

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

**MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2019, 6:00 PM\***

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

Meeting called to order by Chair Hurlbut at 6:02 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Maryn Hurlbut, Payal Patel, Soheila Bana, Remi Payne, Joey Smith, Eleanor Thompson

ABSENT: Pardip Saini

**C. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION**

Commissioner Bana motioned to accept agenda as is; Commissioner Thompson seconded; passed unanimously.

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

- Outstanding Items
  1. Commission Roundtable work session scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 2019
  2. Commission Trust balance: \$413.08
  3. Procedure for requesting speed bump installation from CIP (see the DIMO/Engineering-CIP punch list hand-out)
  4. Safety grab bars at the Richmond Swim Center and Plunge will be installed prior to the end of August
  5. There has been an outcry for expanded hours at the Plunge that should be noted again
  6. Construction at Shields-Reid is 65% complete – no specified end date
  7. Briefing from ad-hoc committees
- Membership Changes
  1. None
  2. Welcome to Remi

**E. OPEN FORUM**

- Cordell Hindler, Richmond Resident – made several announcements; requested youth be appointed to Commission
- Garry Hurlbut, Richmond Resident – made announcements regarding the Richmond Tennis Association

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- APPROVE – May 1, 2019 minutes
  1. Commission requested change to “Call to Order “: Chair Hurlbut should be named
  2. Chair Hurlbut asked if the commission accepted the minutes with appropriate changes; passed unanimously.
- APPROVE – June 17, 2019 minutes
- APPROVE –July 10, 2019 minutes
  - Chair Hurlbut asked if the commission accepted the June and July minutes; passed unanimously.

**G. STAFF REPORTS**

- Parks and Landscaping Division – oral & visual report provided by Greg Hardesty
- Engineering & Capital Improvement Projects – no report
- Community Services Department – oral report provided by Ranjana Maharaj

## H. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

- Recreation & Parks Commission City Council Liaison role - Councilmember Melvin Willis made several announcements; reported an item of interest relating to recent Richmond City Council actions regarding City Manager.
  1. Cordell Hindler, Richmond resident – advised the Commission to coordinate with the Liaison for City Council study session items
- Richmond Kids First Initiative – LaShonda White, Director, Department of Children and Youth, provided a visual informational report.
  1. Cordell Hindler, Richmond resident – has contacted Neighborhood Councils about the Advisory Board including expectations of recruiting youth.
- Huntington Ave. Street Renaming Proposal to Dalai Lama Ave. – Tenzin Rangdol, President, Tibetan Assoc. of Northern California provided written and oral background information regarding the life and accomplishments of Dalai Lama.
  1. Commissioners asked questions regarding the due diligence done to poll the residents and business affected on the block affected by the name change; Commissioners asked about fiscal responsibility
  2. Commissioner Bana motioned to accept the request for approval; Commissioner Remy made a second; Commissioner asked for and started further discussion; Chair Hurlbut requested the vote: 5 ay votes and 1 abstention; Chair Hurlbut advised the Commission will be writing a letter of recommendation to City Council and Councilmember Martinez will request City Council consent

*\*at 7:45 Commissioner Bana motioned to have Commissioners shorten their Liaison Reports &/or Comments in order to adjourn on time upon hearing the final presentation*

- Richmond Tool Library Annual Report – Guadalupe Morales, Tool Library Manager, CSD

## I. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

- Commissioner Payne – provided her professional background and noted she will be working with homeless populations within the park and will be attending events in order to meet the community
- Commissioner Bana – asked about the use of school facilities by residents and requested letter of support from Commission; inquired about homeless issues; asked about bike lane on San Pablo Dam Road
- Vice-Chair Patel –shared comments from Belding Garcia Park vicinity residents regarding lack of services following a recent crime
- Commissioner Smith – spoke about hilltop park
- Commissioner Thompson – spoke to North & East Neighborhood Council President regarding Wendell Park and several residents joined the discussion regarding the Futsal court
- Chair Hurlbut – asked Commissioners to address lists of questions from their assigned parks and have ready for the Round Table meeting on Tuesday.

## A. ACTION ITEMS RECAP

- electronic version of Richmond Tool Library presentation to be sent to Commissioners

## B. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM RECOMMENDATIONS

## C. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

**D. SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

Round Table Discussion – Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Commission Meeting – Wednesday, September 4, 2019, 6:00 p.m., Community Services Building, Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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Ms. Johann M. Frazier, Executive Secretary