

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

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018, 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

PRESENT: Maryn Hurlbut, Payel Patel, Pardip Saini, Steven Paskowitz, Joey Smith, Benjamin Schwartz, Soheila Bana

ABSENT: None

C. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

- No changes

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS THROUGH THE CHAIR

Chair made several announcements

- Outstanding Items
 1. Round Table Work Session is the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Next meeting is March 13, 2018
 2. Plunge pool concrete problems are still ongoing.
 3. The requests for water fountains at Humboldt Park are still being looked into.
 4. Still trying to reconcile lists and websites. Had adhoc meeting on March 1st to have one list of park and recreation facilities for less duplication and confusion.
 5. Current trust balance is \$512.62
 6. Fee schedule for community centers has been an issue. ADHOC meeting will happen this month and hopefully will be presented next month.
 7. Community center suggestions will be posted with its conclusion at the proper community center.
 8. Adhoc meeting has been called to discuss the Community Services Department recreation and parks website annotations.
- Membership Changes
No changes

E. OPEN FORUM

- Cordell Hindler, Richmond Resident – Passed out flyers to the commissioners pertaining to participating in the Juneteenth festival.. Suggested a City Council liaison to attend a Commission meeting to give an update on what is going on on a council level. Also have Yadar Bermudez from Public Works to address the Plunge closure. Have someone from the City Attorney's Office to give an overview of the Brown Act for the new commissioners. Application to participate in the Juneteenth festival has to be in by June 3, 2018. In response to the Brown Act subject, Chair Hurlbut will be presenting in the near future.
- Garry Hurlbut, Richmond resident and President of Richmond Tennis Association – Gave handouts for the Spring Fling that the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council will host on March 25, 2018 11:30-2:30 at Hurlbut Tennis Garden.
- Mark Torres, Richmond Resident – Handout. Spaghetti Feed on March 17, 2018 at Richmond PAL League. Opening Day Parade at 8:30 beginning at 24th and Nevin Parking Lot. The Worldwide Little Tournament, sponsored by the Urban Initiative Program, takes place on April 20 -22, 2018. Requesting the Recreation and Parks Commission to come out and volunteer.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

- APPROVED – Steven Paskowitz motioned to have all three sets of the minutes that were presented for approval to be approved. Motion seconded by Benjamin Schwartz. All commissioners agreed and the minutes for October 4, 2017, November 1, 2017 and February 7, 2018 were approved.

G. STAFF REPORTS

- Parks Division –
 1. Oral report provided by Ranajana Maharaj
- Community Services Department –
 1. Provided oral report provided by Ranajana Maharaj

H. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

Following discussion of each item, the Commission may vote to make recommendations to staff or to the City Council.

1. Harbour 8 Update – Toody Maher, Executive Director of Pogo Park. Showed plans for mini stadium dedicated to small children.
2. Office of Neighborhood Safety – Sam Vaughn, . Explained what ONS does and how it came to be.

I. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

- Soheila Bana – Made a map of the park, where they want the bench and a tree behind it. She explained to them it would cost \$1500 and they are interested. (Never got clarification on who the “we” refers to). Maryn shared a photo of the benches that are being used in our parks. Next step is to say you want to follow through with the process.
- Vice Chair Patel – Looking forward to receiving list of who is over what community center. Stopped by the Chinese New Year celebration at the Shops at Hilltop. There were discussions happening around Hilltop Lake to connect more people in the area to the lake.
- Comm. Paskowitz – One of the bathrooms was being worked on, but it’s not a public restroom, it’s under the Harbor Master. Had concerns that the City Attorney’s Office are not willing to provide trainings on the Brown Act.
- Comm. Saini –. Had to leave
- Comm. Schwartz – Will further discuss the water fountains for Humboldt Park water fountains. Richmond Park has an enormous amount of dumping there. Would like to know if they can communicate with someone from the county to address this issue more urgently because it’s next to an elementary school and it’s unfortunate that they have to walk by that.
- Comm. Smith – Met with Rochelle in reference to figuring out email address and things so our commission can have our own social media outreach. Have to reschedule because Johann was in another meeting at that time. I, personally, am collecting pictures form parks and events I attend so we can submit for people in the community to know what’s going on. 15th annual Chinese New Year celebration was wonderful. Spring CERT training will begin in April every Tuesday and Thursday.
- Chair Hurlbut – The round table is next Tuesday at 6p.m. Website will be consolidated so all views of parks will be of point of process coming in. We had that ADHOC meeting and I’m pleased with the results. Website ADHOC being held on March 14, 2018. Asking for volunteers to attend meetings or have their minutes sent to us. Steven Paskowitz volunteered. Also, we wanted more information how to link that to what’s happening in the planning commission and would like a volunteer for that as well. Payal Patel volunteered.
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J. ACTION ITEMS RECAP

- None identified.

K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM RECOMMENDATIONS

- Brown Act presentation: Chair Hurlbut and Director Monk will create a summary to be presented.
- Mill Valley presentation
- Community center fee schedule update

- Update of the city website in reference to the Recreation and Parks Commission
- Yadar Bermudez: Pool closure at the Plunge.
- Juneteenth

L. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

M. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Commission Meeting – Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Community Services Building, Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: _____

Delana Elarms-Andrews – Office Clerk