



MINUTES

SUNNYVALE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION NOVEMBER 14, 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 (arrived 7:01 p.m.)
Commissioner Robert Harms
Commissioner Craig Pasqua

Commissioners Absent:

None

Council Liaison:

Councilmember Pat Meyering (arrived 7:03 p.m.)

Staff Present:

Director of Library and Community Services Lisa Rosenblum
Superintendent of Community Services Nancy Bolgard Steward
Superintendent of Parks Scott Morton
Community Services Manager Nancy Grove
Administrative Aide Karen Smith

Consider Commissioner Harms' absence from the October 10, 2012, meeting.

MOTION: Chair Kinder moved and Vice Chair Pochowski seconded to excuse Commissioner Harms' absence from the October 12, 2012, meeting.

VOTE: 5-0 motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. Approval of Draft Minutes of October 10, 2012

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

VOTE: 5-0 motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. Draft Report to Commission: Naming of Park at 545 Santa Real Avenue

Superintendent Morton presented the staff report. He said that the Commission should consider and make a recommendation to Council based on Council Policy 7.3.23 Naming/Renaming Parks and Recreation Facilities.

Commissioners asked questions about the park naming suggestions received from neighbor input and the Sunnyvale Historical Society and Museum Association, the City-wide naming contest for Plaza del Sol, and whether there was a neighborhood association located in the area of the park.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Pasqua moved and Vice Chair Pochowski seconded to recommend to Council that the selection of a park name be open to community residents.

Director Rosenblum suggested, if the Commission chooses to do this, that they recommend Council create a list of park names for the community residents to vote on so names are appropriate, not leave it open-ended.

Commissioner Pasqua amended his motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Pasqua moved and Vice Chair Pochowski seconded to recommend to Council that the selection of a park name be open to community residents, that the selection process used for the naming of Plaza del Sol be followed, and that the Commissioners can participate in the proposed future process by suggesting park names.

In addition, the park name suggestions given by resident of the Fusion Sunnyvale development and listed in the report should be included as selections in the naming process: Oasis Park, Fusion Park, Hidden Green, Happy Park, Graceland Park, Santa Real Park, Pulse Park, Hideaway Grove, Haiku Gardens, Serenity Gardens, Green Fusion Park, The Green, Unity Park, Sunnyside Park, Sunnyvale Glen Park, Rosalie Park, It's a Good Life Park, Landon Curt Noll Park, Sunrise Park, Sunset Park, Horizon Park, Sunshine Park, Good Life Park and Kings Park.

VOTE: 5-0 motion passed unanimously.

Chair Kinder offered two additional park name suggestions.

- Semiconductor Park
- Veterans Park

Chair Kinder asked Commissioners to email Superintendent Morton if they have any other park name suggestions. Chair Kinder also suggested that Commissioners visit locations in Sunnyvale, such as the new park, so that they will be familiar with the areas.

Superintendent Morton handed out pictures of the new park. In response to Commissioners' questions, he said that the new park lacks a tot lot and does not meet all park criteria because the developer donated it, and they were not required to meet park criteria. There is no current project for park site improvements. There are no restrictions on the park; it is the same as any other City mini-park.

3. Draft Report to Commission: Discussion and Possible Action on Request for Proposals for a License to Operate Public Swim Programs at Fremont High School Pool

CS Manager Grove presented the staff report. She said that the Commission and Council do not typically review a Request for Proposals (RFP), but an exception was made because of the community interest.

Commissioners' questions were answered regarding the RFP including the amount of annual revenue, percentage of revenue increase each year, the City reserving the right to provide the swim program at the pool, input from users and other groups, whether the pool is highly utilized or whether it needs to be promoted and draw in new users, and significant changes such as more non-summer open swim throughout the year which might change the type of swim programs offered.

Commissioners asked questions about fee waivers. Superintendent Steward said there was a maximum limit budget on fee waivers, and she would get back to the Commissioners with that information.

CS Manager Grove said she would get back to the Commissioners with the number of swim teams.

The public hearing was opened.

Chair Kinder referred to an email from a member of the public commenting on City versus independent operation of the pool.

Holly Lofgren, Chair, Friends of Fremont Pool, said it is evident that Sunnyvale residents are overall very pleased with the pool operation, the operator and the programming. The parking lot situation is resolved, and she is waiting for the timeline to have the locker room drains fixed. Ms. Lofgren stated she provided input to the RFP during the community input process and most of her suggestions were incorporated. She requested several additional changes to the RFP to "tighten up the language." She provided her written comments to Vice Chair Pochowski.

