

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

**MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018, 6:00 PM**

- A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
Meeting called to order by Chair Hurlbut at 6:00 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL**  
PRESENT: Maryn Hurlbut, Steven Paskowitz, Pardip Saini, Soheila Bana, Payal Patel  
ABSENT: Benjamin Schwartz, Joey Smith
- C. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION**  
Presentations 1. and 2. cancelled. Comm. Paskowitz motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Vice-Chair seconded; passed unanimously.
- D. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS THROUGH THE CHAIR**
- Outstanding Items
    1. Current trust balance is \$512.62
    2. June Round Table work session canceled
    3. Gary Hurlbut was given an award for Blue Ribbon Sportsmanship in tennis from the USTA
    4. Orientation on Pt. Molate developments at Pt. Molate on June 23, 2018
    5. Equipment shed at the Plunge is complete
  - Membership Changes
    1. None
- E. OPEN FORUM**
- Cordell Hindler, Richmond Resident – requested Yader Bermudez present updates on Plunge closure; requested correction to May minutes to include his comments; suggested commissioners solicit college students to fill vacancies.
  - Lois Boyle, Richmond Resident – requested to rededicate the Toki bench at Mira Vista Park; requested to present at next Commission meeting.
  - Garry Hurlbut, Richmond Tennis Association – expressed appreciation for the award he received; acknowledged volunteers, Community Services Department and Parks and Landscaping Division.
  - Larnell Wolfe, New Life Movement – requested funding to expand park clean up from John F Kennedy Park to other parks.
  - Kate Spaulding, Richmond Resident – introduced “Magick Lantern Films” in Pt. Richmond; requested to present at next Commission meeting regarding Pt. Richmond Community Center safety report if not resolved and negotiation of MOU.
- F. CONSENT CALENDAR**
- APPROVE – May 2, 2018 minutes
    1. Commission requested staff update minutes to include speaker comments during presentation 2.
    2. Comm. Paskowitz motioned to not approve the minutes based on required changes; Comm. Bana seconded; passed unanimously.
- G. STAFF REPORTS**
- Parks and Landscaping Division – oral report provided by Greg Hardesty
    1. EBMUD is recommending a new water fountain at Veteran’s Memorial Park through its pilot program
    2. Wellness Trail in Martin Luther King Park is ongoing
    3. Restroom installation/remodel locations have been narrowed down to JFK, Southside, and Lucas Parks. Contactors have been identified.

- Community Services Department – oral report provided by Director Rochelle Monk
  1. 3<sup>rd</sup> of July celebration and fireworks at Marina Bay on July 3 at 5:30 PM
  2. Event at Martin Luther King Park had 81 people in attendance and 85 children signed up for the summer program
  3. Hosted annual Love Your Block Awards Ceremony on Monday, June 3; over 100 people in attendance
  4. Fee structure will be going before council before the end of June

**H. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS**

- Making Waves Hilltop Projects - Doug Griffin, President, campus llc, on behalf of Making Waves, gave a presentation regarding the new sports facility being built at Hilltop school site.
  1. Cordell Hindler, Richmond resident – suggested that the new facilities be used for high school swim and track meets

**I. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS**

- Comm. Bana – A group of community members would like a memorial with the theme of “descent” because many Richmond residents were forced to leave their home country; cost will be covered with fundraising; asked for information on requesting council approval for memorial
- Vice-Chair Patel – Juneteenth Festival at Humboldt Park on June 16; dumping and the homeless are huge issues; inquired if it’s an issue in other parks; left several messages about getting the dead trees removed
- Comm. Paskowitz – Facilities and crew staff are at 70%; noted there are 22 open worker’s compensation cases currently; mentioned using pesticide as an option for weed abatement
- Comm. Saini – used to be afraid to walk through John F Kennedy Park; thanked New Life Movement for their successful clean-up efforts; mentioned Booker T Anderson Park has homeless and illegal dumping problem
- Chair Hurlbut – thanked Parks and Landscaping for the utility shed at the Plunge; received permission for the Plunge to be a non-smoking campus; hoping to start bocce ball teams; has requested repair of non-working water at Triangle Park

**A. ACTION ITEMS RECAP**

- Community center fee schedule update

**B. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Magick Lantern
- Plunge closure – Yader Bermudez
- Rededication of the bench in Mira Vista Park

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

**D. SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

Commission Meeting – Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Community Services Building, Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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Delana Elarms-Andrews – Office Clerk  
Abridged by: Ms. Johann Frazier