



**Recreation and Park Commission  
Davis Senior Center Activity Room, 646 A Street  
Thursday, March 20, 2014  
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Ira Bray (Chair), Katerina Robinson (Vice Chair), Dawn Einwalter, Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald, Francis Resta, Charlie Russell, Travie Westlund and Marq Truscott - Alternate

Commission Members Absent: None

Council Liaison Present: Lucas Frerichs

Staff Present: Melissa Chaney, Martin Guerena, Christine Helweg, David Luckscheider, Yvonne Quiring and Samantha Wallace

Public Present: Marianne Arenas

Chair Ira Bray called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved by consensus.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The meeting minutes of February 20, 2014 were amended to delete “picnicking areas” under Item #7, under C. Russell’s comments. The amended minutes were approved by consensus.

**3. Public Comments**

None.

**4. Written Communications**

None

**5. Update on Potential Revenue Measure for November 2014**

Melissa Chaney, Human Resources/Community Services Administrator, made a power point presentation summarizing the key issues facing the City related to the FY14-15 budget and beyond. The presentation included historical budget actions that the City has undertaken and future revenue and expenditure projections.

**6. Presentation of 2013 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Annual Report**

Martin Guerena, IPM Specialist, summarized the key highlights of the 2013 IPM Annual Report, including overall pesticide use statistics for the City as a whole, and for specifically the Parks & Open Space division. Public outreach activities, public education, and goals for the coming year were also discussed.

**7. Consider Final Recommendations on Standards for Dog Park and Off Leash Exercise Areas**

Christine Helweg, Parks & Community Services Superintendent, presented final recommended Levels of Service Standards for Dog Parks and Exercise areas to be included as a supplement to the 2012 Update to the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan.

A motion was made by T. Westlund, seconded by K. Robinson, to approve staff's recommendation on final Level of Service standards as presented in the staff report. A substitute motion was made by K. Robinson, seconded by T. Westlund, to amend both the Off Leash Dog Park and Neighborhood Exercise area standards for items #9, by adding "for dog owners" at the end of the sentence, and to amend #11 by adding "including proper etiquette for dogs and owners utilizing the park." The motion passed unanimously.

**8. Annual Review of 5-yr Capital Improvement Plan**

Christine Helweg, Parks & Community Services Superintendent, reviewed the proposed 5-year CIP program for FY14-15 and beyond. CIP project updates were reviewed for the current fiscal year, in addition to reviewing the projects being proposed for the coming year.

Commissioner Robinson requested that a meeting be set up with Parks & Open Space staff to discuss potential plant palettes and other drought tolerant strategies to be included in the update to the City's site specifications.

Commissioners Robinson and Truscott expressed their interest in being involved in the early consultant discussion on potential turf reduction sites and other site specific water conservation strategies.

Commission Russell requested that page numbers be placed on the staff report for better tracking and review by all, and easier tables with comparable project titles.

**9. Review and Discussion of Pioneer Park**

I. Bray - provided a slideshow of various locations within Pioneer Park.

F. Resta – dog area too small and too close to houses, motorized go-carts on bike paths, dandelions throughout the turf in dog exercise area, well groomed park.

D. Einwalter – lovely, peaceful park, nice playground equipment, would desire more equality for all ages.

T. Westlund – nice facility, shade structure starting to show its age, liked the fescue around the tree wells, the dog exercise area had nearby debris that possibly could have been dumped by a neighboring resident, needs better weed control in back areas of park, staff may want to consider moving the dog exercise area nearer to the park entrance and signage, needs more boundary signs for dog exercise area.

M. Truscott – aging structures and amenities, nice, full-size trees around play area, possibly use fescue to define the dog exercise area, neat park.

C. Greenwald – love this park, live near the site, suggested placing a sign on Hammel that encourages dog owners to pick up after their pets, requested staff to consider some type of partition in restroom.

K. Robinson – high tennis court use, basketball courts were being used for scooters and skateboarders, barbeque grills in need of cleaning and painting.

C. Russell – older children use fields heavily at this park, gophers are still a major problem at this location.

Next month's discussion and site visit will include Playfields Sports Park, 2500 Research Park Drive.

**10. Commissioner Announcements/Comments**

M. Truscott – inquired if the commission members would be interested in having a joint meeting with the City of West Sacramento Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Truscott had been speaking with the Chair and they both thought it may be of interest to both commissions. Commissioner Truscott to follow up with City of West Sacramento as to their interest in meeting.

**11. Liaison Reports**

City Council Liaison – no report.

Open Space & Habitat Commission – no items of joint interest to report at this time.

Finance and Budget Commission - Commissioner Greenwald stated that the Commission was focusing on the upcoming FY14-15 budget process and their joint meeting with the City Council.

**12. Staff Reports/Updates**

Staff reviewed the ongoing work plan for the Commission and discussed agenda topics for the coming months.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Helweg  
Community Services Superintendent