

Richmond Recreation & Parks Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 6:00 PM



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CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order by Chair Joey Smith at 6:08 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Joey Smith and Aaron Rowden

ABSENT: Brendan Havenar-Daughton (Excused), Allison Blakeley (Excused), Soheila Bana (Absent), Maryn Hurlbut (Excused), Catalin Kaser (Excused), and Eleanor Thompson (Excused)

Chair Smith advised that there is a lack of quorum in attendance, therefore, this meeting will not be able to proceed. However, Chair Smith recognized there is a public speaker in attendance and invited them to speak during Open Forum.

OPEN FORUM

Cordell Hindler, Richmond, extended invitations for 2 upcoming events - First, to attend the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce on June 22nd, from 11:30am to 1:00pm at El Mono Restaurant in El Cerrito where the speaker will be Kevin O'Neal; Secondly, he invited all to the Richmond Rotary Club at the Virtual Coffee Club on June 24th from 12:30pm to 1:30pm where the speaker will be Jose Rivera for a cost of \$25.00. In addition, Mr. Hindler stated he will be speaking to the Youth Council about the vacancy on the Recreation and Parks Commission to encourage their perspectives.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Public Works: Facilities

Report from Jose Urquilla, Superintendent of Facilities, advised that the Booker T. Anderson facility has had several break-ins recently but wanted to ensure that these actions should not delay the opening date of early June.

Parks & Landscaping Divisions

Greg Hardesty, Superintendent of Parks & Landscaping, provided a brief verbal and visual report, and

thanked staff for all their efforts in preparing for Willie Mays Day.

Community Services Division: Recreation and Neighborhood Services

Ranjana Maharaj, Deputy Director for Community Service-Recreation, provided an oral and visual report of the many activities under way in preparation of Summer and thanked all those involved in making the Willie Mays Day celebration a success.

Stephanie Ny, CSD staff, provided a presentation and update on recent grant funding. In addition, she invited all to attend the North Richmond Community Clean-Up Event on June 11th.

LaShonda White, Interim Director of Library & Community Services, expressed her thanks to the Commission, especially those on the Committee for the Willie Mays Project, for their efforts as she has received positive reviews and comments.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS / COMMENTS

Commissioner Rowden and Chair Smith both expressed their thanks and appreciation to all who made Willie Mays Day a festive celebration and huge success.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine George
Executive Secretary