



**Recreation and Park Commission**  
**Davis Senior Center Valente Room, 646 A Street**  
**Thursday, May 18, 2017**  
**MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Emily Griswold - Chair, Maurice Pitesky - Vice Chair, Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald (arrived at 7:05 pm), Stephanie Koop, Travie Westlund and Vanessa Richter

Commission Members Absent: Ira Bray and Tyson Hubbard

Council Liaison Present: None

Public Present: None

Staff Present: Dale Sumersille, Martin Jones, Christine Helweg, Melissa Marshall and HDR Consultant Jeff Lawrence

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Griswold at 7:04 pm.

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

A motion was made by T. Westlund to approve the agenda, seconded by V. Richter. The motion passed with a 6-0-2-0 vote.

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

NOES: None

Absent: Bray and Hubbard

Abstentions: None

**3. Brief Announcements from Commissioners, Liaisons and Staff**

Parks & Community Services Assistant Director Christine Helweg announced that Commission appointments are tentatively scheduled to be made by the City Council on Tuesday, May 23. Commissioner Pitesky requested that staff send out a link to the subcommittee's recommendations in the staff report.

Commissioner Griswold reported that the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Central Park Gardens that was held on Sunday, April 30 from 4:30-6:30 pm went very well. She expressed her appreciation to the commissioners and staff who were able to attend.

**4. Public Comment**

None.

**5. Consent Calendar**

A motion was made by T. Westlund to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by C. Greenwald. The motion passed with a 6-0-2-0 vote.

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

NOES: None

Absent: Bray and Hubbard

Abstentions: None

**6A. Consider Recommendation to Change Meeting Date for the Recreation and Park Commission Monthly Meetings.**

The Commission received a brief report from Assistant Director Christine Helweg on the proposed changes being recommended by staff in order to improve the public's accessibility to Commission proceedings.

A motion was made by T. Westlund, seconded by C. Greenwald, to change the regular meeting day, time and location to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:30 pm at the Community Chambers.

The motion passed with a 6-0-2-0 vote.

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

NOES: None

Absent: Bray and Hubbard

Abstentions: None

The Commission also requested that community outreach be conducted to ensure that the meeting day, time and location are communicated to interested public.

**6B. Consider Proposed Improvements to the Davis Senior Center Patio**

The Commission received a brief report from Assistant Director Christine Helweg on the background and history of the Senior Center Patio Expansion project. HDR Consultant Jeff Lawrence then presented a powerpoint presentation on the proposed modifications being recommended for the patio project.

Commissioners had specific comments/concerns regarding the proposed modifications:

- Wanted to ensure that any permanent seating in ADA compliant
- A flat surface or concrete was preferred over pavers or uneven surfaces that could contribute to falls
- City could consider side coverings on the main shade structure for additional weather protection
- City could consider a raised platform or performance stage
- City should consider the addition of ceiling fans in addition to the outdoor heaters for more desirable year-round use

A motion was made by T. Westlund, seconded by C. Greenwald, to approve the proposed conceptual design plan for the Senior Center Legacy Patio Expansion project.

A second motion was made by V. Richter, seconded by C. Greenwald, to approve the proposed conceptual design plan for the Senior Center Legacy Patio Expansion project, with particular emphasis on the integration of public art into the structural, architectural, and

landscape design. Potential areas where commissioned art could be integrated may include wall murals, metalwork on the fencing, ceramic or mosaic water feature, glass tile inlay on seats/counters/walls, decorative seating, terrazzo flooring, or other artistic features.

The motion passed with a 5-1-2-0 vote.

AYES: Escamilla-Greenwald, Griswold, Koop, Pitesky and Richter

NOES: Westlund

Absent: Bray and Hubbard

Abstentions: None

**6C. Review and Provide Feedback on New Temporary Sign and Banner Policy**

Assistant Director Christine Helweg provided the Commission with a brief report on the history and background on the new proposed policy. After lengthy discussion about types of signage, locations, content of the application form, the Commission decided that it did not want to move forward with a policy for temporary signage or banners in City parks and recreational facilities.

No further action is being recommended by the Commission at this time.

**6D. Designate Commission Representative to Serve as Liaison to the Open Space and Habitat Commission for the 2017 Calendar Term**

The Commission was unable to identify a single representative to serve as the liaison to the Open Space and Habitat Commission, so it was decided that the position will be shared by Commissioners Greenwald, Hubbard, Pitesky and Richter. Commissioner Pitesky was selected to attend the June meeting. Staff will bring a calendar back in June for assignments for the remaining months in the 2017 calendar year.

**7. Commission and Staff Communications**

- a. Commission Work Plan – Updated copies were distributed
- 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
- c. Commissioner T. Westlund commented on the Heritage Oak Tree located at Central Park and that the area immediately surrounding the tree is getting heavily compacted due to members of the general public sitting and standing in the planted area. He requested that the City consider placing additional fencing and/or signage to restrict public access in the planter area.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Helweg

Parks & Community Services Assistant Director