

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

**MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019, 6:00 PM**

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Joey Smith at 6:07 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Joey Smith, Pardip Saini, Soheila Bana, Eleanor Thompson

ABSENT: Maryn Hurlbut, Payal Patel

**C. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION**

Motion was made to accept agenda as is by Commissioner Thompson. Commissioner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS THROUGH THE CHAIR**

- Outstanding Items
  1. Roundtable meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
  2. Next Recreation and Parks Commission meeting is Wednesday March 6, 2019
  3. Recreation and Parks Commission continues to look for dedicated persons to join
  4. \$512.62 in trustee account
- Membership Changes
  - Melvin Willis has been appointed as the Recreation and Parks Commission liaison

**E. OPEN FORUM**

- Cordell Hindler, Richmond Resident – Invited the commission to attend the Equal Access Ordinance on February 13, 2019 from 6-7:30 pm in council chambers and the Black History Program Feb 23, 2019 at the Richmond Auditorium; appreciated Mr. Martinez’s speech but his name was not reflected in the minutes when he spoke after Mr. Martinez’s speech, future agenda item: bring youth onboard the commission, has already reached out to El Camino High.

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- Commissioner Bana made a motion to approve minutes for January 5, 2019. Soheila Bana seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**G. STAFF REPORTS**

- Parks and Landscaping Division – oral report provided by Commissioner Joey Smith
  1. Fence outside Richmond Swim center
  2. Renovation for Futsol
  3. Drinking fountains at Nicholl and Judge Carroll
  4. Complete bathroom at JFK and Lucas
  5. Stairs to be replaced in Employment and Training building
- Community Services Department – oral report provided by Director Rochelle Monk
  1. Melvin Willis has been appointed as Recreation and Parks liaison
  2. City Mayor and City Council Retreat and Strategic Plan on February 8, 2019 from 8:30 am - 4 pm at the Courtyard Marriott
  3. LaShonda Wilson-White of City Manager’s Office has been appointed as Children and Families services department with the Kid’s First Initiative that was passed. Urged commissioners to apply for seats on that committee.
  4. Plunge re-opening was a success.

5. Chinese New Year celebration at the Richmond Senior Center on February 9, 2019 from 5-8:30
6. Black History program on February 23, 2019 from 1 – 3:30 pm at the Richmond Auditorium

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

- 1 Video presentation of the Richmond Plunge Re-opening and Mural Restoration – Eve A. Ma, Filmmaker, Palamino Productions – Provided a video presentation.

**I. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS**

- Commissioner Bana – Attended the Harbour 8 Park opening, someone approached and mentioned the request for fee discounts for seniors at the pools.
- Commissioner Smith – Iron triangle Neighborhood council is having a Black History event Program at Nevin Recreation center, February 12, 2019 at 5:30. West Contra Costa County School District is having Science and Engineering Fare February 12, 2019 at El Cerrito High school. Visited with Atchison Village Neighborhood council, there are concerns about trash and dumping there. Suggested they get involved with the “*Love Your Block*” Program. Sisters in Solidarity event on March 9, 2019 from 10 am – 3 pm
- Commissioner Thompson – No report
- Commissioner Saini – There are lots of celebrations going on at the recreation centers, listed the events.
- Chair Maryn Hurlbut – Bocce Ball league sign-ups. Four water fountains were tested last week and results were satisfactory.

**A. ACTION ITEMS RECAP**

- Jr. commissioner recruitment
- Suggestion to honor people in the city with walk of honor
- Fire safety improvements and procedures

**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 7:15 p.m.

**D. SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

Commission Meeting – Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 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*