



**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

FEBRUARY 11, 2009

The Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation Commission met in regular session at 7 p.m. on February 11, 2009, 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 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 Lewis, Director, Parks and Recreation
Cathy Merrill, Assistant to the Director, DPR

Guests Present: Captain Doug Moretto, Special Operations, DPS

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. Approval of Draft Minutes of January 14, 2009

MOTION: Commissioner Kinder moved and Commissioner Chuck seconded to approve the Consent Calendar.

VOTE: 5-0. Motion passed unanimously.

STAFF RESPONSES TO PRIOR PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. Gang Prevention and Challenge Team Presentation

Captain Doug Moretto, Special Operations, Public Safety Department, presented the organization and mission of the Challenge Team *Sunnyvale*, a community group that meets monthly to discuss the challenges facing youth and families in our community. Public Safety Department, Parks and Recreation Department, and community leaders from educational, judicial, health care and faith-based groups meet together and look for ways to bring positive influences into the lives of youth and to guide them away from the damaging influences of gangs and drugs.

Captain Moretto explained some of the challenges of gang prevention in the City. He handed out copies of his presentation and discussed gang-related statistics. Captain Moretto said he does not feel gang related crime is a big problem as much as it is an issue to work on. Sunnyvale is still a very safe city and our parks are still considered a safe place to be.

Chair Colvin thanked Captain Moretto and invited questions from the Commissioners. Questions included the possibility of working with elementary school age children, under-age drinking in parks, 911 hang up calls, Mountain View and Santa Clara gang related incident comparisons, origin of gangs located in Sunnyvale and what they offer, gang member contact locations, increase in auto thefts, and graffiti. Captain Moretto mentioned that Fair Oaks skatepark is perceived as a benefit to youth as it provides a place to go.

Captain Moretto said the Public Safety Department is attending neighborhood association meetings and an upcoming open house will also give the community a chance to meet with Public Safety staff and see their operations.

Director Lewis described the working relationship and cooperative activities between the Public Safety Department and Parks and Relation Department.

Chair Colvin opened the public hearing and there being no public testimonies, closed the public hearing.

3. Unapproved Calendar Work Plan Review and Adoption

Assistant to the Director Merrill gave an overview of the calendar work plan and noted items yet to be scheduled.

Commissioner Kinder inquired about the status of the Parks of the Future study. Director Lewis presented a summary of the current status and issues to be presented in the report.

Commissioner Kinder inquired about the status of the Murphy Park playground. Director Lewis responded that this item has not been presented to Council yet.

Chair Colvin opened the public hearing and there being no public testimonies, closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Chair Colvin moved and Commissioner Kinder seconded to accept the calendar as presented with the understanding that there will be opportunities to add agenda items as appropriate.

VOTE: 5-0. Motion passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

COMMISSION

Vice Chair Oliver attended the California Association of Park and Recreation Commissioners and Board Members (CAPRCBM) training on February 7, 2009. He provided a packet of training materials to Assistant to the Director Merrill and requested that the information be passed on to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Kinder said that the 4th season of the Sunnyvale Girls Softball League would be starting soon.

STAFF

Assistant to the Director Merrill noted Council's action not to develop a Human Rights Board/Commission. Director Lewis explained that human rights issues can be handled by other Boards/Commissions.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

- Staff Liaison Report
- Miscellaneous Items of Interest

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Colvin adjourned the meeting at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by:

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

David A. Lewis, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

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