

City of Richmond - RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
Community Services Building, Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017, 6:00 PM

- A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Meeting called to order by Chair Hurlbut at 6:01 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL**
ABSENT – ALL IN ATTENDANCE
- C. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION**
- No changes; passed unanimously
- D. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS THROUGH THE CHAIR**
Chair made several announcements
- Outstanding Items
 1. Next work session scheduled for September 18, 2017
 2. Plunge Pool concrete problem will begin in November to December for approximately 60 days.
 3. Request issued to have drinking fountain at Humboldt Park be addressed.
 4. Bike path invitation to speak has been scheduled for October
 5. Park name discrepancies will be discussed later in meeting
 6. Park tour was helpful to get feedback on things that need to be addressed at our parks.
 7. Instituted suggestion pouch in each community center and have gotten feedback
 8. Suggestions for pools: more handicap parking, shelves for personal products in showers, lifeguards pay attention when seniors are swimming to close windows in winter while seniors are swimming, security and greeters at Nicholl Park
 9. Current account balance \$512.62
 - Membership Changes-Rochelle Monk received information that there are 3 applications for new members and will be handled in the near future.
- E. OPEN FORUM**
- Cordell Hindler, Richmond Resident – invited members of the Commission to give a presentation at May Valley’s meeting. Spoke with Bea Roberson of the police commission and told her he would give her a list of which commission is assigned to which park along with contact info.
 - Sequoia, Mayor’s office – invited commission to “Soil not Oil” conference and provided free tickets.
- F. CONSENT CALENDAR**
- APPROVE – August 2, 2017 minutes
 1. Comm. Schwartz motioned to approve; passed unanimously
- G. STAFF REPORTS**
- Parks Division –
 1. No report presented
 - Community Services Department –
 1. Provided oral report
- H. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS**
- UC Master Gardner Program – presented a plan to repurpose land around the Civic Center Library
 1. Commission requested a copy of the PowerPoint presentation as well as Greg Hardesty
 - Renaming of Parchester Community Center-Sequoia, proposed to rename to the Mary “Peace” Head Community Center and gave an oral speech supporting the reasons for the request of name change. No approval voted.

- APPOINT – representative from Commission to serve on the Community Services Department Mini-Grant Review Committee – Director, Rochelle Monk, requested a member of the commission to volunteer to serve on the mini grant (ECIA) review committee. Comm. Steven Paskowitz volunteered to do so for one year.

I. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

- Vice Chair Patel -May Valley has lots of participation and is well maintained. Hilltop continuously hosting events and residents are highly involved.
- Comm. Paskowitz – attended Rosie the Riveter event and thought it was a great event. Park was clean, facilities were open and available.
- Comm. Saini – visited BTA and there was lots of trash and furniture at the dumpster there. Spoke with the director there who also stated homeless camp in the creek. Senior Center there is an issue with the trees over growing and the roots growing through the foundation. Drinking water at the Senior annex is smelly and tainted.
- Comm. Schwartz – no report given
- Comm. Smith – Weeds at Garcia were cut, should definitely close lids on the dumpsters in the parks to deter dumping, still no suggestion pouch at Nevin, she volunteered to personally bring one to them and have it installed. Received an email from the executive director of the Richmond community center. A woman was verbally assaulted at there for confronting loiters who were laying a dice game by someone who claimed to be a part of the Office of Neighborhood Safety. Will reach out and investigate.
- Chair Hurlbut – we want a response from the city to the action items to show people we are listening and trying to make progress. Encourage neighbors to come to the meetings, make suggestions and we'll keep track of them and try to resolve them.

J. ACTION ITEMS RECAP

- Chair Hurlbut asked to put action items on a spreadsheet and sharing them for next meeting

K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM RECOMMENDATIONS

- Bike Path presentation will happen in October
- Hopefully will have completed list of park named and agreed to by everyone
- Steve Paskowitz requested a list of performance measures from each department; Director Monk requested that presentation be moved to November.
- ADHOC committee and park renaming convention
- Troy Porter will present recap of summer program in October

L. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

M. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Commission Meeting – Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Community Services Building, Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: _____
Delana Elarms-Andrews – Office Clerk