Lisa Fischer-Colbrie, former president of Sunnyvale Swim Club, stated that the RPF should not mandate non-summer open swim. It is better to place as a suggestion because a mandate can have a negative impact on how the pool is run and the programs offered. It is not clear to her that increased non-summer open swim is needed; it would have a negative fiscal impact if it is not needed. She stated that the City had no will or manpower to operate the pool in 2000.

Dave Peterson, California Sports Center, said he supports approving the RPF with changes. He said the non-summer months' requirement is a major change in expectation of performance, and he requested that the non-summer months' requirement on page 16 be eliminated. If the requirement is not eliminated, then he requested that the City seriously look at the request and reality of offering open swim in the winter in an Olympic-size outdoor pool. The expectation on the return of 544 hours

and 4 lanes restricts the existing uses that would be displaced, loss of income and/or programming, and adds a substantial expense for the minimum number of lifeguards required. His research showed that very few pools offer this option during non-summer months. He clarified the contract fee paid to the City annually is only the facility use fee; the contractor also pays for all the utilities for the pool building, program operational costs, staffing and office costs, and certain equipment.

Steve O'Neill, active user of the pool for ten years, said it makes no sense to offer open swim during the winter months; it is too cold and unlikely that anyone will take advantage of it. He said it is a complicated situation with a joint use agreement and hopes that the City will keep an open mind when the current operator comes forward with a proposal.

The public hearing was closed.

After considerable discussion regarding the public comments, the following motion was made.

MOTION: Vice Chair Pochowski moved and Chair Kinder seconded to recommend to Council that the language in the Request for Proposals be modified and to consider the following changes:

- 1. Remove mandate for non-summer open swim hours and leave to the discretion of the pool operator to best meet the needs of the community as they are at that time. (Page 16)**
- 2. *Summer Schedule Requirements.* Six weeks is acceptable only if open swim is cancelled to offer swim meets for Sunnyvale Youth Swim Clubs that serve at least 60% residents. (Add the word "only.") (Page 15)**
- 3. Add to definition of Swim Team – Program provider shall provide for a minimum of 8,000 lane hours for local youth swim teams of which all 'teams' shall have at least 60% resident members in their entire organization and either hold a Sunnyvale business license or a majority of board members are Sunnyvale residents. (Add the underlined words.) (Page 16)**

VOTE: 5-0 motion passed unanimously.

Chair Kinder thanked staff for their excellent work in preparing the RFP and the public for the good points that were brought up.

4. Rank Study Issues

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

Superintendent Morton provided an overview of the study issue to be ranked.

- DPW 13-13 Feasibility of Establishing a Community Animal Farm for Children at the Sunnyvale Landfill.

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

MOTION: Vice Chair Pochowski moved and Commissioner Harms seconded to recommend that Council drop Study Issue DPW 13-13 Feasibility of Establishing a Community Animal Farm for Children at the Sunnyvale Landfill.

VOTE: 4-1 motion passed. Commissioner Alexander dissented.

Commissioners recommended that DPW 13-13 be dropped until a new master plan for the Sunnyvale Landfill is completed. Commissioner Alexander dissented because he felt the study issue should be deferred.

5. Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials

Commissioners reviewed the Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials. There was no action taken.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

COMMISSION MEMBERS Oral Comments

None

STAFF Oral Comments

Superintendent Morton provided updates on the following topics:

- Consideration for addition of a tot lot at Panama Park will be part of the next capital projects budget review. Council will determine funding.
- Adopt-A-Park is a new element that was added to the Parks Volunteer Program. Parks staff will be presenting Adopt-A-Park to the Neighborhood Associations.
- Negotiations with Synergy Golf Management are ongoing to provide food service at the Sunnyvale and Sunken Gardens Golf Course restaurants.
- Council action on RTC 12-255 City Council Policy on Allocation of Park Dedication Fund. He encouraged the Commissioners to read the Council minutes as to why Council deferred this item.

Superintendent Steward provided updates on the following topics:

- Council action on RTC 12-252 Discussion and Possible Action on a Proposal to Amend the Agreement with California Sports Center for Operation of Fremont Pool through August 31, 2013.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kinder adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by:

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Recording Secretary
Community Services Division
Library and Community Services Department

Lisa G. Rosenblum
Director of Library and Community Services
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