



CITY OF RICHMOND
Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, May 11, 2023, 6:00 PM

Community Services Building, Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza

This meeting is held in a building that is accessible to people with disabilities.

<p><u>Board Members:</u> Joey Smith, Chair; Aaron Rowden, Vice Chair; Allison Blakeley, Secretary; Vacant, Treasurer <u>Commissioners:</u> Maryn Hurlbut, Catalin Kaser, Dani Lanis, Samantha Torres</p>
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CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order by Chair Joey Smith at 6:04 pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Joey Smith, Allison Blakeley, Dani Lanis, Aaron Rowden, and Samantha Torres

ABSENT: Catalin Kaser, Maryn Hurlbut (Excused)

Chair Smith provided a brief overview of the meeting procedures and the Mission of the Recreation & Parks Commission.

AGENDA REVIEW

Motion by Vice Chair Rowden to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Secretary Blakeley, and carried unanimously by a voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS THROUGH THE CHAIR

a.) Chair Smith advised the Next Commission meeting will be held June 7, 2023.

OPEN FORUM

No speakers or written comments received.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM:

a.) APPROVE a proposal from the Arts & Culture Commission for the Installation of the Public Art Sculpture Project for Kennedy Park

Winifred Day, Arts and Culture Manager, presented an update and introduced Ari Takata-Vasquez, a finalist on the project who shared a visual and oral presentation. Ms. Day advised presentations have been made to the Arts & Culture Commission, Public Works, and the Park Plaza Neighborhood Council. If approved by the Recreation & Parks Commission, this proposal will then be submitted to City Council

for approval of a contract.

Questions and inquiries were asked by Secretary Blakeley, Chair Smith, and Vice Chair Rowden.

Chair Smith voiced concern on the maintenance of the art project. Ms. Day shared there is a maintenance manual and a restoration budget to ensure quality for all public art projects.

Vice Chair Rowden motioned to approve the proposal, seconded by Commissioner Torres, and carried with an agreed voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS

a) RECEIVE an Update on the Shields Reid Park

Stephanie Ny, from the Community Services Department-Recreation, , introduced Spence Koehler from PlaceWorks. Mr. Koehler shared a detailed verbal and visual presentation of the schematic design for the Shields-Reid Park renovation project.

Mr. Koehler took questions from all Commissioners specifically addressing concerns about the proposed bathrooms and overall safety issues.

Chair Smith inquired if the neighborhood councils have been contacted to provide input and Mr. Koehler advised they have met with and shared the proposed designs, with another round of meetings planned in the future, as they move closer to construction.

ADDITIONAL UPDATE:

Chair Smith asked if any Commissioner had any updates and Commissioner Torres shared information on the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for the Gilman Fields in Berkeley.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine George
Executive Secretary