



**Recreation and Park Commission
City Hall – Community Chambers
Wednesday, July 18, 2018
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Tyson Hubbard - Chair, Ira Bray, Emily Griswold, Cheri Harrington and Travie Westlund.

Commission Members Absent: Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald, Osman Mufti

Council Liaison Present: None

Public Present: Scott Adler and Greg Stoner

Staff Present: Dale Sumersille, Christine Helweg and Martin Jones

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hubbard at 6:30 pm.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by E. Griswold to approve the agenda, seconded by T. Westlund. The motion passed with a 5-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Harrington, Hubbard, Griswold and Westlund.

NOES: None

Absent: Greenwald and Mufti

Abstentions: None

3. Brief Announcements from Commissioners, Liaisons and Staff

- I. Bray made a brief announcement about the recent 58th Annual Kiddie Parade on July 4, which he stated was a great success.
- E. Griswold briefly discussed the positive feedback from the Russell Blvd Project meeting on July 14, 2018. E. Griswold also expressed her sadness for the recent departure of former Parks Supervisor Tammy Rominger who secured employment with the City of Sacramento.
- T. Hubbard commented on the recent play structure renovation at Covell Greenbelt #3, which has been getting a lot of use and positive reviews.

Parks & Community Services Director Dale Sumersille made the following announcements:

- Director Sumersille and Administrative Analyst Ginger Hashimoto conducted a site visit and tour of the Russell Blvd. Green Street Demonstration Project to the State Project Officer and her staff last week. They were very impressed with the scope of the project and design elements.
- On July 16, staff met with neighbors of Hacienda Park regarding the proposed new playground structure. The project is expected to be completed in early October.

- The next City Council meeting will be held on July 31, they will be on summer recess until the August 28, 2018 meeting.

4. Public Comment

Scott Adler provided a brief presentation to the Commission on the need to generate additional pickleball courts at Walnut Park. Mr. Adler stated that recently 30 people arrived at Walnut Park to play pickleball on the four designated courts and had to wait, which created frustration due to the additional five designated tennis courts were unoccupied. Mr. Adler is requesting that additional tennis courts be converted to pickleball courts to allow for greater playing opportunities at Walnut Park for the current 80 members of the Davis Pickleball League.

5A. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by T. Westlund to approve the Consent Calendar as amended below, seconded by E. Griswold. The motion passed with a 5-0-2-0 vote.

A correction was requested to amend the adjournment from the June 20, 2018 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. Let the record show that the motion to adjourn by C. Greenwald was seconded by O. Mufti.

AYES: Bray, Harrington, Hubbard, Griswold and Westlund.

NOES: None

Absent: Greenwald and Mufti

Abstentions: None

5B. Director's Project Update

T. Westlund moved to approve all project updates, seconded by C. Harrington. The motion passed with a 5-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Harrington, Hubbard, Griswold and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: Greenwald and Mufti

Abstentions: None

5C. Child's Letter Concerning the Unauthorized Use of K Street Mini Park

Staff shared a letter with the Commission that was written by a child that frequents the K Street mini park in Davis. The letter stated that there was an instructor that has been conducting dog obedience training courses on the property, which is against the Davis Municipal Code. These activities have become a problem for the neighborhood due to amount of pet waste in the park and on the play structure. Staff requested feedback from the Commission prior to drafting a letter requesting that the instructor cease and desist all dog obedience training classes within the park.

T. Hubbard moved to have the Commission draft a letter to the resident to cease and desist dog obedience classes at K Street Park. Seconded by I. Bray. The motion passed with a 5-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Harrington, Hubbard, Griswold and Westlund.

NOES: None

Absent: Greenwald and Mufti

Abstentions: None

6A. National Accreditation Presentation

The Commission received a presentation by Assistant Director Christine Helweg on the National Accreditation process that the Department has decided to embark on through the National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA). This project was initially started in February 2017 but was paused until after the final election results of the Park Maintenance Tax Renewal in June 2018. The Commission made the following comments:

- I. Bray had concerns about how staff felt about the process, which C. Helweg replied staff had a 98% approval rating of the project.
- C. Harrington thinks the project is very exciting but is curious about why now and if staff have looked into other accreditations. C. Helweg stated that the National Parks & Recreation Association (NRPA) and the California Parks & Recreation Society (CPRS) tailor this accreditation to our industry.
- E. Griswold would like to learn more about the standards. C. Helweg agreed to send the Accreditation link to all Commission members.
- T. Westlund would like to know about the cost involved in this project. C. Helweg stated that a lot of the work involved is collecting existing documents. Additional documents will need to be developed by staff during normal business hours, approximately 10-15 hours per month per employee. The initial cost for the Accreditation is \$7,000.00 - \$10,000.00.
- T. Hubbard stated that this is a good opportunity for self-reflection and an opportunity to improve.

C. Helweg notified the Commission that she would email a list of the categories associated with the Accreditation and invited the Commissioners to participate in the process.

6B. Aquatics Interest Survey

This informational item requests the Commissioners to review and provide feedback to the Aquatics subcommittee regarding the draft Aquatics Interest Survey prior to its public distribution.

Commission members made the following comments:

- T. Westlund would like to know what information we will generate from question #23.

- E. Griswold believes that Question #7 is more about age demographics and would like to know what the overall goal is for this section. E. Griswold also has concerns about the overall demographic information gathering.
- I. Bray believes the survey should be shortened, as the current format is too long. Also, will this be available online? He also suggested that Question #9 should list the choices as A, B, C, etc... I. Bray asked how youth between the ages of 12 – 18 years could learn about the survey. I. Bray mentioned that in 2008 a survey was distributed to this age group during school hours and received approximately 2,000 responses. C. Helweg stated that survey distribution has not been discussed at this time.
- E. Griswold would like to know if we can prepare a one page survey to target youth for their input on aquatics.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

- D. Carson sent his apologies for not being able to attend the Commission meeting.

Commissioner I. Bray moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by T. Westlund at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Martin Jones
Parks Superintendent