

**FINAL MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING  
February 1, 2007**

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Cooke at 7:02 p.m. on the above date at City Hall, Commission Hearing Room, 915 I Street, Sacramento CA 95814.

2. Introduction of Commission Members, City Staff and Guests

MEMBER	PLANNING AREA	Present	Absent
George Raya	Planning Area 1- Central City	X	
Cindy Cooke	Planning Area 2- Land Park	X	
Patrick Lynn	Planning Area 3 – Pocket	X	
Dave Tamayo	Planning Area 4- South Sacramento	X	
Brett Williams	Planning Area 5- East Broadway	X	
John Deglow	Planning Area 6- East Sacramento	X	
Bruce Pomer	Planning Area 7- Arden/Arcade	X	
Leo Lujan	Planning Area 8- North Sacramento	X	
Deirdre Price	Planning Area 9- South Natomas	X	
Sheila DeBlonk	Planning Area 10- North Natomas	X	
Virginia Guadiana	Planning Area 11- Airport/Meadowview	X	
TOTAL MEMBERS PRESENT- Quorum is 6 members		11	0

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2007 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

The January 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved as mailed.

4. UPDATE ON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT PROCESS

Received and filed.

5. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR NON-COMMISSION MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

The Commission agreed with staff's recommended process for appointing non-Commission members to committees of the Commission as outlined in the agenda packet. The Commission further agreed to initiate any requests for new agenda items and/or ad-hoc committees at the conclusion of Commission meetings under "Commissioners' Ideas and Questions" and determine a course of action through the Chair.

6. PROPOSED PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION PLANNING SESSION

The Commission agreed with staff's recommendation to conduct a planning session as outlined in the agenda packet. Staff will follow up.

7. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Jordan Lang, representing Sacramento United Youth Soccer (SUYS), recognized and thanked staff on behalf of 400 youth in SUYS and thousands of other youth in the area for finishing the All Weather Field at Granite Regional Park, and encouraged Commissioners to visit the new facility and see it in use. Mr. Kemp with the Oak Park Little League spoke to support and efforts to establish a snack facility in McClatchy Park. Staff will continue to work with the League on a solution.

**SPECIAL ORAL PRESENTATIONS:**

8. OVERVIEW OF EAST SACRAMENTO PARK MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

Tiger Bedhan, Park Supervisor, gave contact information and reviewed his responsibilities including the parks under his supervision. Commissioners discussed maintenance of the Granite Regional Skatepark, tree trimming needs in other areas, and the need for a listing of parks and related staff assignments.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

9. MARSHALL PARK UPDATED MASTER PLAN

Commissioner Raya stated the neighborhood association had a good meeting with Parks and Recreation staff to give final input on the master plan.

Motion approved to support the Updated Master Plan for Marshall Park.

Motion made by: Raya  
Seconded: DeBlonk  
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan,  
Price, DeBlonk, Guadiana  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

10. TRANSMITTAL OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION'S PLANNING, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES

Staff clarified that a committee can share draft minutes with the full Commission as an informational item. Per the Brown Act, minutes from any meeting of the Commission, or any standing committee, cannot be finalized and approved until that body has a subsequent meeting and takes such action.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

11. SUCCESS OF THE WARMING CENTER OPERATIONS

Dave Mitchell, Recreation Manager, reviewed the operation during the extreme cold weather period in January, as contained in the agenda packet. Commissioner Raya commented the City and County participated well together in the overall effort and past training proved helpful. Commissioners and staff discussed how the operation was triggered, how citizens in need of shelter were notified, and what was learned from the operation.

12. PROPOSED USER FEE INCREASES TO ADDRESS GROWTH AND CUSTOMER SERVICE NEEDS

Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, stated that as a result of workshops with both the Commission and the City Council on underfunded park and recreation facilities and services, the City Council will consider additional funding for park maintenance operations and park safety services.

Ms. Harder reviewed the various fee recommendations in the report and stated that Neighborhood Service Area Leadership was supportive of the recommendations.

Commissioners and staff discussed sources of City support for special event services, park reservation processes and services, park use by the private sector, the City's cost recovery policy for park and community center use and special events, City fee review processes, and the challenges of planning for increasing costs of service.

Motion approved to recommend City Council consider a higher fee for regional park picnic and sports fields reservations than recommended by staff, due to heavier use at these facilities and therefore increased maintenance needs, and that regional facilities draw visitors from throughout

the greater Sacramento area. All other fee recommendations are supported.

Motion made by: Price  
Seconded: Raya  
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan,  
Price, DeBlonk, Guadiana  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

### **COMMISSIONERS' IDEAS, QUESTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Raya asked about a recent park use survey. Staff responded it was being conducted by Trust for Public Lands and findings will be reviewed with the Commission in future. Commissioner Raya asked consideration for a joint meeting or social with the Sacramento County Parks Commission, perhaps addressing the American River Parkway Plan Update. Commissioners discussed the opening of the parking garage at Sacramento City College and observations on the change in use in William Land Park. Commissioners and staff discussed how to address bicycle use in skateparks. Commissioner Tamayo requested the Commission's Programming Committee meet to discuss ways in which the City can further engage Hmong/Mien/Lao populations in the south area including consideration for programming, employment and/or events. Staff will follow up. Commissioner Tamayo discussed ecologically-friendly landscaping and a recent article to share with Parks and Recreation staff. An update was given on the rebuilding of Max Baer Park Playground.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Lori Harder, Support Services Manager  
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved:

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Cindy Cooke, Chairperson  
Parks and Recreation Commission