



**Recreation and Park Commission
Davis Senior Center Valente Room, 646 A Street
Thursday June 16, 2016
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald (Chair, left at 7:38 pm), Travie Westlund (Vice Chair), Ira Bray, Emily Griswold, Lon Payne (left at 7:20 pm) and Stephanie Koop

Commission Members Absent: Will Arnold, Maurice Pitesky

Council Liaison Present: None

Public Present: None

Staff Present: Martin Jones and Dale Summersille

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Greenwald at 7:06 pm.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Payne to move agenda item #7 up after #5, approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Bray:

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

NOES: None

Absent: Arnold, Pitesky

3. Brief Announcements from Commissioners, Liaisons and Staff

- a. Parks & Community Services Director Summersille informed the Commission that the City Council adopted the 2016/17 Budget at their meeting on June 14.
- b. Parks and Community Services staff are trying to contact Rotary Club of Davis to clarify the Central Park Pavilion Clock donation before the item goes to the City Council for approval.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Bray, seconded by Griswold to approve the meeting minutes of April 21, 2016 and May 17, 2016:

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

NOES: None

Absent: Arnold, Pitesky

7. Commission and Staff Communications

a. Commission Work Plan –

1. The commissioners would like to continue visiting parks and commenting – Mace Ranch Park was selected to review before the next meeting.
2. Please add to 16/17 – review the proposed Landscaping and Park Maintenance Standards.

b. Upcoming Meeting Items/Events – Director Summersille reminded the Commission about the upcoming Recreation booth at Farmer’s Market on Saturday, July 9.

c. 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
4. Sports Complex Task Force – critical findings and recommendations are being written and will be presented to the City Council on July 19.
5. Appointment for Cost of Service & Fee Analysis Subcommittee – next meeting is June 30th at 6:30 pm at the Senior Center

6 A. Presentation of Grant to the City of Davis by the Greater Sacramento Softball Association (GSSA)

Tabled to a future Commission meeting.

6 B. PG & E Pipeline Safety Presentation

Marvin Nushwat and Taylor Liles from PG & E presented the PG & E Pipeline Safety Initiative program. This program entails checking the area above gas transmission pipeline for trees and structures that pose an emergency access or safety concern; helps to ensure immediate access for first responders, and preventing potential damage to the pipe; working with customers and communities where a safety risk has been identified to develop shared solutions; and plant new trees/landscaping at a safe distance from the pipeline and restoring the area to preserve the natural beauty of the community. A few areas have been identified in Davis, downtown (2nd and G/1st and G) and on L Street, work has been scheduled late August to mid-September.

6 C. Proclamation Designating July 2016 as National Parks and Recreation Month

Parks and Community Services Director Summersille provided an overview of National Recreation and Park Month citing specific examples of the special events that will be held in Davis throughout the month.

Parks and Community Services Director Summersille stated that the Proclamation would be on the June 21st City Council meeting and asked if there were Commissioners interested in accepting the proclamation – Chairperson Greenwald and Commissioners Bray and Arnold stated that they would be at the meeting to accept and say a few words.

A motion was made by Griswold, seconded by Westlund, that the Commission supports and reaffirms the importance of parks and recreation in our community and expresses its support to the City Council for the designation of the month of July 2016 as “National Parks and Recreation Month.”

AYES: Westlund, Bray, Griswold and Koop

NOES: None

Absent: Arnold, Pitesky, Greenwald

6 D. Development and Approval of 2016 Work Plan

Parks & Community Services Director Summersille provided the Commission with an overview and status update on the 2016 Work Plan and Objectives, then proceeded to review the proposed goals and objectives for the coming year. This work plan is fluid may change after the new City Council is seated and conducts their Goal Setting workshop later this Fall.

Bray – 1. Would like to see student representatives incorporated on this commission, perhaps on a quarterly basis, internship or special project and tie in with the local faculty.
2. Continue to seek out partnerships and funding opportunities, especially for senior, youth and parks.

Grsiwold – 1. Participate in discussions of use of pesticides in Open Space and Habitat Commission.
2. Would like to see an update on turf conversions and use of volunteers in spreading mulch in the greenbelts.

Westlund – Suggested that we have the Teen Council send a representative to attend the Recreation & Park Commission meetings and provide a report of what is going on.

Koop – When reviewing the next Park Master Plan, review the location and distances of the restrooms.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. by consensus

Respectfully submitted:

Dale Summersille
Parks & Community Services Director