



**Recreation and Park Commission
Davis Joint Unified School District, East Conference Room
526 B Street
Thursday, May 21, 2009
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Michael Beckman, Roger Gambatese, Robert Glassburner, Nathaniel Leachman, Nicole Slaton and Susan Sabatier (Vice-Chair)

Commission Members Absent: Michael Bartolic and Lorraine Hwang

Council Liaison Present: Lamar Heystek

Staff Present: Lisa Buckman, Anne Brunette, Sandy Dietrich, Elvia Garcia-Ayala, Donna Silva and Christine Helweg

Public Present: Megan Contreras, Rich Healy, Pamela Mannini, Barry and Laura McClure, Norm VanBrocklin, and Lou Ziskind

Chairperson L. Hwang called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

1. **Approval of the Agenda**
Approved by consensus
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
The minutes of March 19, 2009 were approved by consensus.
3. **Public Communications**
None.
4. **Written Communications**
The Commission reviewed a written letter received by Davis resident, Alan Hirsch, regarding the overflow of bicycles at Central Park on Saturday Farmer's Market time period. S. Sabatier made a motion to refer this item to the City Bicycle Commission, seconded by N. Leachman, passed unanimously.
5. **Presentation of \$2,000 Grant to the City of Davis by the Greater Sacramento Softball Association (GSSA)**
GSSA representative, Bill Gubel, presented a ceremonial check in the amount of \$2,068.80 to be used at the Playfields Park. The funds are part of a grant program that the Greater Sacramento Softball Association provides to local parks and recreation agencies each year.
6. **Reservation Policy and Conditions of Use for Synthetic Turf Soccer Field**

Superintendent Helweg reviewed the draft Reservation Policy and Conditions of Use for the new synthetic turf soccer field at Playfields Park. No action was taken by the Commission, however, requested areas for clarification within the policy and rules included the following:

- Where do teams warm up prior to game time?
- Establish reservation use priorities to avoid potential scheduling conflicts and reduced revenue generation
- General Reservation Info - #4, excluding existing restroom facilities
- General Field & Park Info - #6, ponies are prohibited in city parks
- Inclement Weather – redefine use for synthetic field
- Conditions of Use – consistent spelling of “infield” throughout document
- Wheeled Ice Coolers on synthetic turf
- Re-word blood-borne pathogens section

Residents Steve Kroencke and Mark Lutkenhouse requested that the City inquire about lining the turf field for Lacrosse too. Parks and General Services staff will follow up on this item and bring back additional information to the Commission at a later date.

A final version of both documents will return to the Commission in May for final approval and recommendation to the City Council.

7. Teen Program Scenarios

Superintendent Helweg gave the Commission a brief summary of the staff report and announced that the City of Davis has been selected as the final destination city for the U.S. Bicycle Hall of Fame & Museum. At this time, staff believes there is a high probability that the Third & B facility could be re-used for this purpose pending City Council’s approval. In anticipation of their evaluation of the facility re-use and City Council’s request for potential enhanced teen programming, staff has developed two programming scenarios that the City Council may consider at their regular meeting on May 5, 2009.

The Commission expressed their concern that the facility was being considered without having any viable alternatives identified for teen programming. Resident, Ira Bray, stated that many of the targeted teens are attending the library after school, and the City could possibly initiate some collaborative teen programming.

Motion #1 - Motion was made by S. Sabatier, seconded by L. Hwang to urge the City Council not to re-use the Third & B facility until such time as an alternate facility has been identified and secured for teen programming. The motion passed as follows:

Motion: Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 Abs: 0

The Commission further stated that if the City Council should decide to proceed with the immediate re-use of the Third & B facility, the Recreation and Parks Commission would like to request from the City Council a firm commitment to providing an alternative facility and additional programming resources necessary during the duration of the relocation of the program.

8. Review and Discussion on Proposed FY2009-2010 Budget Reductions

Community Services Director, Elvia Garcia-Ayala, and Parks and General Services Director, Donna Silva, presented an overview of each department's operating budget and their respective proposed budget reductions for FY2009-2010.

The Commission took no action other than re-affirmed the proposed department reductions and their prioritization by each Department. The Commission also requested that the City Council approve the previously recommended actions of the Commission including the elimination of Lap Swim, elimination of supervised skatepark hours, and the early closure of the swim season by one week for both Arroyo and Manor pools.

9. Final Approval of 2009 Work Plan for Recreation and Parks Commission

The Commission reviewed the draft work plan and objectives for 2009 and made no additions. Comments from Commissioner R. Gambatese, which had been included with the staff report, were deferred until such time that Commissioner Gambatese could provide the commission with more details about his intent and purpose. Commissioner Gambatese was unable to attend the meeting due to a previous meeting commitment.

A motion was made by S. Sabatier, seconded by N. Leachman to approve the 2009 Work Plan as presented in the staff report. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Commissioner Announcements/Comments

None.

11. Liaison/Staff Reports

- City Council Liaison report – No report
- Finance & Budget Commission (FBC) – Commissioner Leachman stated that members of the FBC were discouraged that city departments were not being asked to reduce and/or make significant enough reductions given the budget forecasts.
- Open Space and Habitat Commission – No report
- Upcoming Commission Meetings – Thursday, May 21, 2009

The meeting was adjourned by Chair L. Hwang at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Helweg
Community Services Superintendent