



**MINUTES
SUNNYVALE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
JULY 8, 2009**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Acting Chair Jim Colvin
Commissioner Richard Oliver (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)
Commissioner Howard Chuck
Commissioner Robert Harms
Commissioner Robert Pochowski

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Recreation Superintendent Nancy Bolgard Steward
Parks Supervisor Scott Russell
Recreation Coordinator Kay Whitney

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

Overview of Sunnyvale Senior Center Programs and Services
Kay Whitney, Recreation Coordinator

Ms. Whitney provided Commissioners with an overview of the programs and services offered at the Sunnyvale Senior Center. She also discussed the benefits of membership and the services available at no cost to Senior Center members. Benefits of participation include socialization, camaraderie and support, security, new friendships, healthy living, intergenerational programs, and a place to go for new residents or seniors whose family live out of the area. The Senior Center staff work with a variety of partner organizations to leverage City resources and provide services at the Senior Center. The Senior Center also depends on the assistance of approximately 170 volunteers who assist in a wide variety of programs including the computer lab, senior lunch program, and fitness center, among others.

Several Commissioners asked questions of Ms. Whitney, and they were satisfactorily answered. A Commissioner was interested in the number of non-resident members using the facility. Superintendent Bolgard Steward indicated that this information would be provided at the next Commission meeting. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Whitney for providing a good presentation.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. Approval of Draft Minutes of June 10, 2009, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Chuck moved and Vice Chair Oliver seconded to approve Item 1.A. as presented.

VOTE: Motion passed 3-0 with 2 abstentions. Acting Chair Colvin abstained because he was absent from the June 10 meeting. Commissioner Pochowski abstained because he was not on the Commission at the time.

1.B. Approval of Draft Minutes of June 24, 2009, Parks and Recreation Special Commission Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Oliver moved and Acting Chair Colvin seconded to approve Item 1.B. with the following correction provided by Commissioner Harms on page 2, 3rd paragraph, delete word “not”:

“Commissioner Harms requested that staff ~~not~~ put a high priority on staff recommendation No. 3, sell Orchard Gardens parksite housing.”

VOTE: Motion passed 3-0 with 2 abstentions. Commissioner Chuck abstained because he was absent from the June 24 meeting. Commissioner Pochowski abstained because he was not on the Commission at the time.

1.C. Calendar Work Plan Review

Commissioner Pochowski requested clarification regarding the July 14, 2009, City Council Study Session. Superintendent Bolgard Steward explained that, in addition to regular Commission meetings, the Commission work plan includes additional meetings of interest to the Commissioners.

MOTION: Acting Chair Colvin moved and Commissioner Chuck seconded to accept the work plan as presented.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

STAFF RESPONSES TO PRIOR PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. Fair Oaks Skatepark Lighting Project (moved from 6/10/09)

Acting Chair Colvin asked if there was a staff report. Superintendent Bolgard Steward indicated there was not a formal staff report and reminded the Commissioners that this item was on the agenda at their request. Superintendent Bolgard Steward introduced Parks Supervisor Scott Russell and stated that he was available to answer Commissioners’ questions regarding the skatepark. Supervisor Russell provided the Commission with an overview and history of the existing capital improvement skatepark project and the issue of lighting for night time use.

Commissioners asked a series of questions, which Supervisor Russell satisfactorily answered. Acting Chair Colvin requested a copy of the original Report to Council on this subject, and the Superintendent told the Commission it would be sent to them in their next packet.

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

3. Election of Commission Officers for FY 09/10

Superintendent Bolgard Steward reviewed the process for election of Commission officers.

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

Acting Chair Colvin opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Commissioner Harms nominated Commissioner Oliver who declined the nomination.

Commissioner Chuck nominated Acting Chair Colvin who accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations and the nominations were closed.

VOTE: 5-0

Acting Chair Colvin was declared FY 09/10 Chair.

Chair Colvin opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

Chair Colvin nominated Commissioner Oliver who accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Harms nominated Commissioner Pochowski who accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations and the nominations were closed.

VOTE for Oliver: 4-1 with Commissioner Harms dissenting.

VOTE for Pochowski: 1-4 with Commissioners Chuck, Colvin, Oliver and Pochowski dissenting.

Commissioner Oliver was declared FY 09/10 Vice Chair.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER Oral Comments

Commissioner Chuck announced the upcoming "Meet the Mayor" event at Ortega Park on July 18, 2009, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Vice Chair Oliver announced:

- "Vintage Baseball" event on August 2, 2009, in Burlingame. Sacramento teams will be playing.
- Wednesday nights Downtown Music and Market Series
- Upcoming golf tournament at Sunnyvale Golf Course to raise money for cancer research. The event is associated with the Lance Armstrong Cancer Fund.

STAFF Oral Comments - None

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

- Staff Liaison Written Report

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bolgard Steward, Superintendent of Recreation
Department of Community Services

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