



Recreation and Parks Commission
Davis Joint Unified School District, East Conference Room
526 B Street
Thursday, September 17, 2009
MINUTES

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

Commission Members Absent: Roger Gambatese and Lorraine Hwang (Chair)

Council Liaison Present: none

Staff Present: Lisa Buckman, Sandy Dietrich, Elvia Garcia-Ayala and Christine Helweg

Public Present: Yusuf Amin, Joseph Biello, Scott Calvert, Christian Goodman, Doug Griffith, Ernie Head, Darryl Hunter, Rod Layman, Karl Palmer, Gini Palmer, Brooke Palmer, Frances Resta, Richard Robenag, Connie Saint, Jim Stevens and Marya Welch

Vice Chair S. Sabatier called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Approved by consensus

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of July 16, 2009 were approved by consensus.

3. Public Communications

None.

4. Written Communications

- a. Emails received by local residents concerning the removal of picnic tables and barbeque at Redwood Park.
- b. Davis Enterprise Article – VFW Photograph Installation in VMC Club Room
- c. Davis Neighbor's Night Out – Sunday, October 11 from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m.

5. Redwood Park Renovation Project

Lisa Buckman, Community Project Specialist, provided a brief summary concerning a recent request by surrounding residents of Redwood Park to remove and/or relocate two picnic tables and barbeque to assist in the resolution of inappropriate behaviors occurring in the park after hours.

A motion was made by N. Leachman, seconded by N. Slaton to approve staff's recommendation to remove Table 1 immediately, and to remove Table 2 only if the problems presently occurring at Table 1 begin to occur at the secondary table. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Continued Discussion on Request by the Veterans of Foreign Wars to Install Photographs of Former Post Commanders in the Club Room of the Veterans Memorial Center

Christine Helweg, Community Services Superintendent, provided a brief overview and history of the request by the VFW to install photographs of former Post Commanders in the Club Room of the Veterans Memorial Center. In addition, Superintendent Helweg provided information that was acquired since this item came before the Commission in July 2009. Commission received public comment related to this issue from various members of the VFW.

A motion was made by M. Bartolic, seconded by R. Glassburner, to approve the installation of photographs in the Club Room that is consistent and complimentary to the existing décor of the Club Room. During the Commission's discussion, a few commissioners expressed their concern about the motion not being specific enough to communicate the Commission's intent and/or desire about the installation of photographs. A friendly amendment to M. Bartolic's motion was submitted by S. Sabatier, to preclude 8x10 photographs along the top perimeter of the Club Room, and that the installation be wholly at the expense of the VFW. The amended motion was seconded by R. Glassburner. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Recommendation of the City-UCD Student Liaison Commission to amend the Facilities Cost Recovery Policy

Christine Helweg, Community Services Superintendent, provided the Commission with a synopsis of the history and background surrounding the current request to amend the Facilities and Field Cost Recovery policy by the City-UCD Student Liaison Commission. As an alternative, staff was recommending that the Commission consider amending the Special Events Policy and Application Process to provide an opportunity for UCD student organization to receive a discounted rental rate, comparable to that of a Community Group, for citywide special events only. This amendment to the existing city policy would not provide any direct contradiction to the City's current anti-discrimination policies.

A motion was made by N. Leachman, seconded by M. Beckman to amend the existing Special Events Policy and Application Process to provide the opportunity for affiliated UCD Student Organizations to qualify for discounted facility rental rates, comparable to that of a Community Group, for the purpose of community-wide special events only. The Commission further stated that for philanthropic events, 100% of the event proceeds, above direct cost, must be given to a charitable organization in order to qualify for the discounted rental fee. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Commissioner Announcements/Comments

None

9. Liaison/Staff Reports

- City Council Liaison report – no report
- Finance & Budget Commission (FBC) – The Commission recently held a meeting to review and discuss the potential financial impacts on the proposed Wildhorse Development Project that will be presented on the November Ballot.
- Open Space and Habitat Commission – no report
- Upcoming Commission Meetings – Thursday, October 15, 2009
- Additional Special Meetings – Facilities Master Plan Update, dates & times TBD

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair S. Sabatier at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Helweg
Community Services Superintendent