

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

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2018, 6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order by Chair Maryn Hurlbut at 6:01 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Maryn Hurlbut, Payal Patel, Steven Paskowitz, Joey Smith Soheila Bana,

ABSENT: Pardip Saini, Eleanor Thompson

C. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

Master Fee Schedule and Thanksgiving Dinner presentations canceled

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS THROUGH THE CHAIR

- Outstanding Items
 1. Current trust balance is \$512.62
 2. The bid for the Plunge pool repairs have been accepted and contracted. Repairs expected to start in the fall.
- Membership Changes
 1. Benjamin Schwartz resigned on July 17, 2018.

E. OPEN FORUM

- Susan Worley, Richmond Resident – Referenced letter she wrote to Chair Hurlbut. Suggests senior and disability rates to use pools be implemented. Safety concerns: Showers and toilet stalls need handrails and shelves for toiletries.
- Cordell Hindler, Richmond Resident – Distributed flyers for a banquet at Nystrom Elementary on August 17, 2018 from 6 to 8 pm. Free exercise classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 pm at Martin Luther King Park. Suggests Yader Bermudez to speak about the Plunge pool closure and address safety issues; have a member from city council liaison speak on what's going on at the council level; more training on the Brown Act.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

- APPROVE – July 11, 2018 minutes
 1. Commissioner Paskowitz motioned to postpone approval of the minutes, Commissioner Bana seconded.

G. STAFF REPORTS

- Parks and Landscaping Division – oral report provided by Superintendent Greg Hardesty
 1. Martin Luther King Park wellness trail is still on track and will be finished by November. Had first interview with Kaboom, a national non-profit playground builder, about sponsoring the replacement of the play structure. Another interview next week.
 2. Restroom installation for John F. Kennedy Park and Lucas Parks has been approved. Will start the jobs in October.
 3. Picnic area and play structure at Southside Community Park will be remodeled and updated in lieu of restroom installation.
 4. Greenway Dirt World – Has opened and KTVU will come out to do interviews on Monday, August 6, 2018 at 9:15 am. Arbor Day will held there on October 20, 2018.
- Community Services Department – No report given

H. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

- Sequoia Erasmus, Mayor’s Office – Proposed renaming of Parchester Community to Mary “Peace” Head. Hoping to rename the garden area of Parchester after Mary Peace or adding a bench in her honor in lieu of renaming the community center.

I. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

- Commissioner Bana – Made an appointment with the Director Monk to discuss widening bike lanes
- Vice-Chair Patel – Haven’t had a chance to visit her parks. Waiting for an updated list so that she can
- Commissioner Paskowitz – No report
- Commissioner Smith – Met with Eric Yee about communications and collaborations with the transients in the area. He is willing to come to the commission meeting or Round Table in September to share what he has put into practice in dealing with them. Heard about “Safe Sport” in regards to making sure our minors have protection during sporting events. Distributed flyers with information on “Safe Sport” to the commissioners.
- Chair Hurlbut – Had an interesting brainstorming session on what to do with Pt. Molate. Parks list will be redistributed at the next Round Table session on August 6, 2018. The Plunge bocce ball court will be resurfaced this week. Menbere Akilu would like to hold her annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Richmond auditorium and hopes to have the Kaiser van to give free injections and eye exams as well. Additional Recreation and Parks Commissioners are needed.

A. ACTION ITEMS RECAP

- None

B. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM RECOMMENDATIONS

- CIP recap from Yader Bermudez
- Presentation from Councilmember Liaison
- Safe Sport presentation
- Fire Marshal presentation
- Fee structure
- Performance measures
- Tiny homes for homeless
- Mary “Peace” Head plaque or bench
- Plunge closure – Yader Bermudez
- Magick Lantern return in September
- Re-dedication of the bench in Mira Vista Park

C. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

D. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Commission Meeting – Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Community Services Building, Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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