



Recreation and Park Commission
Davis Senior Center Activity Room, 646 A Street
Tuesday, January 16, 2014
MINUTES

Commission Members Present: Ira Bray (Vice Chair), Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald, Charlie Russell, Travie Westlund

Commission Members Absent: Katerina Robinson (Vice Chair), Dawn Einwalter, Francis Resta

Council Liaison Present: None

Staff Present: Christine Helweg, David Kemp, David Luckscheider and Samantha Wallace

Public Present: None

Chair Ira Bray called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes of November 21, 2013 were approved by a motion by T. Westlund, seconded by C. Russell. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. Written Communications

D. Luckscheider and C. Helweg provided an update on current resident concerns at Northstar Nature area. Concerns related to the nature trails and the deep levels of mulch will be worked on in the coming weeks.

5. Presentation on Beyond Platinum – Bicycle Action Plan

Active Transportation Coordinator, David Kemp presented the Bicycle Action Plan for Davis. In 2005, Davis was designated as the first city with a Platinum rating. Today, there are currently 3 additional cities, including Fort Collins, Boulder, and Portland. The league has created a new Diamond designation primarily oriented toward roadways and education. The Bicycle Action Plan sets out to meet the new Diamond standards and should assist the City in achieving the new Diamond rating by the end of the plan.

D. Kemp stated that he would provide the Commission information on roadway funding methods.

6. Designated Commission representatives to Serve as Liasons to the Finance and Budget Commission and the Open Space and Habitat Commission for 2014 Calendar Term.

C. Greenwald was appointed as Liaison to the OSHC, with the appointment to the Finance and Budget Commission being deferred to February.

7. Consider Recommendations from Dog Park Subcommittee on Dog Park and Off Leash Exercise Area Standards.

The Commission recommended that the hours of the Dog Park and Off Leash Exercise Areas to operate from dawn to dusk. Initial discussions also indicated a preference for there to be a ½ mile radius potentially preferred for dog exercise areas, and 3-4 miles for regional dog parks.

C. Russell made a motion, seconded by C. Greenwald, to accept the Dog Park Subcommittees recommendations as described on Attachments 7a and 7b as amended. Amendments included removing the word “greenbelts” and to add measures of proximity recommendations. Staff will come back to the Commission with a final set of recommended standards.

8. Parks & Community Services Quarterly Performance Report

No discussion. S. Wallace provided an update on the Community Pool discussions with the aquatic organizations.

9. Review and Discussion of John Barovetto Park

C. Greenwald – 2 site visits, approximately 8-10 people each visit. No particular concerns.

T. Westlund – very limited shade especially around the picnic area/playground, dog exercise area is now marked, concerned with fencing along apartments on east side – informal pathway from apartments, reduce the population of weeds particularly in the drainage area.

C. Russell – grass around tree wells restricting growth.

I. Bray – missing two sails over playground, also concerned about pathway from apartment complex.

10. Commissioner Announcements/Comments

None.

11. Liaison Reports

- City Council Liaison – no report.
- Finance and Budget Commission (Ira Bray): C. Greenwald attend the FBC meeting in December. Discussion on long term budget solutions, including additional revenue sources was discussed.
- Open Space & Habitat Commission Liaison (Katerina Robinson) – no report.

12. Staff Reports/Updates

Parks Manager, David Luckscheider provided the Commission with an update on the most recent improvements made at Oxford Park.

Superintendent Helweg provided the Commission with an update that the City Council had approved the Pilot Slacklining program and the Teen Services Grant recommendations in

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December 2013. The City Council also just appointed a new Alternate to fill the current vacancy. The new member of the Commission is Marq Truscott, and will be joining in February.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Helweg
Community Services Superintendent