



**Recreation and Parks Commission
Davis Joint Unified School District, East Conference Room
526 B Street
Thursday, October 15, 2009
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Michael Bartolic, Roger Gambatese, Lorraine Hwang (Chair), Susan Sabatier (Vice-Chair) and Nicole Slaton

Commission Members Absent: Michael Beckman and Robert Glassburner

Council Liaison Present: Lamar Heystek

Staff Present: Sandy Dietrich, Elvia Garcia-Ayala, James Newman, Donna Silva and Christine Helweg

Public Present: Diane & Catherine Archer, James & Kirsten Gilardi, David Kalb, Bill & Carolyn Kopper, Tony Marigo, Barbara Meixner, Russell St. Clair, Sarah Taylor, Helen Trejo, Ernest & Ann VonKugelgen and Sharman Young

Chair L. Hwang 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 September 17, 2009 were approved by consensus.

3. Public Communications

None.

4. Written Communications

- a. Information related to the City Economic Development Awards
- b. Correspondence from Commissioner Gambatese
- c. Request for Golden Heart Judge by Community Services Coordinator, Caitlyn Hughes
- d. Email correspondence relative to Agenda Item #7 – Partansky Memorial Projects

5. Designate a New Commission Representative to Serve as Liaison to the Finance and Budget Commission

The Commission tabled this appointment until such time as new Commissioners were appointed by the City Council for the two current vacancies on the Recreation and Park Commission.

6. Designate Two Commission Representatives to Serve as Liaisons to the Youth Advisory Task Force

The Commission designated Susan Sabatier and Lorraine Hwang as the primary representatives to the Youth Advisory Task Force, with Commissioner Bartolic designated as the alternate representative.

7. Review Proposal to Rename Northstar Park and/or Ponds to “Julie Partansky Park and Ponds” and “Julie’s Garden” Project

Parks and General Services staff gave a historical timeline and summary of the staff report and the two proposed projects, including the proposal to rename Northstar Park to “Julie Partansky Park”, and to install “Julie’s Garden.” Resident, Samantha McCarthy also gave a brief overview of the conceptual design plans as the lead volunteer on the garden project. The Commission received numerous public comments related to these two proposed projects, mostly favorable for the garden project, and somewhat divided related to the renaming of the park.

A motion was made by S. Sabatier, seconded by R. Gambatese to approve the conceptual design plans for “Julie’s Garden” as presented in the staff report, and to rename the area overlooking and including the Northstar Drainage Pond to the “Julie Partansky Wildlife Area.” The motion passed unanimously.

8. Review and Approve Proposed Amendments to the Recreation Activities Cost Recovery Policy and Proposed Recreation Program Fees for Fiscal Year 2010/11

Community Services staff reviewed the approved methodology for establishing Recreation Program fees, and discussed the various recovery levels for each category area. Proposed fees for Fiscal 2010-2011 were presented to the Commission for their discussion and review. The Commission expressed desire to keep the recreational swim and pass fees at their current levels due to the fact that the program is significantly exceeding its designated cost recovery level, and that during these difficult economic times, that is an activity in which the whole family can enjoy fairly economically.

A motion was made by S. Sabatier, seconded by M. Bartolic, to approve the proposed recreation program fees for FY10-11 as presented in the staff report, with the exception of Recreational Swim & Pass fees (D2-D12) which are to remain at FY09-10 level for the 2010-2011 programming season. The adult swim pass fee (D4) may be raised up to a maximum of 5% in order not to negatively affect the GF subsidy level, and to differentiate the fee from the Youth rate. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was also made by M. Bartolic, seconded by L. Hwang, to remove the Golden Heart Awards program from the Division’s cost recovery program. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Commissioner Announcements/Comments

None

10. Liaison/Staff Reports

- City Council Liaison report – gave a brief presentation about the recent City/DJUSD 2x2 meeting

- Finance & Budget Commission (FBC) – no report
- Open Space and Habitat Commission – Commissioner Slaton reported that the commission had been discussing a possible affordable housing project that had a potential conflict with a species of wildlife (red fox) around the proposed site.
- Upcoming Commission Meetings – Thursday, November 19, 2009
- Additional Special Meetings – Facilities Master Plan Update, dates & times TBD

The meeting was adjourned by Chair L. Hwang at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Helweg
Community Services Superintendent