



**Recreation and Park Commission
City Hall – Community Chambers
Wednesday, January 16, 2019
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Travie Westlund – Vice Chair, Ira Bray, Bruce Harland, Cheri Harrington, Timm Herdt.

Commission Members Absent: Tyson Hubbard – Chair, Emily Griswold.

Council Liaison Present: Dan Carson - Absent

Public Present: Alan Pryor and Allison Sentfield

Staff Present: Dale Sumersille, Christine Helweg, Martin Jones, Anne Marquez, Kristina McClellin and Michael Cirelli.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Westlund at 6:29 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 C. Harrington. The motion passed with a 5-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Harland, Harrington, Herdt and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: E. Griswold and T. Hubbard

Abstentions: None

3. Brief Announcements from Commissioners, Liaisons and Staff

- T. Westlund called for a moment of silence to honor fallen Officer Natalie Corona.
- C. Helweg introduced the newly appointed Commissioners, Bruce Harland and Timm Herdt to the Recreation and Park Commission.
- D. Sumersille informed the Commissioners that the Arbor Day Art Contest would be accepting entries until February 1, 2019 and all art entries will be on display at City Hall from February 18, 2019 to March 8, 2019. The Arbor Day celebration will take place on March 17, 2019, tree plantings will be at Chestnut Park.
- D. Sumersille also informed the Commissioners that the Parks Division would be installing additional Cal Recycle containers throughout various parks and greenbelts between January and March.

4. Public Comment

- Alan Pryor praised the Parks Division for not utilizing any herbicides or pesticides in City parks or greenbelts since the adoption of the new IPM policy, except for the one application that occurred at Arroyo Park. Mr. Pryor also expressed concern over the

delay on hiring a new IPM Specialist; he also noted that he would like the City to plant more natives and pollinators in the City landscapes.

5. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by C. Harrington to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by I. Bray. The motion passed with a 3-0-2-2 vote.

AYES: Bray, Harrington and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: E. Griswold and T. Hubbard

Abstentions: Harland and Herdt

6A. Presentation on 2018 summer season – Adult & Youth Sports

The Commission received a presentation by Community Services Supervisor Kristina McClellin and Sports Coordinator Michael Cirelli regarding a recap of the 2018 summer season.

Commissioner comments are as follows:

- I. Bray stated that he was impressed with the vast amount of staffing utilized.
- B. Harland thought the presentation was very informative, in relation to the amount of activities offered and the participation.
- T. Westlund appreciated the presentation and enjoyed the content.

6B. Commercial Use of Public Spaces Policy and Procedure

The Commission received a presentation by Community Services Supervisor Anne Marquez and Assistant Director Christine Helweg on the proposed Commercial Use of Public Spaces policy and procedure.

The Commission had the following comments:

- B. Harland likes the policy but would like paragraphs 9 & 10, on page 6, to be more consistent. B. Harland would also like to see a catch-all disclaimer stating that users would need to abide by all City regulations.
- I. Bray appreciates all the work that went into preparing this document but would like to see it come back to the Commission after one year of its implementation so the policy and procedures can be reviewed and/or modified as needed.
- C. Harrington would like to look at the document for consistency; moreover, C. Harrington would like the Recreation and Park Commission to review the applications for interested users to determine if they meet the criteria.
- T. Herdt stated that 60 days seems a little lengthy and would prefer to see a monthly statement of approved applications.
- T. Westlund expressed cautiousness about waiting until next month to review.

Public Comment

- Allison Sentfield commented how problematic this process can be and determining whether or not a user group caused damage to an area.

A motion was made by C. Harrington to approve the proposed policy and procedure for Commercial Use of Public Spaces and to forward to City Council with recommended changes as discussed by the Commission, seconded by B. Harland. The motion passed with a 5-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Harland, Harrington, Herdt and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: E. Griswold and T. Hubbard

Abstentions: None

6C. Review and Discussion of Central Park

The Commission selects a park location each month to review and discuss existing amenities and potential maintenance related issues. This is an informational item only – no specific action is being recommended.

Commission members made the following comments:

- B. Harland has seen very few maintenance issues in the park, the play structure is a great asset to the park.
- I. Bray believes that the southeast corner of the park could be utilized more by students with additional seating. Also, light could be integrated into the walkways for additional safety. I. Bray would also like to see improved use of spaces by painting school yard play areas under the pavilion; furthermore, additional trash/recycling cans could be placed throughout the park and the restroom concrete floors could be coated with an anti-bacterial surface for aesthetics and cleanliness.
- C. Harrington is grateful for Central Park but would like to see additional lighting and additional community events.
- T. Herdt feels blessed to have this Park be the center of the community. Would like to see a more visible stage and the children's water feature brought back.
- T. Westlund commented on how well the new signs at the base of the Oak Tree are keeping people out of the sensitive area. T. Westlund also mentioned that the gates around the playground are missing latches and the springs are in bad shape.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

- A. No City Council Liaison report.
- B. The City is still in negotiations with the firm, the Consultant will go before City Council in February 2019 for approval on a contract.
- C. C. Helweg, C. Harrington and E. Griswold met to discuss the Council/Commission goals. This item will be brought back before the Commission with more detailed information.
- D. No report at this time.

8. Future Agenda Items

- Mace Ranch will be the next City park to be reviewed.
- Robert Cain will make a presentation on the City Urban Forestry Program.

- Selection of a new Chair and Vice Chair in February 2019.

Commissioner I. Bray moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by T. Westlund at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Martin Jones

Parks Superintendent