



**Recreation and Park Commission
Civic Center – Community Chambers
Wednesday, February 21, 2018
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Emily Griswold - Chair, Ira Bray, Tyson Hubbard, Stephanie Koop, Osman Mufti, Travie Westlund and Cheri Harrington (Alternate)

Commission Members Absent: Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald

Council Liaison Present: Will Arnold (arrived at 6:33pm)

Public Present: Stu Kahn and Greg Stoner – Davis Aquatic Masters (DAM), and Reed Miller – Davis Aquadarts

Staff Present: Christine Helweg, Darin Barr – Ballard*King & Associates, Martin Jones and Dale Sumersille

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Griswold at 6:31 pm.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by I. Bray to approve the agenda, seconded by T. Westlund. The motion passed with a 7-0-1-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Griswold, Harrington, Hubbard, Koop, Mufti and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: Greenwald

Abstentions: None

3. Brief Announcements from Commissioners, Liaisons and Staff

- T. Hubbard made a brief comment about the Butterfly Sculpture at Walnut Park. T. Hubbard commented on how nice the sculpture looks in the Park and the diversity it brings to the area.
- T. Westlund commented on the decorative fence that was installed at the Central Park Stage and how nice it is. T. Westlund also thanked staff for installing signage near the oak tree identifying the area as a restoration area and stay out of the landscaping.

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

- Pioneer Park will be completed in the first week of March 2018, a grand re-opening for Pioneer Park, Arroyo Park and Oxford Circle Park will occur between 9am – 12pm on March 10, 2018.
- City Council has approved a renewal amount of \$49 to replace the current Park Maintenance Tax set expire in June 2018, with a 2% annual inflator and spanning a 20-year period.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by T. Westlund to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by I. Bray. The motion passed with a 6-0-1-1 vote.

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

NOES: None

Absent: Greenwald

Abstentions: Hubbard

6A. Designate the Chair and Vice Chair Positions for the 2018 Calendar Term

Commission members proposed the following nominations:

- E. Griswold nominated T. Hubbard for Chair, nomination was seconded by I. Bray and accepted by T. Hubbard. The nomination passed with a 6-0-1-1 vote.

AYES: Bray, Griswold, Harrington, Koop, Mufti and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: Greenwald

Abstentions: Hubbard

- I. Bray nominated S. Koop for Vice Chair; S. Koop declined the nomination.
- T. Hubbard nominated T. Westlund for Vice Chair, nomination was seconded by O. Mufti and accepted by T. Westlund. The nomination passed with a 6-0-1-1 vote.

AYES: Bray, Griswold, Harrington, Hubbard, Koop, and Mufti.

NOES: None

Absent: Greenwald

Abstentions: Westlund

6B. Aquatic Assessment Report – Ballard*King & Associates

Parks & Community Services Director Dale Summersille provided the Commission with introductory comments and background regarding the context of this report. Following her comments, Consultant Darin Barr, Ballard*King & Associates provided an overview of the 2017 Aquatic Assessment report, and highlighted specific recommendations contained within the report.

Commission members had the following comments:

- Would like to see more details about potential revenues and costs associated with the project, and recommends that the Commission assist in the establishment of criteria in which to evaluate the various proposals.
- Recommends further discussions with user groups or schools for possible partnerships. Believes that competitive use of the pools has greater importance than recreational use.
- Concerned about enlarging the facilities at the Community Pool in lieu of the proposed bike pump track. There is also a concern about the management of public/private facilities and the possibility in the reduction of service standards.

- The idea of creating a sub-committee or liaison to assist in facilitating the process is strongly supported.
- Would like to see the new facility built at the Community Pool, financed in partnership with the City of Davis at 25% and DART/DAM at 75%.
- Would like to establish goals and criteria before moving forward with the project.
- Would like to hear from staff on what direction they would like to see the project go.
- The City needs to engage DJUSD more in this conversation and encourage them to become an active partner for this project
- Concerned about how to best engage the casual or recreational user (an unheard voice as of yet).

Representatives of DAM and DARTS spoke in support of moving forward with a renovation of Community Pool to incorporate a 50-meter pool.

A motion was made by T. Hubbard to create a sub-committee to assist staff in the evaluation and next steps in developing Community Pool into a state-of-the-art aquatics complex, , seconded by I. Bray. The motion passed with a 6-1-1-0 vote. T. Hubbard absent from motion due to him not being present at the Commission meeting.

AYES: Bray, Griswold, Harrington, Hubbard, Koop and Mufti

NOES: Westlund

Absent: Greenwald

Abstentions: None

Chairperson Griswold called for a short recess at 8:28pm. The Commission reconvened at 8:40pm.

6C. Review and Development of 2018 Work Plan

Parks & Community Services Assistant Director, Christine Helweg reported the progress on 2017 work plan goals and provided an overview of the development of the 2018 work plan for the Recreation and Park Commission to review and provide feedback.

Commission members had the following comments:

- Would it be possible to include Park buildings in the work plan and allow Commissioners to provide input along with staff?
- Would like to see additional drought tolerant pollinator plants incorporated into the landscape and less native grasses.
- Would like to see additional budget reviews for greater transparency.
- Would like to review the Parks Master Plan in the following fiscal year (19/20).

A motion was made by O. Mufti to adopt the 2018 Goals and Objectives for the Recreation and Parks Commission, seconded by T. Hubbard. The motion passed with a 7-0-1-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Griswold, Harrington, Hubbard, Koop, Mufti and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: Greenwald

Abstentions: None

7. Commission and Staff Communications

- Councilmember W. Arnold discussed two measures that the Davis community will be voting on in June 2018. The first measure is the Parks Maintenance Tax, which is \$49.00 per year over 20-years with an annual 2% inflator. The second measure is for Roads and Bike Paths, which is \$99.00 per year for 10 years with an annual 2% inflator. Both Councilmember L. Frerichs and W. Arnold will provide arguments in favor of the Park Maintenance Tax and have requested input from the Recreation and Parks Commission.
- E. Griswold announced that a new funding proposal has been sent to the City Manager's Office to fund the proposed Volunteer Coordinator position.
- T. Hubbard asked to publically recognize E. Griswold for all of her hard work as the Recreation & Parks Commission Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Martin Jones
Parks Superintendent