

City of Richmond - RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

Community Services Building, Council Chambers
440 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 4, 2011, 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

2. WELCOME AND MEETING PROCEDURES

Vice-Chair Garcia read the meeting procedures

3. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

Comm. Martinez motioned to accept the Agenda. Comm. Leedie seconded. Passed unanimously.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS THROUGH THE CHAIR

5. OPEN FORUM

- Kimlynn E. Chun, Oakland resident – as a representative of Nunez Tattoo announced the 3rd annual Tattoo Expo they are hosting and asked for Commission support and presence.

6. COMMISSION & LIAISON REPORTS

7. PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS

- Report on 1st Annual Community Chess Tournament held Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011– Trendell Ball, West Coast Chess Alliance, gave a report from the tournament along with background information of the West Coast Chess Alliance and proposed support for new chess programming in collaboration with the Recreation Department.
 1. Commission asked the department to start a collaborative chess program.
 2. Tennis programming and court renovations – Garry Hurlbut, spoke about the need to renovate the City's tennis courts in order to promote adult tennis programming. Mary Renfro, on behalf of Chris Chamberlain, advised that the bidding process has begun in regards to the repair of the Nicholl Park courts and noted there was inclusion of an addendum for repair of the Natatorium courts, and although there is an offer from a private donor to help with the renovations specifically for the Natatorium courts, depending on the final figures, the Natatorium courts may not be repaired.
 1. Commission asked about the funding for the projects. Mary Renfro advised Chris Chamberlain would have to answer how his budget would be reallocated for any projects.
 2. Speaker, Debbie Landshoff, Richmond Resident, spoke in support of the tennis program, renovations and Barbara Lewis, Recreation Specialist.
 3. Comm. Leedie asked for this item to be placed on next months agenda.
 - Review the City of Richmond, WCCUSD Umbrella Joint Use Agreement – LaShonda Wilson, of the City Manager's office, asked if there were any further comments or questions in light of receiving copies of the cities of San Pablo and El Cerrito's agreement. She also informed the Commission she made the changes as previously requested.
 1. Comm. Martinez wanted more specific language in regards to fees and expenses referenced on page 3, section F. LaShonda advised she would add the language and present the change to the School District.
 2. Comm. Martinez asked LaShonda to find out what types of fees are waived between the City of El Cerrito and the School District.
 - Review and approve language regarding the Parks & Recreation Commission in the Nystrom United Revitalization Effort (NURVE) Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Chair to sign on the Commission's behalf - LaShonda Wilson, of the City Manager's office, advised the Commission she included the language as previously requested.
 1. Comm. Martinez motioned to approve authorization for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Commission. Comm. Cooper seconded. Passed unanimously.

- Recreation & Parks Commission Executive Committee Elections – Commissioners Torres and Saucer-Bilbo advised that no nominations had been made to them directly.
- 1. Oral nominations were made and accepted for Comm. Martinez and Chair Portero for the Chair position, Comm. Cooper and Vice-Chair Garcia for the Vice-Chair position, and Comm. Leedie for the Secretary position.
- 2. Comm. Martinez received 2 votes, Chair Portero received 4 votes. Comm. Cooper received 2 votes, Vice-Chair received 4 votes. Comm. Leedie received 6 votes.
- 3. Elections held over to the next meeting for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions. Comm. Leedie elected as Secretary for a subsequent term.

8. STAFF REPORTS

- Recreation Department –
 - a) Commissioner training will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 in Oakland. The training will be given by the California Association of Parks and Recreation Commissioners and Board Members.
- Parks Division –
- City Attorney’s Office –
- City Council Liaison –
 - a) Said he was proud of the Commission group.
 - b) Advised he was disappointed at the last City Council meeting because children were brought in and lead to believe something would be approved when it wasn’t.
 - c) Said he would work on trying to figure out ways to get soccer fields. Also thanked Chris Chamberlain for all the improvements he has made.
 - d) Talked about his visit to a sports complex in Shimada, Japan.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. APPROVE – November 2, 2011 minutes
 - 2. APPROVE – December 7, 2011 minutes
- Comm. Leedie motioned to approve the December 7th and November 2nd minutes. Comm. Martinez pointed out a typo that needed correction on the November 2nd minutes. Commission conceded to approve both minutes.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Commission Requests for Future Agenda Items
 - a) Comm. Leedie wanted to see a follow-up report regarding the tennis programming and court renovations.
 - b) Councilman Boozé asked to include Burg Park tennis courts in the tennis report.
 - c) Comm. Cooper wanted to readdress the Commission Liaison assignments.
 - d) Comm. Cooper asked about setting a date to organize the commission projects.
 - e) Comm. Martinez has been speaking with several community activists and they are hoping to speak with the Commission about collaborating with the City of Richmond to revitalize Lucas Park.
 - f) Comm. Torres wanted to get an update on the lights at the baseball fields 1 and 2 at Nicholl Park.
 - g) Councilman Boozé asked for a report regarding the lights at Wendell Park.
- 2. Current Future Agenda Items

11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Comm. Saucer-Bilbo – expressed New Year wishes.
- Comm. Leedie – expressed New Year wishes and thanked the forum for their efforts in the community, thanked Director Jabari, Executive Secretary Frazier, and Councilman Boozé for his continued efforts and work.
- Comm. Torres – wanted to ask that the Commission continue the support of each others events for the upcoming year.
- Comm. Martinez – congratulated everyone for working together and thanked staff for working hard to include the Commission and hoped the Community Centers were revitalized after the holiday closures.

Comm. Cooper – committed to working hard this year and expressed appreciation for staff and councilman Boozé.

Councilman Boozé – thanked Executive Secretary Frazier for always working so hard.

Vice-Chair Garcia – expressed appreciation for all the Commissioners and everyone’s community work.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

13. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Commission Meeting –

Wednesday, February 1, 2012, 6:00 p.m., Community Services Building, Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Johann Frazier, Executive Secretary