



**Recreation and Park Commission  
City Hall – Community Chambers  
Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Tyson Hubbard – Chair (arrived at 6:34 pm), Travie Westlund – Vice Chair, Ira Bray, Emily Griswold, Bruce Harland, Cheri Harrington and Timm Herdt

Commission Members Absent: None

Council Liaison Present: Dan Carson

Public Present: Scott Adler and John Cook

Staff Present: Rob Cain, Christine Helweg, Martin Jones, Anne Marquez, Emma McNeil and Dale Sumersille

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hubbard at 6:34 pm.

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

A motion was made by T. Westlund to approve the agenda, seconded by I. Bray. The motion passed with a 7-0-0-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Griswold, Harland, Harrington, Herdt, Hubbard and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: None.

Abstentions: None

**3. Brief Announcements from Commissioners, Liaisons and Staff**

- D. Sumersille presented the Commission with an informational Staff Report for the Prop 68 Grant Funding that was approved by the City Council.
- C. Helweg announced that City Council approved a 3-year License Agreement with Aquadarts for use of Community Pool. Also, City Council approved a resolution approving the submittal of the grant application for funding from the Urban/Community Forestry Grant Program as provided through California Climate Investments and Proposition 68 Parks & Water Bond 2018.
- C. Helweg announced that Jamie Elliott, Program Coordinator for Alternative Recreation and Inclusion Services has announced her retirement date for June 7, 2019, recruitment will begin in the next few weeks to fill the position.
- E. Griswold thanked staff for the recent mulching at N Street mini-park.

#### **4. Public Comment**

- Scott Adler spoke to the Commission about the need for additional Pickleball courts in the City. He spoke briefly about recreational tennis players transitioning to Pickleball and that a survey is currently being conducted with the results to be shared with the Commission at a later date.
- John Cook briefly spoke about how he would like Pickleball to become a City of Davis adult sport.

#### **5. Consent Calendar**

A motion was made by T. Hubbard to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended by C. Harrington, seconded by I. Bray. The motion passed with a 7-0-0-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Griswold, Harland, Harrington, Herdt, Hubbard and Westlund.

NOES: None

Absent: None.

Abstentions: None

#### **6A. Presentation on Urban Forestry Program.**

The Commission received a brief presentation by Rob Cain, Urban Forest Manager on the State of the Forest.

#### **6B. Presentation on 2018 Operating Season – Gymnastics & Dance**

The Commission received a presentation by Community Services Supervisor Anne Marquez and Program Coordinator Emma McNeil regarding a recap of the 2018 operating season. C. Helweg announced that the gym is indefinitely closed until the roof can be certified to be structurally sound due to a severe water leak and structural damage.

- C. Harrington – Commented on the importance of the HVAC system and its ability to filter the air. C. Harrington offered to help in voicing the need for an upgraded system.
- T. Hubbard expressed a dire need for the status of the building's structural integrity to be considered before the consideration of a new HVAC system.

E. Griswold moved to review the structural integrity of the building before consideration of a new HVAC system. I. Bray seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 7-0-0-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Griswold, Harland, Harrington, Herdt, Hubbard and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: None.

Abstentions: None

#### **6C. Review and Discuss 2019 Commission Goals and Proposed Work Plan.**

The Commission reviewed their 2018 Work Plan and began determining their goals and objectives for the 2019 calendar term.

Commission made the following comments:

- I. Bray would like to see an improved standard for public restrooms.
- T. Hubbard likes the focus points and would like to pursue advertising public engagement at future Recreation and Park Commission meetings. T. Hubbard would also like to explore more Art in the Parks and have the Commission focus more on maintenance or maintenance standards.
- T. Westlund believes it's very important to focus on maintenance. T. Westlund stated that he does not have interest in some of the additional highlighted points.
- T. Herdt stated that community engagement is key and should be a priority for the Recreation and Parks Commission.
- B. Harland stated that community engagement is part of the other issues and would like to pursue Art in the Parks, which also includes community engagement.
- I. Bray stated that we should have a greater concern for buildings (facilities) in the Parks.
- D. Carson informed the Commission that City Council will review the goals again on March 8, 2019.

I. Bray moved to adopt the Commission goals and proposed Work Plan to be approved by City Council. B. Harlan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 7-0-0-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Griswold, Harland, Harrington, Herdt, Hubbard and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: None.

Abstentions: None

#### **6D. Designate the Chair and Vice Chair Positions for the 2019 Calendar Term**

The Commission will designate a new Chair and Vice Chair position to serve during the 2019 calendar term.

- E. Griswold nominated C. Harrington as the new Chair for the 2019 calendar term. T. Hubbard seconded the motion. C. Harrington accepted the nomination. The motion passed with a 7-0-0-0 vote.

AYES: Bray, Griswold, Harland, Harrington, Herdt, Hubbard and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: None.

Abstentions: None

- T. Herdt nominated E. Griswold as the new Vice Chair for the 2019 calendar term. T. Hubbard seconded the motion. E. Griswold accepted the nomination. Then motion passed with a 6-0-0-1 vote.

AYES: Bray, Harland, Harrington, Herdt, Hubbard and Westlund

NOES: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: Griswold

## **6E. Review and Discussion of Mace Ranch Park**

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

Commission members made the following comments:

- T. Westlund stated that this is a heavily populated park; the concrete bike sculpture completed by staff looks great. T. Westlund also stated that it would be a good idea to relocate the soccer goals to aide in maintenance of the fields.
- T. Hubbard stated that the picnic area is heavily used and really like the playground.
- C. Harrington like the fact that numerous sports activities can occur in the park. C. Harrington also commented on how she liked the dry creek bed that could be used for creative play.
- E. Griswold stated that this is a model park for Davis. There has been considerable mulching at the especially around the Heritage Oak with the surrounding fence; Tree Davis has expressed interest in using the Park as a memorial tree site. Furthermore, the size of the park allows numerous users to coexist.
- T. Herdt mentioned that the barbeques get a lot of use in addition to the great functioning Basketball Courts. He did express concern to the lack of signage for the Park.
- I. Bray mentioned that he is very fond of the park.
- B. Harland stated that his children love the playgrounds and there is potential to have an interactive garden to the West of the play areas. B. Harland also mentioned he noticed lots of off-leash dog play.

## **7. Commission Comments and Staff Communications**

### **Aquatic Sub-Committee**

- C. Helweg informed the Commission that the Executive Contracts have been signed and will begin the process in March 2019 with the Aquatic Sub-Committee.

### **Volunteer Engagement**

- E. Griswold informed the Commission that the sub-committee has not met recently. Additionally, Tree Davis has expressed interest in working with Open Space, plus D. Sumersille and C. Helweg are currently evaluating funding for a Temporary Part-Time Volunteer Coordinator.

## **8. Future Agenda Items**

- T. Hubbard would like to see a presentation on the Farmer's Market.
- D. Sumersille would like to bring the revised Pump Track plans before the Commission as an informational item.

Commissioner T. Westlund moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by E. Griswold at 9:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Martin Jones  
Parks & General Services Superintendent