



**MINUTES
SUNNYVALE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2010**

The Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation Commission met in special session in City Hall Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086 at 7:05 p.m. with Chair Colvin presiding.

CALL TO ORDER/SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Colvin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioner Absent: Vice Chair Robert Pochowski

Staff Present: Assistant to the Director Cathy Merrill
Parks Superintendent Scott Morton
Assistant City Manager Robert Walker

According to Council Policy 7.2.19, absences from special meetings shall be recorded but shall not be classified as excused or unexcused. No action was required by the Commission.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION – None

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. Approval of Draft Minutes of August 19, 2010

MOTION: Commissioner Harms moved and Commissioner Chuck seconded to approve Consent Item 1.A. as presented.

VOTE: 4-0. Vice Chair Pochowski was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. Draft RTC - Consider Required Steps to Increase the Park Dedication Standard from 3.0 Acres to 5.5 Acres per 1,000 Population (Subdivision Map Act, Title 18.10 of the SMC and Fee Mitigation Act, Title 19.74 of SMC)

Parks Superintendent Morton presented the staff report.

Commissioners asked questions regarding the park dedication standard data in surrounding areas, phasing-in proposal, possibility that increasing to 5.0 acres might discourage developers from coming to Sunnyvale, value of land per acre, do the funds received stay in the neighborhood, and sliding fee based on the amount of land the development covers.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Sue Muller, Sunnyvale resident and member of the public, asked if the monies go toward parks in a specific neighborhood such as Morse Avenue or Orchard Gardens. She noted the City committed funds to expand Orchard Gardens Park. Would these funds be used for Orchard Gardens Park or would all of the funds go to Morse Avenue Park?

Assistant City Manager responded that funds are planned to be used in the planning area for where they are collected. He said staff can provide her with a copy of the planning area, which is quite large.

Ms. Muller expressed concern regarding Orchard Gardens Park which is an existing park and only needs expansion versus Morse Avenue Park which is a new park and will require more funds to build.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Commissioner Harms was concerned about developers paying a fee in areas where there is already a park like Plaza del Sol. Assistant City Manager Walker explained that any increase in population adds more users and increased wear and tear to existing parks, increasing the need for capital upgrades and replacements.

MOTION: Chair Colvin moved and Commissioner Oliver seconded to recommend that Council accept staff's recommendations, Alternatives 1 and 2 with modifications.

- 1. Maintain consistency in the park dedication standards required of housing subdivisions (Title 18.10) and multifamily/rental housing projects (Title 19.74).**
- 2. Council directs staff to prepare a study to increase the Park Dedication standard from 3.0 acres to 5.0 acres for housing subdivision under the Quimby Act and for rental housing under the Park Mitigation Fee Act and return to Council for further direction.**

IN ADDITION, Commission further recommended that this change in the park acreage standard should occur on July 1, 2012, a year after the planned increase in the standard to 3.0 acres per 1,000 capita takes effect.

VOTE: 3-1. (Commissioner Chuck dissented. Commissioner Pochowski was absent.)

Commissioner Chuck opposed the motion because he felt it represented too large an increase in fees at one time and that it would likely have a negative impact on housing development in the City.

Commissioner Oliver will present the Commission's recommendation to Council on September 14, 2010.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER ORAL COMMENTS

None

STAFF ORAL COMMENTS

None

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

- Staff Liaison Oral Report

ADJOURNMENT – 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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