



**Recreation and Park Commission
Davis Senior Center Activity Room, 646 A Street
Thursday, May 15, 2014
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Ira Bray (Chair), Dawn Einwalter, Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald, Travie Westlund and Marq Truscott

Commission Members Absent: Katerina Robinson, Francis Resta, and Charlie Russell

Council Liaison Present: None

Staff Present: Christine Helweg, David Luckscheider, Samantha Wallace, and Bob Bowen

Public Present: None

Chair Ira Bray called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by T. Westlund, seconded by D. Einwalter to approve the meeting minutes of April 17, 2014.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. Written Communications

Staff presented informational handouts on Measures O and P.

Staff also distributed an additional playground design for the Warm Remembrance Project for consideration under Item #6.

5. Presentation by Davis Bike Park Alliance

Joe Pickens and Nick Watterson, with the Davis Bike Park Alliance, gave a presentation outlining their organization and detailing their proposal to build natural surface bike areas. They provided the Commission with a slideshow of sample pump track designs and locations including Elk Grove, Truckee, Fresno, and Valmont, Colorado. Currently, there are 3-4 design companies that assist with the development of bike parks.

The Davis Bike Park Alliance believes these natural surface bike areas will give Davis residents the opportunity to have an off-road experience without leaving the city. These areas can also be used for Cyclocross, a type of bike racing that is now one of the fastest growing sports.

They requested one or more demonstration pump tracks and possible trails around them and suggested the 2nd Street frontage road, by the bike path, near Explorit as a possible location. They also added that maintenance for these areas is typically only needed 1-2 times a year, depending on the weather.

The Davis Bike Park Alliance is in talks with Yolo County as well for a larger scale bike park in excess of 30-40 acres.

T. Westlund – thought it was worth exploring the concept, especially on 2nd Street.

C. Greenwald – liked the concept and was surprised that Davis hasn't already done something like this.

D. Einwalter – felt that potential locations need to be identified.

M. Truscott – suggested forming a subcommittee and supported the concept.

I. Bray – supported the concept.

M. Truscott and C. Greenwald – interested in working on concept.

The Commission, overall, expressed interest for staff to continue to work with representatives of the Davis Bike Park Alliance to identify potential pump track sites.

6. Update and Design Review of Warm Remembrance Family Play Area

Bob Bowen, Public Relations Manager, provided a historical overview of the project, and a status update on current fundraising efforts and playground design options. A motion was made by C. Greenwald, seconded by T. Westlund to approve the staff recommendations 1-4 as listed in the staff report. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Community Pool Lease Agreement with Davis Aquadarts

Samantha Wallace, Community Services Superintendent, provided the Commission with historical background information on the Community Pool summer lease. She spoke about the interest for a longer term lease and options to lease the Community Pool complex to the Davis Aquadarts on a 3-5 year lease term.

Billy Doughty provided an overview of the Davis Aquadarts program, which is the 21st ranked swim team in the United States. Mr. Doughty believes the long term lease at Community Pool will allow the Aquadarts to expand their program to year-round.

The Commission was very supportive of the joint programming and long-term lease concept. A motion was made by C. Greenwald, seconded by M. Truscott to support the year-round, long-term lease of the Community Pool complex to the Davis Aquadarts.

8. Review and Discussion of Playfields Sports Park

I. Bray provided an informational slide show of the amenities of Playfields Sports Park.

T. Westlund and C. Greenwald – believe shrubbery planters are a major problem. Kids climb on the planters and damage the vegetation. Tree wells are also a problem with the raising of the concrete around them.

D. Einwalter – scoreboard on the north field not working. The middle cage in the batting cages was not working. Feels that generally the fields are well maintained, that every area is used, and the park is very well loved.

M. Truscott – feels Playfields Sport Park is a wonderful asset to Davis’ parks system.

T. Westlund – the city runs the concessions stand, which generates high revenue from city leagues and private rentals.

I. Bray – stated the site needs painting and suggested possibly providing the restrooms with murals and new flooring.

The Commission expressed interest in discussing Slide Hill Park next month. Superintendent Wallace offered to take commissioners on a tour of Manor Pool, which is located in Slide Hill Park if desired.

9. Commissioner Announcements/Comments

None

10. Liaison Reports

None

11. Staff Reports/Updates.

- a) Update on Central Park deck repair
- b) Update on Northstar Park deck repair
- c) Requested to reconsider the dog park standards for the June meeting
- d) The Commission requested that the Playfields Sports Park plans come back in the July meeting
- e) M. Truscott will not be available for the June meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Helweg
Community Services Superintendent