



**Recreation and Park Commission  
City Hall – Community Chambers  
Wednesday, May 15, 2019  
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Emily Griswold – Vice Chair, Ira Bray, Bruce Harland, Timm Herdt, Tyson Hubbard (6:32pm) and Travia Westlund

Commission Members Absent: Cheri Harrington

Council Liaison Present: Dan Carson

Public Present: Nora Oldwin, Chris Granger, Liza Katz, John Johnston and Andrew Minsk

Staff Present: Dale Sumersille, Christine Helweg, Martin Jones and Anne Marquez

The meeting was called to order by Chair Harrington at 6:31 pm.

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

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

A motion was made by B. Harland to approve the agenda, seconded by T. Westlund. The motion passed with a 6-0-1-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Griswold, Harland, Herdt, Hubbard, and Westlund.

NOES: None

Absent: Harrington

Abstentions: None

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

- D. Sumersille informed the Commissioners that Celebrate Davis has been rescheduled to June 15, 2019 due to rain.
- D. Sumersille made the following City Council announcements:
  - City Council approved the SE Landscape Contract for Botanica Landscapes.
  - City Council approved the Sports Complex Feasibility Study.
  - City Council Members will be conducting a meeting with Slide Hill Park residents on May 15, 2019 to discuss the Pickleball/Tennis Courts.
- C. Helweg informed the Commission that Heather Everett will be replacing Jamie Elliott on May 24, 2019 as the Community Services Program Coordinator. Heather brings a wealth of knowledge to the program.
- D. Sumersille announced that staff is currently in negotiations to secure a one-year lease for fall Gymnastics Programs. The Civic Gym roof bid to go out next month.
- I. Bray announced that there will be openings on the Recreation & Parks Commission, applications for positions are due May 20, 2019.

- D. Carson informed the Commission that the first step in the City Budget is underway, a draft of the budget is coming out this Friday May 17, 2019.

#### **4. Public Comment**

- Nora Oldwin, a resident of the Slide Hill Park neighborhood spoke to the Commission about the proposed changes of the Slide Hill Tennis Courts. Residents were not notified about the development of the courts; the surfacing makes sense but the design could use community input. Additional points are as follows:
  - Can the design be set aside but keep the maintenance of the courts?
  - Revise the notification process to include the community.
  - Would like to have the minutes of meetings available sooner.
- Chris Granger a Slide Hill Park resident stated that Slide Hill is a busy park with lots of traffic and the pools are not yet open. When making changes to the park we should be looking at capacity.
- Liza Katz a Slide Hill Park resident would like to be notified of developments in the park. Pickleball is loud and will cause noise pollution, plus proposed tournaments will bring greater noise.
- John Johnston stated that Slide Hill Park is designated as a neighborhood park per the 2011 Parks Master Plan. Changes should include neighborhood residents and would like to establish an agenda for discussion on public outreach for changes in neighborhood parks.
- Andrew Minsk a resident of Slide Hill Park is not pleased with the court development, which will bring an inappropriate size of crowds. Mr. Lint would like to have an acoustics study completed to determine the noise levels.

#### **5. Consent Calendar**

##### **A. Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2019**

E. Griswold asked to have the Environmental Restoration Award removed from the April 17, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by I. Bray to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by T. Herdt. The motion passed with a 5-0-1-1 vote.

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

NOES: None

Absent: Harrington

Abstentions: Harland

##### **B. Director's Project Update – May 15, 2019**

- D. Sumersille informed the Commission that Urban Forestry was awarded the Cal Fire Grant for an Urban Forestry Master Plan and planting of 1000 trees over three years with the assistance of Tree Davis. T. Westlund inquired if staff has a good plan to irrigate the newly planted 1,000 trees.

#### **6. Regular Agenda Items**

##### **A. Presentation on 2018-2019 Teen Services – Teen Leadership Council (TLC)**

The Commission will receive a presentation by Community Services Supervisor Anne Marquez and Community Services Coordinator Robert Larson.

- The focus of the program is as follows:

- The program provides leadership skills to youth
- This is a Personal, Professional and Development Program.

Commissioner comments are as follows:

- D. Carson thanked the teens who have participated for their Community Service.
- I. Bray – Is very impressed with the program and thanked the teens for their Community Service.
- B. Harland “You are our future and your efforts make Davis a better place to live.”

**B. Designate a Commission Representative(s) to Receive Proclamation for July 2019 as National Parks and Recreation Month**

The Commission will assign a representative or two to receive the proclamation that will be presented by the City Council at their meeting on June 18, 2019 recognizing July 2019 as National Parks and Recreation Month.

B. Harland nominated Chair C. Harrington and Vice Chair E. Griswold to receive the proclamation that will be presented at City Council June 18, 2019 recognizing July 2019 as National Parks and Recreation Month. T. Hubbard seconded the nomination. The motion passed with a 6-0-1-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Griswold, Harland, Herdt, Hubbard, and Westlund.

NOES: None

Absent: Harrington

Abstentions: None

**6C. Review and Discussion of Northstar 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 – no specific action is required.

Commissioner comments are as follows:

- I. Bray informed staff about bedding in the restrooms.
- T. Herdt stated this is a very well-maintained park, though there are a few weeds in the sand area adjacent to the playground. The plaques on the memorial benches are a particularly nice feature.
- T. Westlund stated that there are weeds on the North and South sides of the Park and two dead trees; overall this is a very nice park.
- T. Hubbard uses the park a lot, including the nature trail; additionally, mentioned that the tot lot could use additional sand.
- I. Bray stated that the bathroom needs attention to the flooring and mirrors, the water fountain needs repair as do the pond interpretive signs.
- B. Harland uses the park frequently, the soccer fields are very well maintained.
- E. Griswold stated that she enjoys the wildlife area in the park and the observation deck.

**7. Commission Comments and Staff Communications**

**A. City Council Liaison**

- D. Carson would like input from the Recreation & Park Commission on how to communicate to the community on development projects.

**B. Aquatic Economic Analysis**

- Currently the Consultants are working on putting together comments and feedback.

**C. Art in Public Spaces**

- The Art sub-committee has not yet met.

**D. Parks Maintenance Standards**

- T. Westlund met with L. Corbett to discuss the mulch piles that should be spread throughout the landscape within 24-hours. Recommended putting together for the Landscape Contractor for weed removal and mulching. The steam machine utilized for weed abatement kills the grasses but seem to be ineffective against the broadleaf weeds. Overall the landscapers are not picking up after themselves and gopher and squirrel holes are increasing throughout Wildhorse Parks.

**E. Volunteer Engagement Sub-committee**

- Human Resources is currently working on how to classify the Volunteer Coordinator position. The position will be housed in the Parks & Community Services Department beginning July 1, 2019

**8. Future Agenda Items**

- I. Bray would like to see an update on the Slide Hill Park Pickleball development project.
- E. Griswold would like to review public noticing for future projects.
- Next park for Commission review is Slide Hill Park.

Commissioner T. Herdt moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by T. Westlund at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Martin Jones  
Parks & Community Services Superintendent