



Recreation and Park Commission
Davis Senior Center Valente Room, 646 A Street
Thursday, April 20, 2017
MINUTES

Commission Members Present: Emily Griswold - Chair, Maurice Pitesky - Vice Chair, Ira Bray, Cecelia Escamilla-Greenwald, Tyson Hubbard, Stephanie Koop and Travie Westlund

Commission Members Absent: Vanessa Richter

Council Liaison Present: Will Arnold

Public Present: Ben Bourne, Aaron Chin, Jonathon Clay, Karen Kalanetra, Matt Williams and Matt Zeisler

Staff Present: Dale Sumersille, Martin Jones and Christine Helweg

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Griswold at 7:42 pm.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by C. Greenwald to approve the agenda, seconded by T. Westlund. The motion passed with a 7-0-1-0 vote.

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

NOES: None

Absent: Richter

Abstentions: None

3. Brief Announcements from Commissioners, Liaisons and Staff

Parks & Community Services Director, Dale Sumersille mentioned that staff is considering bringing a proposal to the Commission next month to change their regular monthly date and location to the Community Chambers on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Commissioner Griswold reported that the first rose arbor has been installed at the Central Park Gardens, and wanted to remind everyone to come out to the 10th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, April 30 from 4:3-6:30 pm.

4. Public Comment

Matt Williams, resident, provided the Commission additional financial information related to the Kitchell Asset Facility report.

5. Consent Calendar

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

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

NOES: None

Absent: Richter

Abstentions: None

6A. Discussion on Davis Youth Softball Association (DYSA) Field Improvement Proposal

The Commission received a brief report from Parks Superintendent Martin Jones and DYSA representative Carson Wilcox on proposed modifications being recommended for Mace Ranch Community Park.

Several DYSA Board members spoke in support of the proposal and expressed how appreciative the softball community athletes would be if approved. One resident of the Mace Ranch Community Park area also spoke in support of the project.

The following motion was made by C. Greenwald, seconded by S. Koop:

“The Recreation & Park Commission recommends to the City Council that the City approve the proposed donation of materials for field improvements at Mace Ranch Community Park, including a storage unit while minimizing the negative impacts to the surrounding neighborhood.”

The motion passed with a 7-0-1-0 vote.

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

NOES: None

Absent: Richter

Abstentions: None

6B. Receive Update on Proposed Oxford Circle Park Improvements

The Commission received a brief report from Parks Superintendent Martin Jones on proposed modifications being recommended for Oxford Circle Neighborhood Park.

Commissioners had specific comments/concerns regarding the proposed modifications:

- There are no drinking fountains currently in this park – would like to see added to scope of work
- Would like to request the number of bike racks be expanded
- In a separate project, would also like to see upgrades to park amenities such as picnic tables, shade structure, etc.

A motion was made to approve proposed modifications to Oxford Circle Park by C. Greenwald, seconded by I. Bray. The motion passed with a 7-0-1-0 vote.

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

NOES: None

Absent: Richter

Abstentions: None

6C. Consider Proposal to Incorporate a Bike Pump Track into the FY2017-18 Capital Improvement Program Budget

The Commission received a brief presentation and update on the most recent proposal to incorporate a bike pump track into the FY2017-18 Capital Improvement Program Budget.

After discussion on several project components including fencing options, maintenance, ongoing costs to the City, etc. the Commission did approve a recommendation for the City Council to consider this project as it considers the FY2017-18 CIP Budget. The Commission did not approve a specific location to be recommended to the City Council, and was evenly divided upon their individual preferences.

A motion was made by I.Bray, seconded by C. Greenwald and passed with a 7-0-1-0 vote.

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

NOES: None

Absent: Richter

Abstentions: None

6D. Designate Commission Representative to Serve as Liaison to the Finance and Budget Commission for 2017 Calendar Term

A motion was made by I.Bray to nominate Commissioner Travie Westlund, seconded by C. Greenwald and passed with a 7-0-1-0 vote.

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

NOES: None

Absent: Richter

Abstentions: None

6E. Park Amenity Discussion on Oxford Circle Park

This item was deferred to a later date due to the late hour.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

a. Commission Work Plan – No report.

b. Subcommittee Reports/Inter-Commission Liaison Reports

1. City Council Liaison – No report

2. Finance & Budget Commission – No report.

3. Open Space & Habitat Commission – No report

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 10:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Helweg

Parks & Community Services Assistant Director