



**Recreation and Park Commission
Davis Senior Center Valente Room, 646 A Street
Thursday April 21, 2016
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald (Chair), Travie Westlund (Vice Chair), Will Arnold, Ira Bray, Emily Griswold, Lon Payne and Stephanie Koop

Commission Members Absent: Maurice Pitesky

Council Liaison Present: None

Public Present: Bennett & Katie Addison, John Cook, Duncan & Nancy Hay, James Jones, Katie Lawler, Vivian Lerch, Haiyong Li, Shawn Mayr, Kellie O'Neil, Evan Ream, Georgene Redman, Ali Loge, Willa Pettygrove and Jane Schafer-Kramer

Staff Present: Christine Helweg, Martin Guerena, Martin Jones, Dale Summersille and Consultant John Montgomery

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by W. Arnold, seconded by S. Koop, to approve the agenda. The motion passed 7-0-1-0.

3. Brief Announcements from Commissioners, Liaisons and Staff

- a. Community Services Superintendent C. Helweg distributed an updated department organizational chart showing recent changes to the Parks & Urban Forestry division.
- b. Written Communication from resident Alan Hirsch related to the upcoming speaker presentation as part of the Davis Futures Forum.
- c. Written Communications from resident Alan Pryor concerning pesticide usage by the City in Parks & Open Spaces.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Lon Payne, seconded by I. Bray to remove the meeting minutes of March 17, 2016 for amendments. The motion was passed 7-0-1-0.

A motion was made by Will Arnold, seconded by L. Payne to include I. Bray's email revision to page 2, Item #5, and under Item #7 the voting record for the motion was incorrect. It should be 5-1-1-1. The motion was passed 7-0-1-0.

A motion was made to approve all remaining Consent Calendar items by W. Arnold, seconded by I. Bray and passed 7-0-1-0.

6A. 2015 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Annual Report

Martin Guereña provided a summary of the past year's pesticide use by various City Departments, including the number of hours used for chemical, mechanical and cultural controls. Commissioner L. Payne inquired if the City had any analysis on leaf blower emissions and needed reductions for either noise or gases. Other suggestions included increased community engagement to assist with ongoing weed abatement, and increases to green PHAER zones in parks and open space areas.

Public Comments

Alan Pryor - Chair of the Toxic Subcommittee of the Natural Resources Commission requested that the Commission recommend to the City Council the establishment of a 2x2x2 Task Force, in conjunction with members of the Natural Resources Commission, the Open Space and Habitat Commission and the Recreation and Park Commission to further determine the appropriate level of use of the specific chemicals including glyphosate (Round Up) and Neonicotinoids for ongoing treatment of Hackberry trees within the City's inventory.

Ali Loge – would like to encourage the City to be proactive to reduce or eliminate pesticide use, explore the possibility of establishing two additional pesticide free parks as a pilot program, and would like to see more transparency to the public regarding days and times when pesticide spraying will occur.

The Commission identified that additional information on the impacts of moving toward pesticide free parks and open space was needed before making any recommendations, and would like to examine sample park facilities in other agencies that have completely organic park systems.

A motion was made by W. Arnold, seconded by S. Koop, to recommend to the City Council that a 2x2x2 Task Force, in conjunction with members of the Natural Resources Commission, the Open Space and Habitat Commission, to further determine the appropriate level of use of the specific chemicals including glyphosate (Round Up) and Neonicotinoids for ongoing treatment of Hackberry trees within the City's inventory. The Commission also requested that the Task Force establish a City standard for public noticing of any pesticide spraying in public areas. Additional exploration of gas emissions from other parks specific equipment may be included if desired. The motion passed 7-0-1-0.

A motion was made by L. Payne, seconded by W. Arnold, to develop a proposal to mitigate and quantify air emission from mechanical equipment used by staff and contractors (i.e. blowers, weed eaters, gas burning equipment). The motion failed 3-3-1-1.

