



**Recreation and Park Commission  
Civic Center – Community Chambers  
Thursday, November 15, 2017  
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Emily Griswold - Chair, Ira Bray, Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald, Tyson Hubbard (arrived at 6:34 pm), Stephanie Koop and Travie Westlund

Commission Members Absent: Vice Chair and Alternate (Vacant)

Council Liaison Present: None

Public Present: Emily Henderson, Alan Pryor and John Whitcomb

Staff Present: Carrie Dyer, Christine Helweg, Katherine Hess, Anne Marquez and Dale Sumersille

The meeting was called to order by Chair Griswold at 6:30 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 I. Bray. The motion passed with a 5-0-1-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Greenwald, Griswold, Koop and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: Hubbard

Abstentions: None

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

Parks & Community Services Director Dale Sumersille made the following announcements:

- On November 7, Council approved a Resolution to execute a Professional Services Agreement with HMR Architecture for the final design services for the Davis Senior Center Patio Expansion project.
- Council also approved a waiver for the competitive bid requirement for the procurement of the Pioneer Park Playground & Exercise equipment from GameTime, Inc.
- Council approved a Resolution adopting the revised IPM Policy, which included an immediate ban on Neonicotinoids, direction to further develop “green” parks, a 3-year phase out of glyphosate, and work with City commissions to develop the TAC.
- On November 14, Council waived the competitive bid requirement for procurement of the Covell Greenbelt #3 and Putah Creek Park Playground Equipment.
- The final walkthrough for the Cal Recycling grant was conducted last week to finalize the locations of the bins as part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase to occur in mid-December.

#### **4. Public Comment**

Resident Alan Pryor spoke to the Commission regarding the recent action taken by Council in adopting the IPM policy that was previously mentioned by Director Summersille.

Artistic Director Emily Henderson and Rocket Drew from ACME Theatre Company thanked the Commission for the recommendation for a 2018 Teen Services Grant in the amount of \$4,000. Later this evening, a couple of the theatre company participants will be present to speak on this agenda item.

#### **5. Consent Calendar**

A motion was made by T. Westlund to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by T. Hubbard, including spelling corrections on the bottom of page 2 for Joellen Ryan and Gene Trapp. The motion passed with a 5-0-0-1 vote. C. Greenwald abstained from motion due to her not being present at the last Commission meeting.

AYES: Bray, Griswold, Hubbard, Koop and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: Greenwald (not present at last meeting)

#### **6A. Appoint Commission Representative for 2018 Golden Heart Awards Selection**

Community Engagement & Cultural Services Coordinator Carrie Dyer provided the background and history of the Golden Heart Awards, including an overview of the selection process, and requested the Commission to appoint a member to participate in the committee selection process.

Commissioner Stephanie Koop volunteered to participate on the committee, and Commissioner Cecilia Greenwald volunteered to be an alternate if needed.

#### **6B. Nishi Student Housing Proposal**

Community Development Administrator Katherine Hess provided an overview of the revised Nishi Student Housing Proposal and highlighted key areas of change in comparison to the previous development proposal that the Commission had reviewed last year.

Commission members had the following comments:

- Would like to see a City public park in the project, including tables, benches (maybe similar to the Terrace Garden area at Davis Commons);
- Concerned that this is the second project that has come before the Commission that is not advocating for public park space; there seems to be a policy void especially for high density development projects; concerned that it is setting a dangerous precedent for the City;
- Concerned that there is no City maintained or operated public space, property ownership and maintenance responsibilities are unclear;
- Would like to have green spaces integrated more with housing instead of standalone areas;
- Concerned about the effects of the homeless in this area and whether the housing could take this issue into consideration

- Encourage student input on the actual site plan
- Concerned about the potentially limited access to the development site if access is only through the campus and is not accessible from Olive Drive

#### **6C. Pioneer Park Renovation Project Presentation**

Community Services Supervisor Anne Marquez provided the Commission with an overview of the proposed project and an anticipated timeline. The Commission requested that staff consider also replacing the picnic tables and possibly adding more shade structures.

#### **6D. Covell Greenbelt #3 and Putah Creek Playground Equipment Projects**

Parks & Community Services Director Sumersille provided the Commission with an overview of the proposed park projects and their respective timelines.

#### **6E. Teen Services Grant Funding Recommendations**

Community Services Supervisor Anne Marquez provided the Commission the background and history of the Teen Services Grants, and summarized the subcommittee's review process and funding recommendations for the coming year.

A motion was made by C. Greenwald to approve the subcommittee's funding recommendations to include \$4,000 for ACME Theatre Company, \$4,000 for Pence Gallery, and \$2,000 to the Davis Phoenix Coalition. The motion was seconded by S. Koop. The motion passed with a 6-0-0-0 vote. C. Greenwald abstained from motion due to her not being present at the last Commission meeting.

AYES: Bray, Greenwald, Griswold, Hubbard, Koop and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

#### **7. Commission and Staff Communications**

a. City Council Liaison – No report

b. Volunteer Engagement Sub-committee Update – Chair Griswold stated that a few of the subcommittee members were able to meet, but the whole committee was unable to find a common date as of yet. More work will occur as the holidays are completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Helweg

Parks & Community Services Assistant Director