



**MINUTES
JOINT ARTS COMMISSION AND
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION AND MEETING
MAY 20, 2009**

6 P.M. JOINT STUDY SESSION

The Sunnyvale Arts Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission convened a joint study session regarding the FY 09/10 Recommended Budget at 6 p.m. in City Hall, West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA.

CALL TO ORDER / SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Colvin called the study session to order at 6 p.m. and led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL / JOINT STUDY SESSION

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

P&R Commissioners Absent: None

Arts Commissioners Present: Chair Robert Obrey
Vice Chair Martin-Milius
Commissioner Dixie Carney

Arts Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Dennis (Jay) Shinseki (arrived 6:45 p.m.)

Staff Present: Director of Community Services David A. Lewis
Assistant to the Director Cathy E. Merrill

Director Lewis provided an overview of the FY 09/10 Recommended Budget and Resource Allocation Plan, including the city manager's letter of transmittal, cost saving actions, and the current economic situation. He provided more detail regarding Sunnyvale Works! projects which will assist in boosting the local economy and referenced the Parks and Recreation projects.

Commissioners opened joint discussion on budget material and questions were answered.

Chair Colvin opened the public hearing. There were no public testimonies and the public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners adjourned from the joint study session at 6:50 p.m. and met in joint session in the West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA at 7 p.m. with Chair Colvin presiding.

7 P.M. JOINT MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Colvin called the joint meeting to order at 7 p.m.

ROLL CALL / JOINT MEETING

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

P&R Commissioners Absent: None

Arts Commissioners Present: Chair Robert Obrey
Vice Chair Martin-Milius
Commissioner Dixie Carney
Commissioner Dennis (Jay) Shinseki

Arts Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Director of Community Services David A. Lewis
Assistant to the Director Cathy E. Merrill

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION – None

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A. Approval of Draft Minutes of April 8, 2009, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- 1.B. Approval of Draft Minutes of April 15, 2009, Arts Commission Meeting
- 1.C. Consideration of Arts Commissioner Martin-Milius' absence from the April 15, 2009, Arts Commission meeting.

Parks and Recreation Commission

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Calendar 1.A. as presented.

VOTE: Motion passed 5-0.

Arts Commission

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Calendar 1.B. as presented.

VOTE: Motion passed 3-0.

Vice Chair Martin-Milius abstained because she was absent from the April 15, 2009, meeting.

Arts Commission

MOTION: Chair Obrey moved and Commissioner Shinseki seconded to call an unexcused absence for Vice Chair Martin-Milius when she missed the April 15, 2009, Arts Commission meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed 2-1. Vice Chair Martin-Milius abstained and apologized for missing the meeting.

STAFF RESPONSES TO PRIOR PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Colvin opened the Public Comments.

Peggy Quillinan

Ms. Quillinan said she was representing herself and Las Palmas Park neighbors. She requested a study to redesign Las Palmas Park pond which has been empty of water. She would like it refurbished and put back into operation; but, if this is not feasible, then it is time to rethink the use of the site (pond). Improve the site and put the land occupied by the pond back into an area that enhances the site, ideally with a reduced pond.

Director Lewis explained the study issue process and said that if the Commission would like to propose a special project, they can do so at anytime.

Ms. Quillinan answered Commissioners' questions.

Chair Colvin closed the Public Comments.

Chair Colvin and Commissioner Kinder requested that the Las Palmas Park pond and Fair Oaks skatepark lighting be added to the June agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. FY 09/10 Recommended Budget

Director Lewis provided a brief overview. He complimented department managers noting the time they spent developing the budget. The staff recommendation is to approve the 20-Year Financial Plan and FY 09/10 Recommended Budget.

Commissioners opened joint discussion and questions were answered regarding the plan for Murphy Park and City owned housing adjacent to the park, Park Dedication Fund, recommended Park Dedication fee increase, Park Dedication current facility standard of 1.25 acres per 1,000 population and recommended increase to 3 acres per 1,000 population, Plaza Del Sol, Veterans Memorial in Plaza Del Sol, delay of downtown development, Morse Avenue Park, and Raynor Activity Center status.

Chair Colvin opened the public hearing. There were no public testimonies and the public hearing was closed.

Parks and Recreation Commission

MOTION: Chair Colvin moved and Commissioner Chuck seconded to recommend that Council adopt the FY 09/10 Recommended Budget and Resource Allocation Plan.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0. Vice Chair Oliver abstained because he is not comfortable with the plans to relocate tenants in the Fair Oaks Industrial Park in order to develop the Morse Avenue Park site.

Arts Commission

MOTION: Chair Obrey moved and Commissioner Carney seconded to recommend that Council adopt the FY 09/10 Recommended Budget and Resource Allocation Plan.

VOTE: Motion passed 3-0. Vice Chair Martin-Milius abstained because she does not see anything in the budget specific to the arts.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER Oral Comments

Commissioner Harms described his experience handing out information at Hands on the Arts (HOTS).

Commissioner Obrey

- added comments about his HOTS experience with people that attended the event. He shared a booth with Council members.
- noted he attended a presentation at the Sunnyvale Arts Center.

Commissioner Colvin

- extended an invitation to the Health and Safety Fair at Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) on May 30.
- extended an invitation to stop by and see the community garden he created at his office. The food from the garden will be donated to those in need.

Commissioner Carney recommended that Commissioner Colvin share his idea of the community garden with Council.

STAFF Oral Comments

Director Lewis thanked members of both Commissions who volunteered at HOTS.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

- Miscellaneous Items of Interest

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by:

Cathy E. Merrill, Assistant to the Director
Department of Community Services

David A. Lewis, Director
Community Services Department

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