



MINUTES

SUNNYVALE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OCTOBER 10, 2012

The Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation Commission met in regular session in the Community Center Conference Room, 550 E. Remington Drive, Sunnyvale CA 94087 at 7 p.m. with Chair Kinder presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kinder called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Chair Robert Kinder
Vice Chair Robert Pochowski
Commissioner Henry Alexander III
Commissioner Craig Pasqua

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Robert Harms

Council Liaison:

Councilmember Pat Meyering (arrived 7:15 p.m.)

Staff Present:

Director of Library and Community Services Lisa Rosenblum
Director of Public Works Kent Steffens
Superintendent of Community Services Nancy Bolgard Steward
Superintendent of Parks Scott Morton
Administrative Aide Karen Smith

PRESENTATION

Director Rosenblum and Director Steffens presented an overview of the potential proposal to create a Branch Library at the Lakewood Park.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. Approval of Draft Minutes of August 8, 2012

MOTION: Chair Kinder moved and Vice Chair Pochowski seconded to approve Consent Calendar Item 1.A. as presented.

VOTE: 4-0 motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Harms was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. City Council Policy for Allocation of Park Dedication Funds

Director Steffens presented the staff report. He said the February 7, 2012, joint study session with Council and the Commission provided direction to draft the Council Policy for Park Dedication Fee Allocation and Prioritization that is before the Commission for recommendation and will be going before Council for action on October 30, 2012.

Commissioners' questions included the scenario of receiving park dedication land instead of funds, revenue increases for FY 11/12, Park Dedication Fund resources, the unfunded CIP Plaza del Sol Phase II, prioritization guidelines, and improvement of existing parks and open space on non-City owned property, such as Baylands Park.

Director Steffens said he would provide the Commissioners with park dedication fund revenue increases for the past five fiscal years through FY 11/12.

The public hearing was opened.

Mr. Michael Goldman spoke in opposition to the proposed City Council Policy. He said General Fund resources should be used to maintain existing parks, and Park Dedication Fund resources should be used for land acquisition. He said maintenance of existing parks has been pushed out of the General Fund into the Park Dedication Fund because of rising employee costs. He said employee costs should be reduced so the General Fund can be used, as it should be, to maintain existing parks. He suggested an indoor pool on the first level and branch library on the second level at Lakewood Park.

The public hearing was closed.

Superintendent Steward referred Commissioners to an email from Mr. Andy Frazer. Mr. Frazer was opposed to the proposed Council Policy for the same reasons as Mr. Goldman and urged Commissioners to reject the proposal.

MOTION: Vice Chair Pochowski moved and Chair Kinder seconded to recommend that Council accept staff's recommendation Alternative No. 1, adopt the attached draft Council Policy on Park Dedication Fee Allocation and Prioritization.

VOTE: 4-0 motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Harms was absent.

Commissioners said it was a well thought out plan and would provide clear guidelines for Council and staff to make decisions for park planning.

3. Rank Study Issues

Superintendent Steward provided an overview of the study issue ranking process.

Superintendent Steward and Director Steffens provided summaries of the following study issues to be ranked by the Commission.

- DPW 09-07 Sunnyvale Cyclovia Event
- DPW 13-12 Acquisition of Approximately 18 Acres of Land Bounded by Highway 85 and Stevens Creek.

The public hearing was opened. There were no speakers and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Chair Kinder moved and Vice Chair Pochowski seconded to recommend that Council drop Study Issue DPW 09-07 Sunnyvale Cyclovia Event.

VOTE: 4-0 passed unanimously. Commissioner Harms was absent.

Commissioners recommended that DPW 09-07 be dropped because the study issue has been deferred for the past two years, there was no public support at the Commission meeting, and the study issue is vague.

MOTION: Vice Chair Pochowski moved and Chair Kinder seconded to recommend that Council defer Study Issue DPW 13-12 Acquisition of Approximately 18 acres of Land Bounded by Highway 85 and Stevens Creek.

VOTE: 4-0 passed unanimously. Commissioner Harms was absent.

Commissioners recommended that DPW 13-12 be deferred until the Stevens Creek Trail Joint Cities Feasibility Study is completed.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

COMMISSION MEMBERS Oral Comments

None

STAFF Oral Comments

Superintendent Morton provided updates on the following topics:

- Tennis Center Grand Opening in September. He said the Tennis Center restrooms and locker rooms have been renovated.
- City Kabob will remain at the Tennis Center.
- Sunnyvale and Sunken Gardens Golf Course restaurants Request for Proposals and mandatory walkthrough in September with food service operators. Food service operators can make a proposal for one or both restaurants. The deadline to submit proposals is October 17.
- Michaels at Shoreline is operating the Sunken Gardens snack shack.

Superintendent Steward provided updates on the following topics:

- Amendment to extend agreement with California Sports Center for the management, operation and supervision of public swimming programs at Fremont High School Pool.
- Approval of a Request for Proposals for a License to Operate Public Swim Programs at Fremont High School Pool will be coming to the Commission at the November meeting.
- Superintendent Steward handed out information on the CPRS Conference to be held in San Jose on March 5-8, 2013. She announced that if Commissioners are interested in attending, CPRS allows individuals to volunteer and receive admission to the conference, which includes access to educational sessions, based upon an even exchange of volunteer hours worked.

Superintendent Steward announced her upcoming retirement.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

- Amendment to extend agreement with California Sports Center for the management, operation and supervision of public swimming programs at Fremont High School Pool.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kinder adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by:

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Recording Secretary
Community Services Division
Library and Community Services Department

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Superintendent of Community Services
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