



**MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2008**

The Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation Commission met in regular session at 7:03 p.m. on September 10, 2008, with Chair Colvin presiding. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

**CALL TO ORDER / SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Chair Colvin called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the salute to the flag.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: David A. Lewis, Director, Parks and Recreation Department

**CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCES** - None

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1.A. Approval of Draft Minutes from Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on August 13, 2008.

MOTION: Commissioner Kinder moved and Commissioner Oliver seconded to approve Consent Item 1.A.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0. Chair Colvin abstained because he was not at the August 13, 2008, meeting.

**STAFF RESPONSES TO PRIOR PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

**2. Consider Impacts of Providing Sunnyvale Resident Discounts to City Recreation Programs for Active Duty Military and Their Families (Study Issue) (Council Action 10/7/08)**

Director Lewis presented the staff report. He reviewed the report background, discussion, fiscal impact, alternatives, and staff recommendation.

Chair Colvin opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. There were no public appearances and the public hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.

Commissioners discussed the report. They questioned the accuracy of the numbers presented in the report regarding the estimated number of eligible military individuals for the discount program. Staff indicated that some branches of the military gave approximate numbers of active duty members in the local area while some were vague due to security reasons.

MOTION: Commissioner Kinder moved and Commissioner Oliver seconded, to recommend that Council accept staff's recommendation Alternative No. 1: Direct staff to grant all active duty military and their immediate families' resident rates and reservation advantages for recreation activities, programs and services. This will remain in place unless the Recreation Division identifies a significant impact to the Community Recreation Fund and at that time would return to Council for additional direction.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-1. Commissioner Harms dissented because he felt that the study issue originators may be biased due to their personal military connections and also that, if enacted, this discount may lead to requests from other groups of public service workers.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

**COMMISSION**

Commissioner Kinder thanked staff for the prompt repairs of the Ortega Park backstop due to recent vandalism.

Commissioner Kinder indicated that he had not seen the response to a recent citizen letter regarding conditions at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. Director Lewis indicated he would forward the response to the Commission.

Commissioners asked about the park dedication ordinance material in the Parks of the Future study. Director Lewis responded that this issue would be further developed along with recommendations in the report to council on the Parks of the Future study when it goes to Council.

Chair Colvin reminded the Commissioners that there was a handout at their place discussing the awards program for the California Association of Park & Recreation Commissioners and Board Members (CAPRCBM).

Chair Colvin voiced his thanks and his appreciation for Superintendent of Recreation Steward's quarterly report and all of the work efforts outlined therein.

STAFF

None

**INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

- Staff Liaison Report
- Miscellaneous Items of Interest

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Colvin adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Lewis, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

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