

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
January 20, 2015**



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: George Guerra, Mike O’Halloran, Andrew Knaack, Tino Silva, Kevan Michael Walke.

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Chuck Blair, Roseann Alderete LaCoursiere.

STAFF: James Teixeira, Parks & Recreation Director; Dale Seale, Deputy Parks & Recreation Director; Patricia Lord, Recreation Manager.

PUBLIC: Gloria McClain, Julie Rose.

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION— None.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL/ ORDER OF AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Tino Silva at 7:00 p.m. The Commission approved (5-0-2) the meeting agenda and excused Commissioners Blair and LaCoursiere.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Walke and a second by Commissioner Guerra, the Commission approved (5-0-2) the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2014.

III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

The Commission reviewed recent actions taken by Council on December 9 and 16, 2014. Deputy Director Seale provided a flyer announcing the Department will host the Giants Trophy Tour at City Hall on February 9th from 4-6 p.m. Commissioners received a flyer regarding Wutzit Club Alumni 9th Fundraiser and Dance with proceeds to benefit the Youth Activity Center. Director Teixeira responded to correspondence related to Machado Park.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

The Commission discussed a draft “Wade Brummel Scholarship Proposal” presented by Chair Silva. This Commission-initiated proposal would establish a non-resident youth sports participation fee, to be collected from youth non-profit sports organizations that use City Parks & Recreation facilities for their respective sports programs. The proposed non-resident fees would be placed in the City’s Wade Brummel Scholarship Program that is used to support local youth sports organization’s needs, such as participant registration, equipment, tournament entry fees, etc. City-based, non-profit youth sports organizations

that contribute to the fund, would be eligible to request reimbursement for financial assistance granted to participants who reside in the City and for costs related to youth sports program competition expenses. The Commission discussed the need to add a monthly review by the Commission and recommendation for distribution of funds “plan” to the proposal. On a motion by Chair Silva and second by Commissioner Knaack (5-0-2), the Commission approved amendments to draft proposal and requested staff review and comment at a subsequent meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Commission discussed the anticipated additional funding for Parks & Recreation Department from the Stadium ticket surcharge and Council direction to expand facility hours and programs for seniors and youth at the Senior Center, Youth Activity Center & Teen Center. Staff is working to implement by June 30, 2015.
- B. Commission discussed the name of Reed Street Dog Park. Deputy Director Seale described the public process for the naming of a City facility. On a motion by Commissioner Silva and second by Commissioner Walke (5-0-2), the Commission requested further discussion on the public process for possible naming of the dog park at an upcoming meeting.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Parks and Cemetery Updates: Deputy Director Seale discussed various park improvement projects including completion of the gym roof replacement at Earl Carmichael Park. The Bracher Park Rehabilitation Project by summer will renovate the existing picnic area, replace the playground equipment, renovate the basketball court and add a fitness cluster. The International Swim Center and Community Recreation Center Rehabilitation Project are moving forward with geotechnical engineering and site survey work on the west side of Central Park. Planning for the International Swimming Hall of Fame move to Santa Clara is underway. Parks and Recreation Director Teixeira provided an update on additional soccer fields in Santa Clara. Proposed “Super Community Events” for the 2015-2016 year include a larger Tree Lighting event at Central Park on December 4, 2015, with the addition of an ice rink that is projected to operate from late November 2015 to mid-January 2016.

VII. COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Commissioner Guerra— Visited Mary Gomez Park and Earl Carmichael Park.

Commissioner O’Halloran— Attended Annual Tree Lighting event, and Council regarding New Housing Development Park Impact Fee. He participated in volunteer work activities at Ulistac.

Commissioner Knaack— Attended Annual Tree Lighting event and toured Ulistac.

Commissioner Walke— Attended the Annual Tree Lighting, and visited both Central Park and Montague Park. He had some questions about a tree growing near power lines; Deputy Director Seale will investigate.

IX. CONFERENCE & ATTENDANCE REPORTS—None.

X. PUBLIC PRESENTATION(S) & COMMENTS –

Gloria McClain, volunteer at Ulistac, introduced Julie Rose, another Ulistac volunteer.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

Prepared by: _____ Reviewed by: _____
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Deputy Parks & Recreation Commission Secretary
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Submitted by: _____
James Teixeira
Director of Parks &
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