



**Recreation and Park Commission
City Hall – Community Chambers
Wednesday, February 19, 2020
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Timm Herdt – Chair, Darci Silbaugh – Vice Chair, Emily Griswold, Bruce Harland, Cheri Harrington, Robert Ono and Erik Vink.

Commission Members Absent: Tyson Hubbard

Council Liaison Present: Dan Carson (6:53pm)

Public Present:

Staff Present: Christine Helweg, Dale Sumersille, Martin Jones, Rob Cain, Yael Franco (Tree Davis)

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by C. Harrington to approve the agenda, seconded by R. Ono. The motion passed with a 7-0-1-0 vote.

AYES: Griswold, Harland, Harrington, Herdt, Silbaugh, Ono and Vink

NOES: None

Absent: Hubbard

Abstentions: None

3. Brief Announcements from Commissioners, Liaisons and Staff

- Assistant Director Christine Helweg made the following announcements:
 - Hollay Shayegi has been selected as the full-time Sports/Aquatics Coordinator.
 - Marissa Rooney has been selected as the Outdoor Education/Gymnastics Coordinator.
 - Anna McAuley has been selected as the Urban Forest Technician.
 - Extended interviews to 11 candidates for Playfields Maintenance Worker II, to be filled by late March 2020.
 - Solicitated scope of work from On-call Landscape firm for the proposed splashpad at Central Park. Consultations and revisions to be completed before submission to the City Manager.
- D. Sumersille made the following announcements:
 - Currently reviewing internal communications and two tiers of noticing, feedback will be requested from RPC Commissioners in a few months.
 - The outdoor fitness grant project from ExoFit has been finalized by Stantec, installation to be completed by the end of summer 2020.

- There are currently no updates from the State on the Revitalization Project, the deadline is August 3, 2020.
- Survey postcards were mailed to Arroyo Park residents at a 1,000-foot radius from the Park for input on current and future facility improvements.
- Public Works, Environmental Resource Division has re-opened recruitment for an Integrated Pest Management Specialist.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Consent Calendar

A. Meeting Minutes from January 15, 2020

C. Harrington requested that the minutes be amended to include another bullet item under #8 – Future Agenda Items stating:

- C. Harrington requested that the Aggie Research Campus project be scheduled for a future discussion item.

A motion was made by E. Vink to approve the meeting minutes from the Consent Calendar as amended, and was seconded by B. Harland. The motion passed with a 7-0-1-0 vote.

AYES: Griswold, Harland, Harrington, Herdt, Silbaugh, Ono and Vink

NOES: None

Absent: Hubbard

Abstentions: None

6. Regular Agenda Items

A. Urban Forest and Tree Davis Presentation

The Commission received a presentation by Rob Cain, Urban Forest Manager and Yael Franco, a representative from Tree Davis on the City of Davis Urban Forestry Program and the process of the CalFire Grant. This was an informational item only and no action was taken by the Commission.

B. Review and Discussion on Phase II Proposals for the Aquatics and Sports Complex Economic & Financial Analysis Projects

The Commission reviewed and provided additional feedback to staff regarding the deliverables to be included in Phase II of both the Aquatics and Sports Complex Economic & Financial Analysis proposals.

Commissioners made the following comments/recommendations:

- There needs to be a greater focus on casual aquatic users.
- Task 12 should be primary, not optional.
- Funding sources need to be identified for Parks & Recreation Master Plan.
- Include additional information on weed abatement for Task 1.
- Include additional information on quality, quantity and variety of play.
- Clarify cost estimates for operations & maintenance for Task 3.
- Making improvements might not be universally embraced by neighborhoods.

A motion was made by E. Griswold to proceed with both the Aquatics and Sports Complex Analysis – Phase II, incorporating comments provided by the Commission and in conjunction with the launch of the Parks & Recreation Facilities Master Plan Update. The motion was seconded by D. Silbaugh. The motion passed 7-0-1-0.

AYES: Griswold, Harland, Harrington, Herdt, Silbaugh, Ono and Vink.

NOES: None

Absent: Hubbard

Abstentions: None

(City Council Liaison Carson left the meeting at approximately 8:35pm)

C. Review and Discuss 2020 Commission Goals and Proposed Work Plan

The Commission reviewed their 2019 Work Plan and determined their goals and objectives for the 2020 calendar year. A motion was made by D. Silbaugh to approve the Work Plan as presented in the staff report. . The motion was seconded by R. Ono. The motion passed 7-0-1-0.

AYES: Griswold, Harland, Harrington, Herdt, Silbaugh, Ono and Vink

NOES: None

Absent: Hubbard

Abstentions: None

7. Commission Comments and Staff Communications

A. City Council Liaison – No report. Golden Hearts Committee is holding an event March 10, 2020 at the City Council Chambers.

B. Aquatic Economic Analysis – no further discussion beyond Item 6B.

C. Art in Public Spaces – No report. C. Helweg to follow up with Rachel Hartsough, Cultural Arts Manager.

D. Parks Maintenance Standards – No report.

E. Volunteer Engagement Sub-committee – No report.

8. Future Agenda Items

C. Harrington would like to see a discussion regarding the Aggie Research Center added to the future agenda items.

Commissioner E. Griswold moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by B. Harland at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Martin Jones

Parks Superintendent