



**Recreation and Park Commission
Civic Center – Community Chambers
Wednesday, April 18, 2018
MINUTES**

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

Commission Members Absent: Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald, Travie Westlund – Vice Chair

Council Liaison Present: None

Public Present: Billy Doughty (Darts), Denise Johnson (AquaStarz), Koren & Peter Motekaitas (AquaMonsters), Alan Pryor and Greg Stoner (DAM)

Staff Present: Dale Sumersille, Christine Helweg and Martin Jones

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hubbard at 6:32 pm.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by E. Griswold to approve the agenda, seconded by I. Bray. The motion passed with a 6-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Griswold, Harrington, Hubbard, Koop and Mufti.
NOES: None
Absent: Greenwald and Westlund
Abstentions: None

3. Brief Announcements from Commissioners, Liaisons and Staff

E. Griswold made a brief announcement on the status of Urban Greening Grant for Davis Manor. An application was submitted last week and the neighborhood should be notified in November if awarded the grant.

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

- D. Sumersille thanked E. Griswold and Davis Manor for the work completed on the Urban Greening Grant application. D. Sumersille also announced that she has submitted the final documents for the Land & Water Conservation Grant.
- April 10, 2018 City Council approved additional funding for Coast Landscape Management to complete additional chemical free weed abatement in the northwest and southeast contracted parks and greenbelts.
- Presented an award received by California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) for the completion of the Pioneer Playground project provided by Gametime.

- Announced that the City Council approved the funding from CBDG for outdoor exercise equipment to be installed at the Davis Senior Center at the March 20, 2018 meeting. Awaiting federal funding before this project can proceed.

4. Public Comment

Alan Pryor gave a brief summary on the City's turf conversions, stating that 1.5 acres currently converted are not enough and more areas need to be converted to drought tolerant landscapes. Mr. Pryor also discussed how he believes that the current ballot for a new Parks Maintenance Tax (Measure H) will not pass.

5. Written Communications

- C. Helweg gave a summary on Measures H (Park Maintenance Tax), I (Streets and Bike Path Maintenance Tax) and J (Nishi Residential Development Project).
- Director's Project Update.
 - M. Jones provided a brief visual summary of the City Tree Inventory Project and the software being utilized.
 - C. Helweg provided a brief update on the construction being completed at the Veterans Memorial Center (VMC).

6. Consent Calendar

C. Harrington corrected a typo with her name on page 2, agenda item #5. S. Koop requested that the minutes from February 21, 2018 be amended to include "in addition to native grasses" on page 3. A motion was made by I. Bray to approve the February 21, 2018 as amended, seconded by O. Mufti. The motion passed with a 6-0-2-0 vote.

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

NOES: None

Absent: Greenwald and Westlund

Abstentions: None

A second motion was made by E. Griswold to approve the meeting minutes of March 21, 2018, seconded by C. Harrington. The motion passed with a 6-0-2-0 vote.

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

NOES: None

Absent: Greenwald and Westlund

Abstentions: None

7A. Community Pool Advisory Task Force

The Commission received a subcommittee update on the proposed composition for the Community Pool Subcommittee, its purpose, goals and anticipated milestones. The Commission also received the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for Aquatic Design Services prior to going before City Council for approval.

Several members of the aquatic community provided public comments:

- Billy Doughty – representing the Aquatic Council, recommended that the Commission and City Council direct staff to work directly with all the aquatic user groups and not bring in another consultant.

- Pete Motekaitas – Davis AquaMonsters, reminded the Commission that design ideas should be kept simple, and that it was imperative for the City to support swimming as the #1 healthiest sport. The term “Men & Women’s” should be changed to “Boys & Girls”.
- Denise Johnson – Davis AquaStarz, encouraged the Commission not to hire another consultant and to keep the aquatic user groups needs in mind with any future planning.
- Greg Stoner – Davis Aquatic Masters, reminded the Commission that City Council candidates are supportive of constructing a new pool complex.
- Koren Motekaitas – Davis AquaMonsters, should not be a competition between recreation swimming and competition swimming.

A motion was made by E. Griswold to approve the proposed composition of the Community Pool subcommittee, with the amendment to Goal #4 to to contain costs instead of “reduce operating support”. The motion was seconded by I. Bray. The motion passed with a 6-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Griswold, Harrington, Hubbard, Koop and Mufti.
NOES: None
Absent: Greenwald and Westlund
Abstentions: None

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- O. Mufti commented on how the scope of work is different than all of the other previous design plans. Would like to see increased community involvement in the process.
- S. Koop would like to see additional public participation in addition to the user group involvement.
- E. Griswold stated that there should be periodic check-ins throughout the planning process.

A second motion was made by I. Bray to approve and recommend the Request for Proposal (RFP) as amended prior to City Council approval. The motion was seconded by S. Koop. The motion passed with a 6-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Griswold, Harrington, Hubbard, Koop and Mufti.
NOES: None
Absent: Greenwald and Westlund
Abstentions: None

7B. FY2018-19 Parks & Community Services Budget and CIP Presentation

The Commission received a preliminary presentation on the proposed budget and capital improvement projects for the upcoming FY2018-19.

Commission members had the following comments:

- C. Harrington inquired to why the revenues & expenses match. D. Summersille replied that accounts are balanced on a quarterly basis.
- I. Bray inquired about the responsibility of bathroom maintenance in Parks. C. Helweg replied that this is a shared responsibility of Public Works & Parks.
- E. Griswold asked if staff had a response to Alan Pryor's spreadsheet and why water costs have escalated? C. Helweg replied, that the information is misleading as there have been a number of other divisions incorporated into the overall cost and Parks had also started billing itself for water usage several years ago.

7C. Central Park Commemorative Paver Program

Information was provided to the Commission for the proposed Central Park Commemorative Paver program prior to going before City Council for final approval.

Commission members had the following comments:

- E. Griswold inquired if the textured pavers would be engraved and believes the prices are too low, stating that \$500 would be more appropriate.
- O. Mufti asked about the process of handling broken pavers after installation. C. Helweg stated that the City would give the family the option to replace the paver.
- C. Harrington asked how many large and small pavers needed to be sold to fill the area.
- T. Hubbard stated that there should be an increase in prices, \$500 for families and \$1,000 for commercial sponsorship.

A motion was made by I. Bray to approve staff recommendation to adopt the Resolution forming the Central Park Commemorative Paver program. The motion was seconded by E. Griswold. The motion passed with a 6-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Griswold, Harrington, Hubbard, Koop and Mufti
NOES: None
Absent: Greenwald and Westlund
Abstentions: None

A second motion was made by E. Griswold to increase the cost of 6x8 pavers to \$350 and 8x8 pavers to \$500 for individuals, and \$600/\$700 and \$900/\$1,000 for community organizations and businesses. The motion was seconded by I. Bray. The motion failed.

A third motion was made by E. Griswold to increase the cost of the 6x8 pavers to \$350 and 8x8 pavers to \$500 for individuals, and eliminate the fees community organizations and businesses. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A fourth motion was made by O. Mufti to approve the pricing as staff recommended. The motion was seconded by S. Koop. The motion passed with a 4-2-2-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Hubbard, Koop and Mufti
NOES: Griswold, Harrington
Absent: Greenwald and Westlund
Abstentions: None

8. Commission and Staff Communications

- City Council Liaison – no report
- Volunteer Engagement Subcommittee – no report

Commissioners Bray and Herrington announced that they would not be present for the regular May 16, 2018 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm, with a motion made by T. Hubbard, seconded by E. Griswold.

Respectfully submitted:

Martin Jones
Parks Superintendent