



**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 9, 2008**

The Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation Commission met in regular session in the Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale CA 94086, at 7 p.m. with Chair Kinder presiding.

CALL TO ORDER / SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Kinder called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chair Bob Kinder
Vice Chair Jim Colvin
Commissioner Howard Chuck
Commissioner Robert Harms
Commissioner Richard Oliver

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: David A. Lewis, Director, Parks and Recreation
Cathy Merrill, Assistant to the Director
Jack Witthaus, Transportation/Traffic Manager, Public Works

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. Approval of Draft Minutes from Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on May 21, 2008.

Chair Kinder pulled item 1.A. from the Consent Calendar. He requested a correction to page 6 of the minutes to add the name of the Sunnyvale resident, Michael Bailey, who carried the International Olympic Torch in San Francisco in April 2008.

MOTION: Commissioner Oliver moved and Commissioner Harms seconded to approve Item 1.A. as corrected.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously 4-0. Vice Chair Colvin abstained as he was not present at the May 21, 2008, Commission meeting.

STAFF RESPONSES TO PRIOR PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. Policy Supporting Connections to Regional Bicycle Facilities (Study Issue)

Jack Witthaus, Transportation/Traffic Manager, Public Works Department, presented the staff report. He said the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) sponsored the study issue that will consider policy alternatives for connections to regionally significant bicycle facilities. Council directed that the Parks and Recreation Commission also review and comment on this issue.

Witthaus noted the extensive number of existing City policies related to trail connections and policies supporting connections to regional trails. He referenced Council's earlier direction to not build Steven's Creek Trail on the Sunnyvale side of the creek but to support development of connections to that trail. He noted related actions and options considered by neighboring cities Mountain View, Los Altos and Cupertino. Witthaus said that staff has yet to formulate their recommendations related to this study and is interested to hear what the Commission thinks of the study or if they have any suggestions or recommendations.

Vice Chair Colvin commented on the 1994 study that established City policy on Steven's Creek Trail and asked questions about power lines and biking trails near Remington Drive. Witthaus noted the Remington connection to Steven's Creek trail is a Capital Improvement Project and environmental impacts would be determined as part of that project.

In response to Commissioner Oliver, Witthaus said the draft report with included BPAC recommendations would come back to the Commission in August.

Commissioner Kinder said he understands the Dale Avenue/Heatherstone Way connection to Steven's Creek Trail from Mountain View but asked how the Remington connection fits in and if an overpass would be required.

Assistant to the Director Merrill clarified the difference between this report without staff recommendations as compared to reports that include staff recommendations to react to. The final draft report will come back to the Commission in August, but staff is seeking Commission feedback prior to the final report.

Director Lewis said staff is looking for Commission's feedback before the final report is drafted.

Chair Kinder opened the public hearing. There were no public appearances and the public hearing was closed.

Chair Kinder said it is very possible that bicycle transportation will most likely increase as concerns grow regarding global warming, population expansion, and high fuel costs; therefore, the demand for bicycle and pedestrian causeways will most likely increase. There were no other comments.

Chair Kinder thanked Witthaus for his presentation.

Chair Kinder declared a five-minute recess and then the Commission meeting was reconvened.

3. Consider Options for Use of Raynor Activity Center (Study Issue) (Council Action 8/12/08)

Consider Options for Use of Raynor Activity Center report was removed from the agenda and will be considered at a later date. Assistant to the Director Merrill queried the Commissioners on their availability for a special meeting to consider this report on July 23. Commissioners indicated four of the five Commissioners would be available to attend. Chair Kinder indicated that he would not be available.

4. Work Plan Calendar Review

Assistant to the Director Merrill briefly reviewed the master work plan calendar. She noted that no new study issues have been proposed and said August 13 is the last date to propose new study issues for consideration in 2009. She also pointed out dates where no agenda items have been planned and informed Commissioners that she will check with the Chairperson about whether or not to hold the meetings. There were no questions from Commissioners.

4. Election of Commission Officers for FY08/09

Chair Kinder opened the floor for nominations for FY08/09 Chairperson.

Commissioner Harms nominated Vice Chair Colvin.

Vice Chair Colvin accepted the nomination and said he will require assistance as he is returning to school full time and also works full time.

There were no other nominations for Chairperson and Chair Kinder closed the nominations.

VOTE: Passed 5-0. Commissioner Colvin is FY08/09 Chairperson.

Chair Kinder opened the floor for nominations for FY08/09 Vice Chairperson.

Chair Kinder nominated Commissioner Oliver.

Commissioner Oliver accepted the nomination and said he will do his best to make certain the Commission meetings have substance and significance.

There were no other nominations for Vice Chairperson and Chair Kinder closed the nominations.

VOTE: Passed 5-0. Commissioner Oliver is FY08/09 Vice Chairperson.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

COMMISSION

Commissioner Kinder said he has enjoyed serving as Chair and happy to welcome new Chair Colvin and Vice Chair Oliver.

Commissioner Harms said a book sale was held by Friends of the Library at Raynor Activity Center.

Commissioner Oliver complimented Nancy Bolgard Steward, Superintendent of Recreation, on her detailed report and all that Recreation provides (Recreation Division Quarterly Report, 12/07 – 4/08). He said she does an outstanding job.

Commissioner Harms said that Gerard Manuel, Recreation Supervisor, Senior Center, has good ideas and keeps things moving along.

Commissioner Harms said two recumbent bikes have been added to the Senior Center Fitness Room.

Chair Kinder asked questions of staff regarding the recent swimming pool closures at Peterson and Columbia schools. Director Lewis said the projects are under the jurisdiction of the Sunnyvale School District; and, unfortunately, after summer programs were planned for Peterson, it was announced by the school district that Peterson would be closed. In response to Chair Kinder's inquiry about attendance at the remaining open pools, Director Lewis said it is too early in the season to note.

Commissioner Oliver said he presented the Commission recommendations to Council regarding the Hendy Iron Man Museum Report to Council. He understands the issue is not "dead" and that staff is to continue investigating the Northrup Grumman site. Director Lewis added Council directed staff to

consider the potential of user groups to be housed there, with the understanding that the City may seek grants or funding to support this use. Commissioner Oliver added that Northrup Grumman would need approval from their Washington headquarters.

Chair Kinder and Commissioner Chuck accepted a Special Order of the Day “July is Parks and Recreation Month” Council proclamation at the June 24 Council meeting. Assistant to the Director Merrill said the proclamation is on display at the Community Center.

STAFF

No comments.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

- Staff Liaison Report
- Recreation Division Quarterly Report, 12/07-4/08, dated 6/13/08
- Miscellaneous Items of Interest

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kinder adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy E. Merrill, Assistant to the Director
Parks and Recreation Department

Reviewed by,

David A. Lewis, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

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