



**Recreation and Park Commission
City Hall – Community Chambers
Wednesday, September 19, 2018
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Tyson Hubbard - Chair, Travie Westlund – Vice Chair, Ira Bray, Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald, Emily Griswold and Cheri Harrington

Commission Members Absent: None

Council Liaison Present: Dan Carson

Public Present: Steve Blake, Paul Marcillac (Stantec), Joe Pickens and Matt Zeitzler

Staff Present: Kevin Fong, Christine Helweg, Martin Jones, Robert Larson, Anne Marquez, Emma McNeil, John McNerney and Dale Summersille

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 C. Greenwald to approve the agenda, seconded by I. Bray. The motion passed with a 6-0-0-0 vote.

AYES: Hubbard, Westlund, Bray, Greenwald, Griswold and Harrington

NOES: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

3. Brief Announcements from Commissioners, Liaisons and Staff

- C. Helweg requested the attendance of the Recreation & Parks Commission for a joint City Council meeting, September 25, 2018 at 6pm. Those in attendance will discuss present & future projects with the City Council.
- D. Carson, the liaison to the commission, introduced himself and gave a brief description of his career accomplishments. D. Carson also provided his email contact information for any future communications. dcarson@cityofdavis.org
- E. Griswold discussed the work between Tucker McPhual and the Davis Manor Neighborhood to redesign the surrounding landscapes. A neighborhood gathering will be scheduled for 4:00pm on October 4, 2018 at N Street Park to discuss the plan and generate ideas.
- C. Greenwald inquired about the questionnaires on the City Web Site to provide input on the Downtown Renovation Project.

4. Public Comment

No public comment.

5A. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by T. Westlund to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by C. Greenwald. The motion passed with a 5-0-0-1 vote.

AYES: Hubbard, Westlund, Bray, Greenwald and Harrington.

NOES: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: Griswold

5B. Director's Project Update

T. Westlund moved to approve all project updates, seconded by C. Greenwald.

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

NOES: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

6A. Presentation on 2018 summer season – Camps, Outdoor Ed & Specialty Classes.

The Commission received a presentation by Community Services Supervisor Anne Marquez and Community Services Coordinators Robert Larson and Emma McNeil regarding the success of this year's Recreation Summer Programs.

Commissioner comments are as follows:

- C. Greenwald inquired about available grants for additional staffing for the programs.
- T. Westlund and I. Bray both commented on the great job by the Recreation staff and Volunteers. I. Bray was also pleased to hear that there was Conflict Management available to the participants.
- C. Harrington requested information on enrollment comparisons, repeat enrollment rates and percentage of residents.

6B. Bike Pump Track Final Design

The Commission received a presentation on the proposed budget, capital improvement project and design for the Bike Pump Track Project, which will be constructed during FY2018-2019.

- Matt Zeitzler, member of Davis Bike Alliance, is very adamant about having a dirt track with bark around the perimeter not rock, which could injure riders if they fall. The interior plants listed should also be removed as they can also create a safety issue. After completion of the project this could be a viable location to host groups for alternate recreation programs.
- Joe Pickens from the Davis Bike Alliance is very excited about the project and thinks the design is good but would still like to make some additional changes. For instance, the asphalt cap is not an option for this track, plus the benches and plantings need to be relocated.

- Steve Blake is disappointed that a lot of the previous issues were not integrated into the final plans. Mr. Blake stated that he had visited other pump track locations and none of them were in the center of town.
- I. Bray is pleased that the shed has been removed from the plans and being replaced with a low profile lock box. I. Bray would also like to see the track reviewed in one year for possible design modifications.
- C. Harrington believes the natural dirt surface will encourage the use of bikes and discourage the use of skateboards or rollerblades.
- E. Griswold appreciates the improvements from the previous comments. E. Griswold would like to see some of the trees removed and additional drought tolerant plant species incorporated into the landscape, especially the use of grasses for the interior. It was also recommended that the use of round rock be used in place of crushed rock to prevent additional injuries in the case of a fall.
- T. Westlund suggested having a 2 inch barrier or depression at the base of the fence to help contain the 4 inch mulch layer that will be incorporated into the landscape. T. Westlund also stated that seasonal leaf drop on the mulched areas will create additional maintenance issues.
- C. Greenwald was pleased to hear that training will be provided to show children how to use the track safely. Greenwald does have reservations about how the fence will look and would like to see seating around the perimeter for spectators.
- T. Hubbard like the planting plan proposed for the site and would prefer not to use an asphalt cap on the advanced track. This will be a high profile project, thus it needs to be aesthetically pleasing with design and plants need to be durable due to the activity.

6C. Proposed Integrated Pest Management Technical Advisory Committee (IPM-TAC)

The Commission will consider approving recommendations by John McNerney for the purpose, function and composition of the Integrated Pest Management Technical Advisory Committee (IPM-TAC).

Commission members made the following comments:

- T. Westlund believes the IPM Specialist should share the decisions made by the TAC before going to City Council. Moreover, T. Westlund does not believe that City Staff should be included in the TAC.
- C. Greenwald believes that the TAC is a good idea.
- E. Griswold is concerned about two people sharing a vote and there could be frequent absences with Commission Liaisons. There is also concern about the academic advisors having a non-voting position in the TAC, which Griswold believes should be selected by the City Council.
- C. Harrington does not believe the TAC will move forward as the average person could not provide the expertise needed to make informed decisions. There should be more experts on the TAC.
- I. Bray is concerned that this will be contentious and would like to see the role of the TAC more clearly defined. There are too many votes on the table.

- T. Hubbard would like to remove the Commission Liaisons from the TAC and replace them with members of the general public.

6D. Review and Discussion of Walnut Park

This item was deferred to the October 17, 2018 meeting.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

- E. Griswold stated that there was nothing new to report on the Volunteer Engagement Sub-Committee.
- T. Hubbard stated there had been no meetings since the previous August Commission meeting. C. Helweg has launched the Aquatics Survey and received 1,200 responses.
- The Commission agreed to re-schedule the November 21, 2018 meeting to November 29, 2018 due to the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Commissioner C. Greenwald moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by I. Bray at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Martin Jones
Parks Superintendent