chris Granger concerning the proposed field improvements by the Davis Youth Softball Association, and a copy of the press release that was distributed by UCD related to their Long Range Development Plan.

4. Public Comment

Residents, Carolyn Sunny Shine and Colin Walsh, representing the Friends of the Russell Blvd Fields, presented copies of Senate Bill 1386 to the Commission and requested that the Commission vocalize its support of maintaining the UCD fields in their present condition. Requested formal presentation to the Commission at the January 2017 meeting.

5. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by T. Westlund to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by I. Bray. The motion passed with a 4-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Greenwald, Pitesky and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: Griswold and Koop

Abstentions: None

6A. Davis Youth Softball Association (DYSA) Field and Safety Improvement Proposal

Parks Superintendent Martin Jones presented the proposed field improvements being requested by DYSA for Slide Hill and Community Parks. For the upcoming 2017, DYSA would like to pursue the field improvements at Slide Hill Park as the first phase.

Several neighboring residents of Slide Hill Park spoke in opposition to the proposal based upon concerns stemming from:

- Increased parking and neighborhood traffic
- Additional noise concerns
- Additional impacts to the parks ability to handle increased use
- Alter the nature of the neighborhood park to that more similar to a community park
- Alter the general multiuse space within the park to more of a single use
- The loss of open space in the park
- Restroom accessibility

DYSA representative, Carson Wilcox, stated that the season would typically operate during the months of March through May, with limited uses in the fall and winter months. DYSA is committed to working with neighbors to try and identify a compromise that would allow increased use at this location.

City staff offered to set up a future meeting date with community neighbors as needed for further discussion. No action was taken on this item and continued discussion is scheduled for the January 19, 2017 Commission meeting date.

6B. Review of Enabling Resolution for Recreation and Park Commission

A motion was made by I. Bray to amend the first paragraph in Section 2 – Membership to read as follows:

“The Recreation and Park Commission shall consist of seven (7) members and one (1) alternate. All voting members of the Recreation and Park Commission, regular and alternate, shall be appointed by the City Council. Two (2) additional student commissioners may also serve on the Commission as Ex-Officio members, and shall consist of one (1) high school level student from the DJUSD and one (1) UC Davis student. The two students shall be appointed by the City Council, and shall serve a one (1) year term.”

The motion was seconded by T. Westlund. The motion passed with a 4-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Greenwald, Pitesky and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: Griswold and Koop

Abstentions: None

A second motion was made by T. Westlund, seconded by I. Bray to approve staff's additional modifications, including:

- Insert new item #1d – Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan;
- Formalize the two commission liaison positions to the Finance and Budget and the Open Space and Habitat Commissions on an annual basis.

The motion passed with a 4-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Greenwald, Pitesky and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: Griswold and Koop

Abstentions: None

A third motion was made by Maurice Pitesky, seconded by C. Greenwald, that would give full voting membership rights to the two student commissioners. The motion failed with a 2-2-2-0 vote.

AYES: Greenwald and Pitesky

NOES: Bray and Westlund

Absent: Griswold and Koop

Abstentions: None

7. Commission and Staff Communications

a. Commission Work Plan – the Commission requested that the Central Park Gardens update be moved to February 2017 and that an update on the Department Cost Recovery be provided at a future meeting of the Commission.

b. Upcoming Meeting Items/Events – no report.

c. Subcommittee Reports/Inter-Commission Liaison Reports

1. City Council Liaison – No report.
2. Finance & Budget Commission – T. Westlund reported the FBC did not have any relevant items this past month.
3. Open Space & Habitat Commission – no report.
4. IPM Public Forum – Resident Alan Pryor gave a brief overview of the IPM Public Forum that was held on December 7, 2016. Additional information will be made available to the Commission sometime in the future.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by T. Westlund, seconded by I. Bray at 9:37 pm.
The motion was passed with a 4-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Greenwald, Pitesky and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: Griswold and Koop

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Helweg
Community Services Superintendent