

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

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 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, Joey Smith, Soheila Bana, Payal Patel, Eleanor Thompson

ABSENT: None

C. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

1. Agenda adopted as is.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS THROUGH THE CHAIR

- Outstanding Items
 1. Round Table work session canceled for December. The next session will be held January 8, 2019.
 2. Recreation and Parks Commission is looking for dedicated commissioners. Applications can be found on the City of Richmond website.
 3. Current trust balance is \$512.62
 4. Meeting audience welcome to attend holiday reception after the meeting
 5. First check to support mural restoration is being presented and Garry Hurlbut will accept in Chair Hurlbut's absence.
- Membership Changes
None

E. OPEN FORUM

- Cordell Hindler, Richmond Resident – Distributed invitations to “Santa Needs a New Sleigh” event and the Hug-a-Bear committee event. Suggested young people be recruited to fill Recreation and Parks Commission membership seats.
- Demnlus Johnson III, Richmond Resident – Introduced himself as a new member of the Richmond City Council.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

- Motion to approve minutes for October 3 and November 7, 2018 brought forth by Joey Smith, seconded by Soheila Bana. Motion passed unanimously.

G. STAFF REPORTS

- Parks and Landscaping Division – oral report provided by Superintendent Greg Hardesty and Mario Vaz
 1. Unity Park has opened
 2. There are new tennis courts at Nicholl park
 3. JFK and Lucas will be receiving new bathroom items
 4. New bocce ball court at Plunge pool. The pool floor has been restored and leaks fixed. Wall and mural restoration next.
 5. Dirt world is officially opened.
 6. Mural wall repair at the Plunge will begin December 6, 2018 and should take two to three weeks to complete
 7. Installing handicap bars in restrooms, touch up painting and other repairs that have been identified.
 8. Windows at BTA have been replaced
 9. Shields-Reid will be closing for 6 months for restroom remodel; including ADA accommodations.
- Community Services Department – oral report provided by Director Rochelle Monk

1. Family Volunteer day will be Saturday December 8, 2018 at Rec Complex starting at 10AM
2. Candy Cane Classic Basketball tournament December 7, 8 and 9, 2018 at RPAL, Rec complex and BTA
3. 66th annual Snow Ball will take place at the Richmond Auditorium on December 8, 2018
4. 21st Annual senior winter ball will take place on Dec 21, 2018
5. Hosted Return of Winter Wonderland on November 28th. Would like to resurrect some of the programs that are free or low cost to the community.
6. Offices will be closed December 24, 2018 and will re-open January 2, 2019
7. Plunge closure has been extended to ensure proper handling of repairs
8. Park assessment results will be released in January 2019
9. Measure H-Kid's First initiative passed; funding will be competitive.

H. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

- 1 In-Kind Funding Opportunity with US Soccer Foundation and Target Stores – Tetteh Kisseh, Recreation program Supervisor for Sports – Gave presentation on the implementation of mini futsal-soccer court at Wendell Park.
- 2 Update – Use of the Pt. Richmond community Center by Magick Lantern and recent Safety Report – Kate Spaulding, President of Magick Lantern – PowerPoint presentation provided; **Mario Vaz** agreed to reinstall the movie screen and conduit, as well as assist with the contract to hire a vendor to install curtains. Bid to go out in January. Other items to be prioritized, such as electrical outlet for the screen.

I. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

- Commissioner Saini – Thanksgiving dinner at Richmond Annex canceled due to air quality, but will host a Christmas lunch on December 7, 2018; Windows at Booker T Anderson are repaired and the heaters are working well, -but some of the lights are not working. Candy Cane Classic and Zumba dance classes will be held at BTA; Kennedy Swim Center has a problem with one of the shower heads
- Commissioner Bana – Update on memorial at Pt. Molate Park, and, idea to have public art project at the park; Power and electricity are not currently available at Pt. Molate Park; Also, attended meeting with Fire Chief, Fire Marshall and members of the police department to discuss ways to ensure safety for community in the event of a large fire.
- Commissioner Patel – Welcomed returning commissioners; She is actively recruiting new commissioners; She is excited to hear about the soccer programs, appreciative for the Snow Ball judging opportunity; and looking forward to the capital improvement reports; she is working on a commission recruiting sheet
- Commissioner Smith – Attended the Parchester Neighborhood Council meeting in November. The in Mary “Peace” Head memorial bench will be installed near Ms. Head’s birthday; Participated in feeding the homeless at GRIP on Thanksgiving, and encouraged the children of some of the political members to attend the Snow Ball dance; Received great customer service when inquiring on recreation center rentals; working on getting more water fountains for our parks
- Commissioner Thompson – No report
- Chair Hurlbut – Pt Richmond is starting a bocce ball league; sponsors are being solicited for the bocce ball league; The commission is actively looking for commissioners.

A. ACTION ITEMS RECAP

- Mario Vaz to get bids for curtains at Community Center in Pt. Richmond

B. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM RECOMMENDATIONS

- Youth commissioners program
- Understanding City council liaison responsibilities
- Regular testing of drinking water in the park fountains
- Marketing city facilities study session

C. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

D. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Commission Meeting – Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 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