Ayes: Arnold, Greenwald, Payne

Noes: Bray, Griswold, Westlund

Absent: Pitesky

Abstain: Koop

6B. Final Recommendation on Pickleball Pilot Program

Parks & Community Services Director, Dale Summersille, provided a historical summary of the Pilot program that was implemented in July 2015, and provided the Commission with the recommendation to establish the pilot program as a permanent offering for the City.

Pickleball representatives, John Cook and Katie Lawler conducted a sample demonstration of the sport of Pickleball, and invited Commissioners to come out on May 21 to see their upcoming skills clinic to be held at Slide Hill Park.

A motion was made by C. Greenwald, seconded by W. Arnold, to approve the continuation of the pilot Pickleball program as a permanent offering by the City at Covell and Slide Hill Parks. The motion passed 7-0-1-0.

6C. Rotary Clock Proposal for Central Park

Parks and General Services Superintendent, Martin Jones, provided the Commission with an overview of the proposed clock donations for the Central Park Pavilion by the Rotary Club of Davis.

A motion was made by C. Greenwald, seconded by S. Koop, to approve proposal as described in the staff report. The motion passed 7-0-1-0.

6D. Futsal Pilot Program Proposal

Community Services Superintendent, C. Helweg, provided an overview of the proposed pilot program for Futsal at the Chestnut and Redwood Park tennis court complexes. Futsal representatives Bennett & Katie Addison and Evan Ream conducted a small demonstration of the sport and the type of equipment to be used as part of the pilot program.

Public Comments

Kellie O'Neil - Davis Tennis Club would like for the City to consider the West Manor tennis and basketball courts as an alternative to Chestnut and Redwood parks.

Georgene Redman – concerned that the tennis nets will get damaged, and that none of tennis courts are safe to play on due to lack of regular maintenance.

Tamov Kissikou - futsal supporter, likes that there will be another alternative to the long wait times at UCD to play soccer for young adults.

Shawn Mayr - lives near the Chestnut Park tennis courts and does not feel that they are readily utilized by tennis players, impressed by the Futsal group and the City's willingness to be creative with multiple sports using same facilities.

Ehsun Tabain – there is definitely a lack of space for adult soccer, limited indoor spaces, the Futsal activity provides good cardio & health benefits for adults.

Haiyong Li - need after work opportunities to exercise, really limited places for working parents

Evan Ream – the group is willing to assist with maintenance of courts as needed.

A motion was made by W. Arnold, seconded by T. Westlund, to approve #1 and #2 of the staff's recommendations to approve a pilot Futsal program and to waive the ordinance as it relates to the pilot program. The motion passed 7-0-1-0.

The Commission also expressed the interest as opportunities arise to further discuss the participation or financial assistance from UCD for community improvements and program as they, too, have a direct responsibility to accommodate the recreational needs of their students.

6E. City Building and Park Facilities Assessment

Parks & Community Services Director Dale Sumersille and Parks and General Services Superintendent Martin Jones provided further information and analysis related to the City's Building and Park Facilities Assessment including a five-year funding strategy. No further feedback was provided from the Commission on this item.

6F. Development and Approval of 2016 Work Plan

A motion was made by W. Arnold, seconded by L. Payne, to defer this item till the next meeting due to the late hour. The motion passed 7-0-1-0.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

- a. Due to the upcoming Celebrate Davis event, the Commission decided to hold their meeting on Tuesday, May 17 as an alternative meeting date.
- b. Upcoming Meeting Items/Events – Superintendent Helweg reminded the Commission about the upcoming community meetings related to the Cost of Service Analysis and Fee Study.
- c. Subcommittee Reports/Inter-Commission Liaison Reports
 1. City Council Liaison – no report
 2. Finance & Budget Commission – no report
 3. Open Space & Habitat Commission – currently recruiting for new members, received the PG&E Pipeline Safety Presentation that the RPC is anticipating coming before them in June 2016.
 4. Sports Complex Task Force – adopting the needs assessment outcomes, additional concerns were expressed about the limited access to field lighting.
 5. Appointment for Cost of Service & Fee Analysis Subcommittee – Commissioner Westlund volunteered to attend the community meetings in conjunction with staff.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m. by consensus

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Helweg
Parks & Community Services Superintendent