

# City of Richmond - RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

Community Services Building, Council Chambers  
440 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA

## MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012, 6:00 PM

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Portero called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

**2. WELCOME AND MEETING PROCEDURES**

Chair Portero read the meeting procedures.

**3. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION**

Motion to accept the Agenda as written. Passed unanimously.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS THROUGH THE CHAIR**

Chair made several announcements.

**5. OPEN FORUM**

- Kate Sibley, Richmond resident – spoke in favor of the Richmond Rockets, asked the City to purchase new equipment, and made an announcement regarding Toody Maher.
- Jan Mignone, Richmond resident – spoke in favor of Richmond Rockets and announced her and several other fans will be purchasing rims for the playoffs.
- Jamal Muhammad, Richmond resident, on behalf of Veolia Water and Ghilotti Bros. – announced upcoming community event sponsored by each organization.
- Patrick Mitchell, Richmond resident and Richmond Rockets player – spoke in favor of the Richmond Rockets and asked for further City support to purchase equipment.
- Jackie Thompson, Richmond resident – thanked Parks staff and made an announcement for tax help resources.

**6. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS**

Corky Boozé – announced there is a flag at the Auditorium and asked the City to look into the problem with the rims for the Richmond Rockets; spoke about the upcoming community event sponsored by Veolia and Ghilotti Bros.; spoke about his disappointment from hearing about drug use in the MLK Park; spoke about his efforts with PAL to host a boxing event; asked Recreation staff to look into the problem with the backboards in the Auditorium.

Comm. Bilbo - Pt. Center kitchen looks really nice with the upgrades, new paint, new stove, countertops, cabinets and refrigerator; new kiosks in front also look nice; Plunge looks nice.

Chair Portero – said she received a call regarding the need for automatic doors at the Swim Center.

Comm. Torrez – said the Nevin Center has a new Coordinator and he is really doing a good job; asked about other Liaison Assignments.

Comm. Martinez – talked about the great events sponsored through the Senior Center and the center runs well. Announced he has gone by the Annex Sr. Center as well.

Chair Portero – said she went by the Annex Sr. Center and there seems to be some concerns with the kitchen.

Comm. Cooper – advised he didn't have a report for the Swim Center, but met with the Coordinator at Shields-Reid and they discussed concerns about the new lighting and hope their wont be any theft; concerned about re-opening bathroom because of safety reasons.

Councilman Boozé opened discussion regarding the opening of the bathrooms at Shields-Reid.

Councilman Boozé asked about why the Commission isn't hearing a report about the contract for the lighting at the Plunge. Chair Portero also asked Public Works staff why the contract for the lights at the Plunge wasn't brought before the Commission prior to going to Council.

Discussion followed regarding the lighting and different contractual repairs at the Plunge. Chair Portero asked for information to be brought back to the next meeting regarding the lighting contract.

Comm. Leedie – met with a community group and part of the discussion was centered around permits for use of the soccer fields at the various parks; spoke about some of the work being done at BTA; talked about how there are many activities at BTA but doesn't think enough people know about them; asked staff about the bathrooms at BTA Park.

Chair Portero and Councilman Boozé spoke about Commissioners attendance at Council meetings.

**7. PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS**

**8. STAFF REPORTS**

**9. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Commission Requests for Future Agenda Items
2. Current Future Agenda Items

**11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Portero adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

**13. SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

Commission Meeting – Wednesday, April 4, 2012, 6:00 p.m., Richmond Recreation Complex, 3230 Macdonald Ave.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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Johann Frazier, Executive Secretary