



Recreation and Park Commission
Davis Senior Center Valente Room, 646 A Street
Thursday, March 16, 2017
MINUTES

Commission Members Present: Emily Griswold-Chair, Maurice Pitesky-Vice Chair (arrived at 7:12 pm), Ira Bray, Cecelia Escamilla-Greenwald, Tyson Hubbard, Stephanie Koop, Tracie Westlund and Vanessa Richter (Alternate, arrived at 7:03 pm)

Commission Members Absent: None

Council Liaison Present: None

Public Present:

Staff Present: Dale Sumersille, Martin Jones, Katherine Hess

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Griswold at 7:02 pm.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by I. Bray to approve the agenda, seconded by T. Hubbard. The motion passed with a 7-0-1-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Escamilla-Greenwald, Griswold, Hubbard, Koop, Westlund and Richter

NOES: None

Absent: Pitesky

Abstentions: None

3. Brief Announcements from Commissioners, Liaisons and Staff

Parks & Community Services Director, Dale Sumersille mentioned that there may be a joint meeting of the Recreation & Park and Tree Commission in April to discuss the IPM Policy, she will send out inquiries to all to find out the best dates/time. Director Sumersille also referred to the project list that was included in this month's packet, she included more detail as a way to educate the new commissioners on the various projects.

Commissioner Bray thanked Director Sumersille for an outstanding presentation to the Kiwanis today, it was very informative and suggested that it be brought back to the RPC to educate the commissioners about the PCS Department.

Director Sumersille mentioned that the department renewed their NRPA membership to a new level, commissioners will be receiving the NRPA magazine in the mail the near future.

Chair Griswold mentioned that she and Commissioner Westlund were recognized at the annual California Recreation & Park Society (CPRS) banquet and received the Champion of the Community award. She thanked staff for the nomination and experience.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by T. Westlund to approve the Consent Calendar (minutes as amended), seconded by C. Escamilla-Greenwald. The motion passed with a 7-0-0-1 vote.

AYES: Bray, Escamilla-Greenwald, Griswold, Hubbard, Koop, Richter and Westlund.

NOES: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: Pitesky

6A. Receive 2016 Explorit Science Center Annual Report

The Commission received the annual report from Executive Director, Lars Anderson, and provided the Commission with an overview of the programming that the center provided over the past year. The Commission was pleased with the increase of attendance, expanding the programming for middle school student and new joint partnerships with the City of Woodland that will expand and enhance programming opportunities for the residents. Commissioners suggested that the Explorit Center submit an application for the upcoming Teen Leadership Grant opportunity. Mr. Anderson spoke about the upcoming goals for 2017-2018 and on-going maintenance issues that they have experienced. The Commissioners discussed short and long term solutions to rectify the maintenance issues.

The following motion was made by T. Westlund, seconded by T. Hubbard:

“The Recreation & Park Commission received the 2016 Explorit Annual Report and were impressed with the positive fiscal condition of the program. The Recreation & Park Commission request that Staff and City Council review the exiting MOU with the Explorit Center, and if possible, revise the MOU as per the changes presented in the annual report on page 10.”

AYES: Bray, Escamilla-Greenwald, Griswold, Hubbard, Koop, Pitesky, Richter and Westlund.

NOES: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

The additional motion was made by I. Bray, seconded by T. Hubbard:

“Requests to look into Explorit Center maintenance for a future agenda item.”

AYES: Bray, Escamilla-Greenwald, Griswold, Hubbard, Koop, Pitesky, Richter and Westlund.

NOES: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

6B. Receive presentation on West Davis Active Community Development Proposal

Katherine Hess, Community Development Administrator, provided background and a conceptual review of proposed amenities for the West Davis Active Community Development Proposal.

Commissioners had specific comments/concerns regarding the proposal:

- * Will there be charging stations for vehicles?
- * A dog exercise area/park needs be included in the project, it could be a linear park along the west side of the development
- * A central park/focal point is needed for the residents to gather and connect
- * A tot lot or playground is needed for families visiting and intergenerational connection is essential as a community
- * Smaller areas perhaps at the end of each street to gather
- * Wider streets than Cannery
- * Concerned that the walkways are too wide and that there is no privacy
- * Need for well-defined bike crossings, especially across Covell
- * Would like the landscaping to be sustainable with native grasses and greenbelts and serve as bio-swales
- * Would like the health club and restaurant be open for community use
- * Support the Senior focus and services that the development will provide
- * There is a huge need for more low income senior housing, clarify the income criteria for affordable housing for seniors – what is the incentive for Davis residents to purchase. Worried that student parents will purchase units and then flip the homes
- * Compared to cannery, there needs to be more park for the residents or parkland to the community/city. Otherwise new residents will impact existing parkland and facilities
- * No Mello Roos added, meaning that there more burden on residents and city
- * City has more parks/greenbelts than they can afford to maintain, need small areas for parklets
- * Hope that this process is smoother than Pasafino
- * Appreciate the connectivity for bike transportation, but the freeway overpass needs to be addressed
- * Likes the wide pedestrian walkways
- * Likes the opportunity to expand Farmers Market with the hospital
- * Road improvements will need to be made at John Jones to accommodate additional traffic, and behind the hospital for access
- * Likes the greenbelts, perhaps not as wide park space, not linear and more of a gathering place. Villages is 60 acres and has a gathering/focal area
- * Restaurant should have indoor and outdoor seating
- * There needs to be a shade structure for the tot lot/benches
- * Concerned about a partnership with the HOA for pool use, as pools are expensive to maintain. Not sure if the HOA wants general public to use the pool and other facilities, could be a sore point

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

6C. Review and Discussion of Pioneer Park

Commissioner T. Hubbard gave the Commission a power point presentation of Pioneer Park.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

- a. Commission Work Plan – Commissioners had great comments about Rainbow City and how well the project turned out and that the park is well groomed.
- b. Subcommittee Reports/Inter-Commission Liaison Reports
 1. City Council Liaison – No report
 2. Finance & Budget Commission – S. Koop reported that she can no longer attend meetings and a new Commissioner will need to be appointed at the April meeting.
 3. Open Space & Habitat Commission – No report

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Dale Sumersille
Parks & Community Services Director