

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

**MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019, 6:00 PM\***

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

Meeting called to order by Chair Hurlbut at 6:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Maryn Hurlbut, Pardip Saini, Soheila Bana, Joey Smith (6:05), Eleanor Thompson, Remi Payne (6:12)

ABSENT:

**C. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION**

Chair Hurlbut advised Presentation b. will be conducted by Jermaine Worley in the absence of Charles Caveness; Commissioner Bana motioned to accept agenda with announced speaker change; Commissioner Thompson seconded; passed unanimously.

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

- Outstanding Items
  1. Commission Roundtable work session scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 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. Resignation of Commissioner Payal Patel

**E. OPEN FORUM**

- Cordell Hindler, Richmond Resident – invited Commission members to a meeting event; asked Commissioners to attend other meetings
- Philip Rosenthal, Richmond Resident – made announcements regarding tree issues and concerns
- Benita Thomas – discussed issues with trees at their residence
- Cheryl Powell - discussed issues with trees at their residence
- Aimee Flynn-Curran - discussed issues with trees at their residence
- Garry Hurlbut, Richmond Resident, RTA President – provided updates on RTA school program

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- APPROVE – letter to City Council dated August 19, 2019 re: Huntington Ave. renaming to Dalai lama Ave.
  1. Commissioner Smith so moved request to accept approval of letter as written; Commissioner Saini seconded; passed unanimously.
- APPROVE – August 7, 2019 minutes
  1. Commissioner Smith motioned to accept the minutes as written; Commissioner Saini seconded; 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 & visual report provided by Tetteh Kisseh

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

- **Action Item** – Nomination and Election of Vice Chair – Maryn Hurlbut, Chair, Recreation and Parks Commission
  1. Chair recommended Commissioner Smith to hold position; Commissioner Thompson motioned to accept Joey Smith as new Vice Chair; Commissioner Saini seconded; passed unanimously.
- **Presentation** - Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Community Services Department Budget Presentation – Beth Cayme, Finance Manager II, CSD provided a budget summary
- **Presentation** - Concept and proposal to achieve three separate elements of "Honors" being requested by the Museum of African Americans – Jermaine Worley gave an oral and visual presentation of the following proposed projects, including status updates:
  1. Rename “Nicholl 1” baseball diamond to “Giants Willie Mays Field”
  2. Create a walkway to honor Richmond sports & civic heroes
  3. Acquire the property at 12<sup>th</sup> and Virginia Streets from the City of Richmond and create a proper project plan for The Museum of African Americans

#### **I. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS**

- Commissioner Payne – noted she attended Soulful Sunday and was welcomed
- Commissioner Bana – no report (no longer present)
- Commissioner Saini – talked about vacation and his visits to parks abroad; noted his observations from events
- Commissioner Smith – was not able to attend parks recently; will be available henceforth to participate fully
- Commissioner Thompson – asked about the fencing at Wendell Park and the after-school program at the Lucky A’s ball field
- Chair Hurlbut – announced email; reminded public re: punch list and priority items; noted positive park visits; discussed plan for fountain

#### **A. ACTION ITEMS RECAP**

#### **B. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Budget review for DIMO & CIP
- presentations on any of the ad hoc committee completions

#### **C. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

#### **D. SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

Round Table Discussion – Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Commission Meeting – Wednesday, October 2, 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