

Richmond Recreation & Parks Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 6:00 PM



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▪ **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Meeting called to order by Chair Hurlbut at 6:02 p.m.

▪ **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Maryn Hurlbut, Joey Smith, Brendan Havenar-Daughton, Soheila Bana, Allison Blakeley, Pardip Saini, Eleanor Thompson

ABSENT: Remi Payne

Chair Hurlbut provided a brief overview of the meeting procedures and informed the attendees of the one minute time to speak on an item.

▪ **AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION**

- Commissioner Smith made a motion to change the order of the agenda and move the Presentation from Staff and James Atencio, Assistant City Attorney, regarding combining the Commission's monthly Round Table meeting with the Commission's regularly scheduled first Tuesday of the month meetings after the Action Items. This item was seconded by Commissioner Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

▪ **ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS THROUGH THE CHAIR**

1. If you need an interpreter at this meeting, call 510-620-6793 at least seven calendar days before the meeting.
2. The June 8th Commission Roundtable is cancelled.
3. The Next Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 via ZOOM
4. Currently \$413.80 in the Commission Trust Account and \$1,000 in the RTA Snow Ball Account
5. Membership Changes: Welcome Catalin Kaser
6. Anyone wishing to speak during this meeting must send an e-mail to rec.parkscommission@gmail.com by 12 pm the day of the meeting with subject line -"rec&parks commission speaker" and state your comments and "Open Forum" or "Staff Reports" as example of topic to be discussed.
7. Snow Ball 2021 has received its first donation from RPAL for \$1,000

▪ **OPEN FORUM**

- Toody, Pogo Park Executive Director, provided the Commission with a status update about Harbor Eight Park at Richmond Greenway. She said they had just completed the first conceptual plans for Harbor Eight Park and they will share more information at a future Commission Meeting.

▪ **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- APPROVE – May 5, 2021 minutes
Chair Hurlbut called for a motion to accept the minutes. Moved by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Havenar-Daughton, the motion passed unanimously.

▪ **STAFF REPORTS**

- Community Services Interim Director, LaShonda White introduced herself to the Commission.

- Library & Community Services Department – oral & visual report provided by Ranjana Maharaj, Community Services Administrative Manager.
- Remarks and report from Jim Nantell since this was his last meeting with the Commission.

▪ **PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS**

ACTION ITEM: Election of Officers to the Recreation and Parks Commission (Officer Posts are Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer)

Chair Hurlbut called for votes for the new officers based upon the nominations provided by the Nominating Committee. The new officers that were voted for Commission were:
Chair – Joey Smith, Vice Chair – Brendan Havenar-Daughton, Secretary-Allison Blakely, and Treasurer-Remi Payne.

ACTION ITEM: Request to Rename “South Street” in honor and memory of Ethel Geraldine Dotson – Sponsored by Councilmember Melvin Willis. Presentation by Naomi Williams, Pullman Neighborhood Council President/COA Commissioner.

- Jan Mignone, spoke in support of the Street renaming.
- Clarita Griffin, spoke in support of the Street renaming.
- Kariti, spoke in support of the Street renaming after his mother, Ethel Geraldine Dotson.
- Marena Brown, shared her support in the renaming part of “South Street” to” Ethel Dotson South.”
- Clarita Griffin, spoke in support of the renaming of “South Street” to” Ethel Dotson South.”
- Dr. Henry Clark, spoke in support of the renaming of “South Street” to” Ethel Dotson South.”

Chair Hurlbut motioned for a vote. Commissioner Thompson moved to accept the proposal to name South Street to Ethel Dotson South and recommended this item be presented to City Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

At 8:02 pm, the Commissioner Bana motioned to take a vote to extend the meeting until everything on the agenda was addressed. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith; the motion did not carry. At 8:09 pm, Commissioner Thompson proposed an amendment to the motion to extend the meeting to 8:45 pm. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Saini. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: Discussion and prioritization of all pending items by Commission:

- a) Request to City Council to name Baseball Diamond #2 at Nicholl Park the “Willie Mays Field” – requestor Charles Cavenes
- b) Request to City Council to declare a “Willie Mays Day” with fanfare at the Opening of the Field
- c) Request to City Council to accept a resolution to add one or two “Associate (youth) Commissioners” to a Junior College for credit program – requestor Recreation & Parks Commission with CSD (resolution letter was included)
- d) Request to create a Kiosk concept paper to go out to bid as part of a “Walk of Honor” to be installed as part of the Yellow Brick Road project – Requestors – Charles Cavenes, Michele Seville and Toody Maher
- e) Send updated Rules for Naming or Re-naming of Parks, Facilities or Streets or Park Tables and Benches with accompanying fill in the blanks application form with imbedded instructions – requestor by Rec. & Parks Commission, Parks & Landscaping and CSD
- f) ~~Request to present to the Recreation & Parks Commission a renaming of part of South Street to Ethel Dotson South – requestor Naomi Williams – this was a separate item that the Commission voted on during the meeting.~~
- g) Create new business cards for commissioners who do not have them – Remi Payne and Brendan Havenar-Daughton
- h) Address issues around the monthly Recreation & Parks Commission Round Table meeting

- i) Address presentations from staff and RTA on location and timing of placement of Pickle Ball lines on existing city tennis courts
- j) Address Action Plan for UFAC combined Arbor Day project to include tree plantings for 2021 – requestor Brendan Havenar-Daughton

- From the list above, c, a, and j have been determined to be the top priority items.

- **ACTION ITEMS RECAP**

- a. Item c – need a response from legal. LaShonda White and/or Ranjana Maharaj to follow up and provide update at the next meeting.
- b. Item a – Chair Hurlbut to look for Presentation and Minutes for this item and send it to all the Commissioners.
- c. Item j – To be continued at the next meeting.
- d. The remainder of the items to be discussed at the July meeting

At 8:44 pm, Chair Hurlbut called for a motion to roll over all pending items to the July meeting. Moved by Commissioner Havenar-Daughton and seconded by Commissioner Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

- **COMMISSIONER LIASON REPORTS**

No report. Item tabled to the July meeting

- **ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marisella Cardenas, Office Specialist