



**Recreation and Park Commission
City Hall – Community Chambers
Wednesday, June 20, 2018
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Tyson Hubbard - Chair, Ira Bray, Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald (arrived at 6:32 pm), Emily Griswold, Osman Mufti and Travie Westlund.

Commission Members Absent: Cheri Harrington

Council Liaison Present: Will Arnold (Not Present)

Public Present: None

Staff Present: Dale Sumersille, Martin Jones, Ginger Hashimoto, Dianna Jensen

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hubbard at 6:30 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 6-0-1-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Greenwald, Griswold, Hubbard, Mufti and Westlund.

NOES: None

Absent: Harrington

Abstentions: None

3. Brief Announcements from Commissioners, Liaisons and Staff

- I. Bray made a brief announcement about the upcoming 58th Annual Kiddies Parade on July 4 beginning at 10:00 am at Central Park.
- E. Griswold made a brief announcement about parents questioning the chosen “Red & White” color scheme of the new Central Park play structure.
- C. Greenwald inquired about installing shade umbrellas at the picnic tables at Arroyo Pool.
- T. Hubbard commented that children really enjoy playing on the tractor that was recently installed at Central Park.

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

- The new Central Park play structure was completed on June 15; the play structure on Covell Greenbelt #3 will be open on June 23 and the play structure at Putah Creek Park will open on June 27. All mentioned play structures will have a grand opening on the morning of June 30, 2018.

- At their June 19 meeting, the Davis City Council approved the 2018/2019 fiscal budget and also approved the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the outdoor fitness equipment to be installed nearby the Davis Senior Center.
- The Davis Community Transit (DCT) vehicles passed the annual CHP inspections.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by O. Mufti to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by E. Griswold. The motion passed with a 5-0-1-1 vote.

AYES: Bray, Griswold, Hubbard, Mufti and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: Harrington

Abstentions: Greenwald

6A. Russell Blvd. Green Street Demonstration Project (Prop 1) Update

Ginger Hashimoto, Administrative Analyst introduced the proposed design and overview for the Russell Blvd Green Street Demonstration Project located at 23 Russell Blvd. The design was prepared by Cunningham Engineering. The Commission made the following comments:

- I. Bray recommended that small signs should be utilized to identify plants.
- T. Westlund expressed concern about long-term landscape maintenance and overall health of the established trees that will receive less water due to the altered irrigation and watering times.
- C. Greenwald is in favor of the project and the proposed plant palette.
- E. Griswold commented on the benefits of the previously provided site walk and the insight it provided to the citizens that participated. E. Griswold is also in favor of the proposed plant palette.
- T. Westlund has concerns about how the decomposed granite pathways are to be kept clean and not blended into the mulch. Moreover, T. Westlund believes the project is alright but believes additional planning is required and would like to see completed plans after community and Commission input is considered.
- I. Bray believes the project will provide a good educational tool and teachable moment for Davis residents but would like to know what contingencies staff has in place if the project does not work.
- O. Mufti would like to receive updates on the progress of the project.
- T. Hubbard likes the project overall.

This item will be brought back to the Commission in August after they have incorporated this evenings comments and the final public outreach meeting on July 14 at the Farmers Market.

6B. Bike Pump Track Design Update

Dianna Jensen, City Engineer and Kanten Russell from Stantec, introduced the proposed design overview for the proposed Bike Pump Track Project, which is scheduled to be constructed during FY 2018/2019.

Public Comment:

- Ken Bradford of the Davis Bike Alliance likes the start of the project but would ultimately like to see a larger track.
- Mr. Blake is against the construction of the project. Mr. Blake had the following concerns:
 - The map is unreadable
 - Believes that not all of the trees on the proposed site were accounted for.
 - Believes the track would be a safety issue.
 - Feels that we are designating thousands of dollars for a small specific population.
 - Thinks that the volunteer maintenance program is only good for a short time period.
 - Does not want to see any permanent sheds on site.
 - Would like to know how the softball fields will be affected.
- Mrs. Wanda Blake had the following questions and concerns:
 - Can any bike be utilized on the track?
 - What would be the maximum speed allowed on the track?
 - What will happen to the site if people lose interest?

Commission members made the following comments:

- I. Bray strongly urges against the installation of a permanent shed within the track boundaries; would prefer soccer lockers for equipment storage; sensitive to the location and not to expand the proposed facility, it would more appropriate for a larger facility such as a Sports Complex .
- T. Westlund would like to have another review of the plans after the comments from the public and Commissioners have been addressed; and would like to see the current project timeline and budget.
- E. Griswold does not like the aesthetic design of the project, she would like to see more plants and less rock, which would make the landscape look monotone; would like to see the final plans once the developer is completed with the conceptual phase.
- C. Greenwald would like to make sure that ADA observation areas are considered, she would like to know how this will affect the softball and soccer fields; and would like to see an educational component and promotional videos of what is a “Bike Pump Track” perhaps using the City website, Nextdoor Neighbor and Facebook.
- T. Hubbard expressed concerns about the safety of young children on the track with the crushed rock; the lack of plant material on the site, the design needs to incorporate living plants; commented about maintaining the existing trees on site; and he is concerned about the volunteer maintenance.

A motion was made by T. Hubbard to have the Commission review the final plans, seconded by C. Greenwald. The motion passed with a 4-1-1-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Greenwald, Griswold and Hubbard

NOES: Mufti

Absent: Harrington

Abstentions: None

At the next review of the project, the Commission would like to have included in the presentation a current Community Park map, indicating the location of the project so that they have a better idea of where the Bike Pump Track is located in relation to the other amenities at the park.

6C. Proclamation Designating July 2018 as National Parks and Recreation Month

The Commission reviewed the Proclamation that was presented to the City Council meeting on June 19, 2018 recognizing July 2018 as National Parks and Recreation Month. Director Summersille thanked Chair Hubbard and Commissioner Bray for attending the Council meeting and accepting the proclamation on behalf of the Recreation and Park Commission and the Parks and Community Services Department.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

- E. Griswold announced that had sent a letter to City Council expressing her displeasure regarding the citywide volunteer coordinator being housed at the Davis Police Department.
- T. Hubbard announced that the City Manager's Office (CMO) has restricted the Aquatic Sub-Committee to look at only economic stability, additional meetings will continue in the week of June 25, 2018.

Commissioner C. Escamilla-Greenwald moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by O. Mufti at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Martin Jones

Parks & General Services Superintendent