



**Recreation and Park Commission
City Hall – Community Chambers
Thursday, November 29, 2018
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Travie Westlund – Vice Chair, Ira Bray, Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald (6:45pm) and Emily Griswold

Commission Members Absent: Cheri Harrington and Tyson Hubbard

Council Liaison Present: None

Public Present: None

Staff Present: Dale Sumersille, Christine Helweg, Martin Jones, Kristina McClellin and Hollay Shayegi

The meeting was called to order by Chair Westlund at 6:45 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 C. Greenwald. The motion passed with a 4-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Greenwald, Griswold, Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: Harrington, Hubbard

Abstentions: None

3. Brief Announcements from Commissioners, Liaisons and Staff

- D. Sumersille reviewed past City Council agenda items from November 27, 2018.
- D. Sumersille provided an update on the playground arson fire that occurred at Market Park in the Cannery development. Replacement is anticipated
- D. Sumersille announced the upcoming community meeting on Saturday, December 15 from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon regarding the proposed lighting at the Toad Hollow Dog Park.
- C. Helweg informed the Commission that the City Council will be appointing new commissioners at their December 4 meeting. The new commissioners are anticipated to begin in January 2019.
- E. Griswold announced that the neighborhood is continuing to work on the preliminary design for the N Street mini park and anticipate the design to be completed in March or April 2019.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent Calendar

On page 4, Item 6C, fifth bullet item, deletion of the word “potential” was requested by I. Bray for the October 17, 2018 Commission minutes.

A motion was made by I. Bray to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by C. Greenwald. The motion passed with a 4-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Greenwald, Griswold, Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: Harrington, Hubbard

Abstentions: None

The Director’s Project Update was also received by the Commission as an informational item on the Consent Calendar.

6A. Presentation on 2018 summer season – Aquatics

The Commission received a presentation by Community Services Supervisor Kristina McClellin and Community Services Program Coordinator Hollay Shayegi regarding the success of this year’s summer aquatic programs.

Key Highlights:

- The program experienced over a 70% staff retention rate from the previous season.
- An overview of the required staff training and activities offered during the spring and summer seasons were described to the Commission.
- An overview of the Aquatics Interest Survey was provided to the Commission, particularly information related to expanded recreation swim hours, dedicated lap swim hours and water exercise needs, and the desire for enhanced amenities.
- Commission expressed interest in adding additional shade structures and solar panels to Arroyo pool facility and maximizing energy savings for ongoing pool operations.

6B. Appoint Commission Representative for 2019 Golden Heart Awards Selection Committee

The Commission selected C. Greenwald as the representative for the 2019 Awards cycle.

6C. Continued Discussion on Joint City Council/Commission Goals 2018-2020

The Commission will reviewed comments and suggestions from the Commission subcommittee. The subcommittee will work with City staff on a more defined report and bring back to the Commission in January for further review and discussion.

6D. Review and Discussion of Arroyo Pool and Park

The Commission selects a park location each month to review and discuss existing amenities and potential maintenance related issues. This is an informational item only – no specific action was recommended.

Commissioners made the following comments:

- Commission members appreciated the tour that was provided by staff.
- The facility has great amenities, and has the ability to expand with additional shade and solar structures, deck umbrellas, cabanas, etc.
- Commission members were surprised that the four aquatic facilities (9 bodies of water) are only maintained by two full time maintenance employees and one seasonal part-time employee.

Central Park is the site location to be discussed at the January 2019 meeting.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

None.

8. Adjournment

Commissioner I. Bray moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by E. Griswold at 7:50 pm.
The motion passed with a 4-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Greenwald, Griswold, Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: Harrington, Hubbard

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Helweg

Assistant Director, Parks & Community Services