

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

**MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JULY 10, 2019 - 6:00 PM**

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

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Joey Smith at 6:21 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Pardip Saini, Joey Smith, and Eleanor Thompson

ABSENT: Soheila Bana, Maryn Hurlbut, Payal Patel

**C. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION**

No quorum to review and adopt the agenda.

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

- Commission Roundtable work session scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th
  - Next Commission meeting Wed., July 10th
  - Currently \$512.62 – \$99.54 for outdoor commission table banner = \$413.08
  - The safety fence at the Richmond Swim center outdoor picnic area is complete
  - There has been an outcry for expanded hours at the Plunge Pool that should be noted
  - Replanting scheduled in garden at Plunge postponed until irrigation is corrected at end of summer
- Membership Changes  
New member, Remi Payne

**E. OPEN FORUM**

- *Cordell Hindler* – Fairmede Hilltop Neighborhood Council wasn't notified by Making Waves Academy to provide input regarding the school's new sports complex. Suggested the Kids First Initiative be presented to the Recreation and Parks Commission. Also, suggested youth become involved with the commission.
- *Susan Wehrle* – expressed concerns regarding the grab rails that had been installed at the Richmond Plunge. There are no grab rails at the Richmond Swim Center. Concerned that an accident may happen that could cause great injury to either someone that is disabled. Stated that a grab rail was installed in one of the toilet stalls at the Plunge, but a sign is now posted that states the stall is for employees only. Wehrle also stated the need for the City to provide reduced rates for seniors or disabled persons at aquatics facilities.
- *David Drisdale* – Requested additional trash cans and BBQ pits at State Park. Asked that more staff be hired to support the maintenance needs of city parks. Also asked that the Auditorium be inspected for rodents and roaches.

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- Approval of the May and June 2019 meeting minutes was tabled; no quorum.

**G. STAFF REPORTS**

- *Parks and Landscaping Division* – oral report highlighting park maintenance activities was provided by Superintendent Greg Hardesty.
- *Community Services Department* – oral report provided by Rochelle Polk, Community Services Director.

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

1. None.

**I. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS**

- *Commissioner Saini* – expressed his passion for parks and the importance of visiting parks to improve one’s health. Shared concerns regarding the conditions of condition of Nevin Center due to deferred maintenance. Noticed high amount of trash at Booker T. Anderson dumpster due to illegal dumping. Suggested more patrolling of police officers and staff.
- *Commissioner Smith* – read letter from resident, Sidonia Aguilar, who resides near Wendell Park requesting a decomposed granite path for walking or jogging, and a small sandlot for kids’ water play (similar to Elm Playlot’s sandlot); attended July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks show at Marina Bay Park and Craneway. Attended Santa Fe Neighborhood Council and heard report regarding Richmond’s rent control program. Santa Fe Council will complete paperwork to rename one of its neighborhood parks.
- *Commissioner Thompson* – no report.

**J. ACTION ITEMS RECAP**

- NONE

**K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM RECOMMENDATIONS**

- City council liaison responsibilities
- City facilities marketing
- Budget reviews for DIMO, CSD & CIP
- Procedure for naming a new park—pending is Dirt World
- Tool lending library annual report.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**M. SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

Commission Meeting – Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 6:00 p.m., Community Services Building, Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

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Rochelle Polk  
Community Services Director