

City of Richmond - RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

Richmond Recreation Complex
3230 Macdonald Ave.

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2014 6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:10 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

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

C. OPEN FORUM

- Eleanor Thompson, Richmond Resident – invited commissioners and the public to the North Richmond Youth Fashion Show, benefitting youth, to be held at the Richmond Recreation Complex on May 31st.
- Luella Hill-Dudley, Richmond Resident – announced upcoming event: 2014 Black Fire & Ice Poetry & Music Affair to be held at the Richmond Auditorium on July 12th.
- LaShonda White, City Manager's office – announced the MLK ball park renovation began and the grand-opening celebration will be May 31st.
- Paula Gray-Tyson, Richmond Resident – spoke in support of the Livie & Luca Project at Parchester Park.
- Kin Wong, Rhonda Harris, Veterans Resource Project – announced upcoming event; memorial wall unveiling and dedication of murals ceremony, at the Veterans Resource Project, to be held on May 26th.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

- APPROVE – April 2, 2014 minutes
- Comm. Saucer-Bilbo motioned to approve item. Comm. Saini seconded. Passed unanimously.

E. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

- Livie & Luca 2014 Parchester Park Project – Alicia Nightengale, City Manager's Office, gave a presentation on the initial coordination of the project and the progress thus far; announced part of the final stages will be a community build day.
 1. Vice-Chair Garcia asked for the registration forms at the build-day to be edited to include space for an organization name.
- Updates regarding Washington Park being used as a dog park – Greg Hardesty, Parks Division, presented pictures of signage indicating that dogs must be on a leash at the park, as the park is "dog friendly". Also noted parks staff will post further signage to promote compliance.
 1. Vice-Chair Garcia asked to table further discussion, to a future meeting, for presence of the Chair.
 2. Vice-Chair Garcia asked staff to present information at a future meeting regarding the inception of a dog park within the city.

A. STAFF REPORTS

- Recreation Department – provided written and oral report
 - Parks Division – provided written and oral report
 - City Council Liaison – provided oral report
1. Announced the annual Friendship Manor picnic will be held in June at JFK Park. Exact date TBA.

B. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

Comm. Saucer-Bilbo – discussed Shields-Reid, stating the Men & Women of Valor are hoping to start several programs

Comm. Saini – visited Parchester and is concerned about loitering after hours, lights not fixed on basketball courts; visited the Annex and asked about requesting a 2nd handicap parking space in front

Vice-Chair Garcia – has been meeting with the Police Commission in regards to needing more foot patrol at the MLK field; contacted beat officers and they have been complying and getting to know the users

C. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Comm. Saucer-Bilbo – announced several upcoming events throughout the city

Vice-Chair Garcia – advised he is concerned about the late notice of the grant application and renovations of MLK field; asked for there to be an update on the Joint Use Agreement at next month's meeting

D. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

E. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Commission Meeting – Wednesday, June 4, 2014, 6:00 p.m., Community Services Building, Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Johann Frazier, Executive Secretary