

City of Richmond - RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

Richmond Recreation Complex
3230 Macdonald Ave.

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2012, 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Portero called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

2. WELCOME AND MEETING PROCEDURES

Chair Portero read the meeting procedures.

3. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

Comm. Saucer-Bilbo motioned to accept the Agenda. Comm. Martinez seconded. Passed unanimously.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS THROUGH THE CHAIR

Several announcements made.

5. OPEN FORUM

- Lori Reese-Brown, City of Richmond staff – presented the Easy Go program
- Kathleen Sullivan, Richmond resident – spoke about a new health initiative called “Lead by Example” and thanked commissioners for their leadership
- Damien King, Richmond resident – asked for support of him to introduce a once a month program at the Nevin Center called “Liberating Leaders”
- Jackie Thompson, Richmond resident – gave several announcements, thanks, and brought concern about safety in JFK park
- Jan Mignone, Richmond resident – spoke about an upcoming tree planting event and gave thanks to Recreation staff for helping with the permit process

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVE – October 3, 2012 minutes

Comm. Martinez motioned to move the consent calendar. Comm. Torres seconded. Passed unanimously.

7. PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS

- Rugby Project for City of Richmond – Tom Billups, Varsity Rugby Coach, Univ. of CA, Berkeley, and Nathan Trivers, Owner & Operator, Up & Under Pub and Grill, presented information regarding a potential pilot rugby project to collaborate on with the Recreation Department.
 1. Chair Portero asked staff to set a meeting to further discuss logistics.
- Enriching Richmond Tennis updates – Gary Hurlbut gave information regarding recent adult tennis activities and commented on future youth and adult programs.
- Update on application for Donation of Plaque in recognition of Eula Barnes to the bench in the Civic Center Plaza – Parks Superintendent, Chris Chamberlain, met with the City Clerk and recommends the items be moved to City Council for approval.
 1. Comm. Saucer-Bilbo motioned to recommend the application to add a plaque in recognition of Eula Barnes to the benches in front of City Hall get sent to City Council for approval. Comm. Torres seconded. Passed unanimously.
- Update on Richmond Plunge – Arcia Yee, Recreation Supervisor, Keith Jabari, and Chris Chamberlain presented information on the recent plaster repairs at the Richmond Plunge. Announced the pool will most likely be closed during repairs, for health and safety reasons, and discussed the City’s position with the contractors.
 1. Chair Portero motioned to have an item taken to City Council for a full accounting of the costs to the City and necessary remedies for all outstanding repairs. Comm. Saucer-Bilbo seconded. Passed unanimously.

- Report on making Marina Green Park a permanent soccer field – Jerry Anderson, Community Services Program Manager, recommended to table this item and make sure to speak with the Neighborhood Council and the Marina Bay community first, because as to his knowledge, they are in favor of leaving it an open space. Discussion ensued, especially concerning the Park Stewards and their role in monitoring this field.
- 1. Comm. Saucer-Bilbo began discussion regarding the monitoring of Shields-Reid Park. Police Sergeant Russell responded and gave information as to tactics they have used in other parks, such as Nevin and JFK that work.

8. STAFF REPORTS

- Recreation Department – provided oral report and presented each commissioner with a copy of the Recreation Department Comprehensive Highlight Report 2008-2012
- Parks Division – provided oral report
- City Council Liaison – advised he did not have any official report but said he is working on a few items and will report next month

9. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

- Comm. Torrez – asked for a new list to be available at the next meeting
- Chair Porter – spoke about the Annex Sr. Center
- 1. Jackie Thompson, Richmond resident – spoke about the inconsistencies of the Liaisons and that the representatives are not visiting the sites nor giving comprehensive reports. She also spoke about disparity in fees between community centers.

11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Comm. Torrez – announced an upcoming boxing event and asked commissioners to purchase tickets for scholarship to kids

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

13. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Commission Meeting – Wednesday, December 5, 2012, 6:00 p.m., Community Services Building, Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Johann Frazier, Executive Secretary