



**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2008**

The Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation Commission met in regular session at 7:01 p.m. on August 13, 2008, with Acting Chair Oliver presiding. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

CALL TO ORDER / SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Acting Chair Oliver called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Acting Chair Richard Oliver
 Commissioner Howard Chuck
 Commissioner Robert Harms
 Commissioner Bob Kinder

Commissioners Absent: Chair Jim Colvin

Staff Present: David A. Lewis, Director, Parks and Recreation Department
 Heba El-Guendy, Senior Transportation Planner, Transportation
 and Traffic Division, Public Works Department

CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Commissioner Kinder moved, Commissioner Harms seconded, to excuse Chair Colvin's absence.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0. (Chair Colvin was absent.)

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. Approval of Draft Minutes from Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on July 9, 2008.

MOTION: Commissioner Harms moved, Commissioner Kinder seconded, to approve Consent Item 1.A.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0 (Chair Colvin was absent.)

1.B. Approval of Draft Minutes from Special Joint Meeting of Parks and Recreation Commission and Arts Commission on July 23, 2008.

MOTION: Commissioner Kinder moved, Commissioner Chuck seconded, to approve Item 1.B. with correction as stated below:

- Change maker of motion from Vice Chair Oliver to Commissioner Kinder, page 7.
- MOTION: ~~Vice—Chair—Oliver~~ Commissioner Kinder moved and Commissioner Harms seconded to recommend that Council consider Alternative No. 4: Approve Option #3 to lease the Raynor Activity Center Site for a long-term use by one or more lessees and stipulate that the lessee(s) invest in the site to upgrade the building structures to meet applicable building codes **and, in addition**, that the repairs be completed within a certain time limit. VOTE: Motion passed 5-0.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0 (Chair Colvin was absent.)

STAFF RESPONSES TO PRIOR PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Heba El-Guendy, Senior Transportation Planner, Transportation and Traffic Division, Public Works Department, presented the staff report. The presentation included a summary description of the ongoing and future trail extension work by the City of Mountain View with an estimated construction schedule extending beyond 2015.

She said Attachment B of the report mistakenly included the July 17, 2008, minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) meeting. The June 19, 2008, BPAC meeting minutes should have been attached instead, and she provided the Commissioners and staff with copies of the June 19, 2008, minutes reflecting this item.

El-Guendy said that BPAC prefers to modify policy regarding the Stevens Creek Trail. She also said that staff concluded that existing policy documents are already rich in policy regarding connections to regional bicycle facilities and is recommending that no revisions be made to existing City policy,

El-Guendy offered additional details, if needed, but said that she is relying on the fact that the Commissioners were familiar with the study issue ranked by Council which addresses the global issue of providing connections to regional bicycle

facilities since Jack Witthaus, Transportation and Traffic Division Manager, presented the matter to the Commission during their meeting on July 9, 2008.

Discussion by Commissioners included the overall Stevens Creek Trail and Sunnyvale City policy in light of what the surrounding cities are doing with Stevens Creek Trail.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Kinder moved, Commissioner Chuck seconded, to recommend that Council accept staff's recommendation Alternative No. 1: Make no revisions to existing City policy on regional bike facility connections.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0. (Chair Colvin was absent.)

3. Last Chance to Propose Study Issues or Budget Issues for Consideration in 2009

Commissioners were provided copies of the "Overview of the Study Issues Process" dated July 15, 2008.

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

Commissioner Kinder said he submitted an email to Assistant to the Director Merrill proposing a study issue for additional mini park development in north Sunnyvale. He said there have been many condo/townhouse complexes built in north Sunnyvale in the past several years without park areas. He said the north Sunnyvale citizens deserve the same benefits as those in the more southern areas of the City. The ensuing discussion involved this issue and its review in the Parks of the Future (POTF) study. Director Lewis said he felt the issue would be thoroughly dealt with in the POTF study, but he indicated staff would prepare a study issue paper for review at the next meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Kinder moved, Commissioner Harms seconded, to propose that staff prepare a study issue paper regarding additional mini park development in north Sunnyvale.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0. (Chair Colvin was absent.)

Commissioner Kinder said he submitted an email to Assistant to the Director Merrill proposing a study issue to implement and make a stand-alone project of the 2005 study issue titled "Explore the Feasibility of Installing a Memorial for Sunnyvale Citizens and Employees Who Have Given Their Lives on Behalf of the City or Their Country."

Director Lewis said Council directed the project to be funded and rolled into Plaza del Sol, and the project is moving slowly forward. He said it would be a duplicate of an already approved project. Director Lewis informed the Commissioners that the project is funded in the design phase and moving forward. He said, from staff's perspective, it does not appear that a study issue is warranted.

Commissioners discussed the status of this City project and took no action.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

COMMISSION

Commissioner Kinder expressed concern about coverage in *The Sunnyvale Sun* with reference to the Raynor Activity Center issue.

Some Commissioners are planning to attend the Ethics Training on August 28, 2008.

STAFF

Director Lewis called attention to the *Boards and Commissions Handbook* revisions that had been placed on the dais for the Commissioners.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

- Staff Liaison Report
- Miscellaneous Items of Interest

ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chair Oliver adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Lewis, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

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