

PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson White, Vice Chairperson Wright, Commissioners Joseph-Hover, Lynch, Slusser, and Swope

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Commissioner Truscelli

GUESTS PRESENT: Elizabeth Travers

STAFF PRESENT: Director Corinne Centeno, Superintendent Gary Hover, Administrative Assistant Denise Monroe

Chairperson Shawn White called the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission to order at 7:32pm in Room 5 of the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, California.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as mailed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Commissioners received in their packets, a copy of an email from Elizabeth Travers dated April 6, 2009 entitled "lack of monitoring in Redwood City parks". Director Centeno read the letter out loud at the meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Elizabeth Travers read her letter dated April 19, 2009 requesting that petroleum-based fire starters be banned from parks and that the notice be included on park signs, and she spoke about the reasons for her request.

Chairperson White stated the use of petroleum-based fire starters is not prohibited in the City's ordinances, and the Police Department cannot enforce something that is not a City ordinance or a law. He said he did not know if the City has the authority to prohibit use of these items, and that this could be under the jurisdiction the Environmental Protection Agency or Bay Area Air Quality District. He explained this matter would be referred to the Facilities and Fields Subcommittee for further research and requested they report their findings at the May meeting.

ITEM 1 – PET PARADE UPDATE

Commissioner Joseph-Hover gave an update on the planned activities for the Pet Parade. She stated that volunteers are needed at the event and Chairperson White and Commissioner Swope volunteered to assist.

ITEM 2 – SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

-Capital Projects

Commissioner Slusser reported the subcommittee reviewed the proposed CIP list and there were no additions. Superintendent Hover said staff would like the Commission to reconsider the addition of the skatepark fence to the proposed CIP list.

M/S Swope/Wright: To approve the subcommittee's CIP recommendations including the skatepark fence.

Motion passed.

-Fields/Facilities

Chairperson White stated the sub-committee met and discussed the park rules and field use policy. He announced that community user groups are continuing to work with City staff on a revised field use policy including assessment of fees which would help in the cost of replacing artificial turf fields in the future.

The Commissioners looked at a sample of the new park signage and made suggestions to the format.

-Strategic/Visioning

Nothing to report.

-Veterans Memorial Senior Center

Superintendent Hover provided an update of the scoping study for the Senior Center.

ITEM 5 – STAFF UPDATES

-Hoover Field Turf Replacement

Superintendent Hover reported that Hoover Field opened last weekend.

-Hoover Park Renovation

Superintendent Hover gave an update of the project and said the park should be open by June 16. Staff will be working with the Boys & Girls Club on a dedication ceremony for Hoover Park and Field.

-Scoping Study

Item was discussed under Item 4.

Items for May Agenda

-Budget Update, Quality of Life Element, Pet Parade Update, Review and Status of Commission Goals; Suggestion to move Commission meeting time to 7:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Director Centeno announced that she will provide the Commission with the final budget recommendations at the May meeting.

The regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission was adjourned at 8:53pm to be reconvened at 7:30pm on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, California.