



**Recreation and Park Commission
Davis Senior Center Valente Room, 646 A Street
Thursday, September 15, 2016
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald – Chair, Travie Westlund - Vice Chair, Ira Bray, Emily Griswold, Stephanie Koop, Lon Payne and Maurice Pitesky

Commission Members Absent: Will Arnold

Council Liaison Present: None

Public Present: Dina Allison, Jill Bonner, Martha Daschbach, Michael Faust, Rosarita Norris, Dave Powell, Bonnie Walter and Carson Wilcox

Staff Present: Christine Helweg, Martin Jones, Zoe Mirable and Dale Sumersille

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 T. Westlund to approve the agenda, seconded by E. Griswold. The motion passed with a 7-0-0-0 vote.

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

NOES: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

3. Brief Announcements from Commissioners, Liaisons and Staff

- Director Sumersille distributed a memorandum to members of the Natural Resources, Open Space & Habitat and the Recreation & Park Commissions providing an update on the City’s approach to reviewing and discussion the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) policy.
- Director Sumersille also informed the Commission that the Walnut Park Tennis & Pickleball court complex has been completed.
- Walnut Park Playground renovation is anticipated to be completed within the coming week.
- Northstar Playground renovation should be completed by mid- to late November
- Northstar Pond Vegetation removal has also been completed and monthly maintenance will begin next month.

- USC Capstone project has accepted the City’s proposal for the economic feasibility analysis related to the Sports Complex Task Force.

4. Public Comment

Several residents from the Binning Tract spoke about the proposed location identified by the Sports Complex Task Force as a possible site for the future sports complex. Concerns were expressed about the potential traffic, lighting, and noise impacts to the surrounding neighborhood immediately adjacent to the proposed site.

5. Consent Calendar

Commissioner E. Griswold noted that the time listed when the meeting was called to order was incorrect and should be 6:06 pm. A motion was made by T. Westlund to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by I. Bray. The motion passed with a 7-0-0-0 vote.

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

NOES: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

6A. Commission Training on Brown Act and Role of Commission

City Clerk Zoe Mirable provided the Commission with a brief training on the general roles & responsibilities of the Commission, Brown Act & Ethics, and Parliamentary Procedures and Meeting Protocols, including:

- No verbal response is considered a “Yes”
- Communications become part of the regular agenda if they are directed to members of the Commission

Commission members suggested that a review and discussion regarding the Commission’s Enabling Resolution be placed on a future agenda.

6B. Appoint Subcommittee for Upcoming 2017 Teen Services Grant Process

The Commission nominated Commissioners Bray, Griswold and Koop to participate in this year’s grant subcommittee.

6C. Sports Complex Task Force Findings and Recommendations

Director Summersille provided a brief overview and introduction as to the process that has been undertaken to date by the Sports Complex Task Force. SCTF Chairperson Will Arnold and Vice Chair Carson Wilcox provided an update on the current status of the report and reviewed next steps. They also provided a short overview of potential site locations and reinforced the concerns that were expressed earlier by residents of the Binning neighborhood.

The Commission opened the public hearing and received community input related to the Sports Complex Task Force preliminary report findings and recommendations.

A motion was made by I. Bray that the Recreation and Park Commission concurs with the Task Force findings and recommendations, and recommends that the City Council consider

incorporating the following statements into the new set of City Goals for the 2016-2018 cycle:

- a. The city supports establishing a partnership with the community-based organization to pursue the development of a new sports complex, and therefore will work to encourage the creation of a non-profit entity that would undertake an effort to build and operate a new sports facilities identified in the report of the Sports Complex Task Force.
- b. While a community-based non-profit entity is organized and develops a sound business plan, the city will commit to a limited but important supportive role in the development of a new sports complex. This could initially include conducting a formal process to invite offers from potential donors of sites for a sports complex, as well as evaluating various potential sites to determine which one best meets the needs of both sports organizations and the community as a whole. Later steps could involve processing of permits and environmental reviews for a proposed projects, making surplus city land available if necessary for a new sports facilities if a suitable private site is unavailable, new sports facilities with existing city recreational programs and fields. A city investment in the project in the future is also possible.
- c. That the City Council intends to prioritize available funding for reconfiguring and/or improving maintenance of a select number of existing fields to facilitate flexibility in their use with the goal of supporting a wide range of underserved and growing sports. This could include projects for stand-alone fields built separately from a sports complex.

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

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

NOES: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

7. Commission and Staff Communications

- a. Commission Work Plan – Superintendent Helweg reviewed upcoming agenda items for the next couple of months.
- b. Upcoming Meeting Items/Events – Superintendent Helweg reminded commissioners that the Cost of Service Analysis and Fee Recommendations will be presented to the City Council on October 4, 2016.
- c. Subcommittee Reports/Inter-Commission Liaison Reports
 1. City Council Liaison – Will Arnold reported on the upcoming Gandhi sculpture grand unveiling to occur on Saturday, October 2, 2016 at 10:00 am.
 2. Finance & Budget Commission – Cost of Service Analysis and Fee Recommendations were presented and recommended to move forward to City Council.
 3. Open Space & Habitat Commission – a joint restoration project with UC Davis is currently being discussed, and concerns were discussed related to the IPM 2x2x2 Task Force proposal.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Helweg
Community Services Superintendent