

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

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018, 6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order by Chair Hurlbut at 6:05 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Maryn Hurlbut, Pardip Saini, Soheila Bana, Eleanor Thompson, Joey Smith, Payal Patel

ABSENT: None

C. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

Motion made to adopt agenda. Second made. Passed unanimously.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS THROUGH THE CHAIR

- Outstanding Items
 1. Work session is scheduled for September 11, 2018
 2. The Recreation and Parks Commission is looking for dedicated people to join in light of losing some of the acting commissioners. Applications can be found on the City of Richmond website.
 3. Current trust balance is \$512.62
- Membership Changes
 - Steven Paskowitz resigned as of September 1, 2018

E. OPEN FORUM

- Cordell Hindler, Richmond Resident – Distributed flier for 10th Annual Spirit and Soul Festival; requested future agenda items: recruiting young people for the Recreation and Parks Commission and council member report; will reach out to neighborhood councils about attending the commission meetings.
- Steven Paskowitz, Berkeley resident – Expressed appreciation for the commission and its members while he served as a commissioner.
- Mike Peritz, Richmond Resident – Made inquiries about the Aquatics Section of the Community Services Department
- Allen Jensen, Richmond Resident – notified the Commission of his experience with trying to visit the Plunge and the difficulties he experienced entering the facility

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice-Chair Patel motioned to approve the minutes for July 11, 2018 and August 1, 2018. Commissioner Bana seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

G. STAFF REPORTS

- Parks and Landscaping Division – oral report provided by Superintendent Greg Hardesty
 1. The Martin Luther King Wellness Fitness Zone is still on track and should be breaking ground soon.
 2. Martin Luther King Park did not get the grant from Kaboom this year, but they have elected to sponsor a rebuild event in 2019.
 3. Greenway Dirt World officially opened over the weekend. Arbor Day will be held there on October 20, 2018.
 4. South tennis court at Nicholl Park is currently undergoing a surface rehab. The north side will be done next.
 5. The restrooms at Lucas Park and John F Kennedy Park will be installed towards the end of October.
 6. There are some issues at Martin Luther King Park with the restrooms. They will not be opened unless there is an event in an effort to combat some of the problems.

- Community Services Department – oral report provided by Director Rochelle Monk
 1. In collaboration with White Poney Express, 300 summer camp participants were given free back-to-school backpacks full of supplies.
 2. Summer camp average daily enrollment was at the maximum capacity of 60; increase from 42 in 2017.
 3. Summer camp recap and highlights will be presented to City Council at the September 25, 2018 meeting.
 4. Requested the commissioners prepare boxes of food and drop them at the after-school sites in the community centers to assist the youth and their families throughout the school year.
 5. Staff, Delana Elarms-Andrews read, into record, two emails addressed to Director, Rochelle Monk, and Chair Hurlbut from Susan Wehrle and Jamie Inman regarding suggestions for the pool facilities.

H. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

- Plunge Closure – Yader Bermudez, Engineering and Capital Improvements Director – presentation not held due to absence of presenter
- Richmond Parks Assessment – West County Regional Parents Group; Rochelle Monk, Community Services Director; Greg Hardesty, Parks Superintendent – provided a report of the recently created park equity survey; after further assessment, in 2019 there will be data analysis workshops with community members.
- Magick Lantern Pt. Richmond Cinema and Pt. Richmond Community Center – Kate Spaulding, Magick Lantern; Rochelle Monk, Community Services Director , and Mario Vas, Facilities Superintendent – gave a report regarding the movie screen and blinds inside the center.
- Master Fee Schedule – Rochelle Monk, Community Services Director – provided a report on the current Master Fee Schedule

I. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

- Commissioner Bana – Still following up on her proposal to widen bike lanes and will update the commission once news has been received.
- Vice-Chair Patel – Had several questions about the pools, but most were answered during staff reports
- Commissioner Saini – No report
- Commissioner Smith – Kudos to Greg Hardesty and his team, attended the Soulful Sunday Softball game and Nicholl park looked great; her assigned parks are looking good, sees children at different parks playing; advised she is always proud to tell people she’s a part of this commission; will inform commission of the celebration at the Iron Triangle once she receives the information.
- Commissioner Thompson – No report
- Chair Hurlbut – Security mirror has been installed on the park side of the tunnel in Pt. Richmond. The Plunge bocce ball club is looking for members, contact Chair Hurlbut for information; requested each commissioner provide a member suggestion.

A. ACTION ITEMS RECAP

- None

B. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM RECOMMENDATIONS

- Fire Marshall presentation
- Plunge closure – Yader Bermudez
- Richmond Swim Center Pool

C. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

D. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Commission Meeting – Wednesday, October 3, 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