

**PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 3, 2012**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Linda Jimenez called the meeting to order 7:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
  - a. Present: Commissioner Jimenez; Commissioner Birk; Commissioner Gouveia; Commissioner Saltzman; Commissioner Foley; Commissioner Holguin; Commissioner Jayne
  - b. Absent:
  - c. Staff Present: Rod Buchanan, Director of Parks & Community Services; Don Scholl, Public Works Parks and Sports Fields Superintendent; Kim Scarlata, Recreation Manager; Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Coordinator II; Laura Johnston, Recreation Coordinator I
  - d. Recorded By: Stephanie Garcia, Executive Assistant
3. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Terry Clemons, 1116 Rusher Street, Tracy, CA. The concern is the existing Dog Park on Kavanagh, it's a great park but it's not separated for smaller dogs. Is there a way to implement some kind of separation or addition to accommodate smaller dogs? There are people wanting to bring smaller dogs but are afraid their dogs will be mauled by aggressive dogs.

**Qualifying questions/comments:**

- Provide a barrier between the large and small Dog Park
  - Mr. Clemons will provide pictures of the San Mateo Dog Park
  - Bring Dog Park item back on a future agenda to discuss with the Commission
  - The Foundation will take this on as a first project sometime in July with fund raising to add on to the current Dog Park.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 5, 2012:**
    - a. Motion: Commissioner Gouveia
    - b. Second: Commissioner Saltzman
    - c. Abstain:
    - d. Vote: Passed unanimously
  5. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
  6. **OLD BUSINESS:**
    - a. **Update Commission Goals for Fiscal Year 10/11 & 11/12:**

The process to update the goals for the upcoming year will take place next month. City staff is looking at a citywide surveillance camera policy at this time. The current presentation with Captain Espinoza is on hold and will be brought back at a future meeting.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS:

### a. Recreation Division Summer Presentation:

Laura Johnston, Recreation Coordinator I and Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Coordinator II gave an overview of the presentation. There were six divisions which were focused on, such as Special Interest Classes, Aquatics Program, Athletics Program, Summer Day Camps, Special Events, and Senior Programs. Upcoming events listed in the presentation packet.

### b. Presentation on Senior Center Project:

Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Coordinator II gave an update on the Lolly Hansen Senior Center project which included the final plan for the outdoor recreation area, fitness equipment, outside amenities, a security camera, and the project timeline.

### **Comments from the Audience regarding Senior Center:**

Linda Caputa, 80 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Tracy, CA received clarification regarding the schematic on benches and the drinking fountain.

Charles Clemons, 1897 Lincoln Blvd, Tracy, CA has additional interest in hi-tech and Wi-Fi regarding setting up computers at the Senior Center.

## 8. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

### a. Parks and Community Services Director Report:

- i. Upcoming Events and Programs – The upcoming events are listed in the Recreation Division Summer packet.
- ii. Projects Update
  - Holly Sugar Sports Complex Ground Breaking took place and Rod thanked the Commissioners for their support in attending the event.
- iii. CIP Update
  - On Monday night the topic of discussion included the pool; Aquatics in particular was discussed as a program element and what kind of facility do we need to have to be able to meet those needs in the community.

### b. Recreation Division Update: Report in packet

### c. Facilities Report: Report in packet

### d. Public Works Parks Maintenance Division Report:

- Last Saturday the I Love Tracy event took place and one of the many locations was the Sports Complex. There were 50 – 60 church member volunteers at the site and did a great job with a number of projects that staff can't get to. The volunteers were at various parks and residences and it was a positive event.
- Lincoln Park was busy due to the hot weather over the weekend. A couple of irrigation problems that the contractor has addressed. The project is moving ahead and making good progress.
- CIP - \$325,000 is set aside for variety of different projects for repairs and upgrade projects throughout the general fund parks. One of them which will take

up most of the money is the repair/replacement of the playground at Hoyt Park; the wood is falling apart and deteriorating. Some quotes have been received from the manufacturer for repair parts; repair vs. replacement is \$72,000 that is without the work being done. We want to maintain the charm of the playground since it is highly utilized. Lastly, the playground projects are moving along and the concrete has been poured at the LMD and general fund parks, it is very close to bringing in the surfacing material and finalizing the project. The construction estimates for completion is early to mid-June.

- This weekend is the Clutch Burners at Dr. Powers Park, there will be approximately 50 – 150 classic cars.

#### 9. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

**Commissioner Gouveia**, first and foremost Commissioner Gouveia thanked staff for the groundbreaking ceremony, the leagues are very excited. He was able to attend the dedication to the plaza, it is a beautiful plaza, loved the water feature coming up and the statue will look good too. Kudos to the city, he mentioned to Angel last night and he is incredibly excited regarding the handball court. He worked on the mural at the handball courts as a teenager. He wants to expand the mosaic from the handball courts down to the alley way to the Guadalupe Center and make it a passage of art – he wants to give back to the community.

**Commissioner Saltzman**, very pleased with downtown, it looks great. Is there any chance of the farmers market being moved to the plaza area? Kim Scarlata, Recreation Manager, said currently the Farmer's Market will stay on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The Plaza cannot accommodate all of the vendors and it's difficult to drop off fruits and vegetables. Commissioner Saltzman, it's nice to hear the merchants like the Farmer's Market. The summer activities are important and nice to see summer programs with physical and mental activities that are important and appreciated.

**Commissioner Birk** is proud of the work Rod and his staff has done and the employees continue to bring all this good stuff, he is amazed at what they've done and they're doing a great job.

**Commissioner Jayne**, the staff has done a wonderful job at Lincoln Park. Commissioner Jayne runs with his dog and he has noticed people who live behind the park letting their dogs run from their back yards onto Lincoln Park. Need to do something to get them on board to take care of the park. Don Scholl asked Commissioner Jayne to call him if he sees something like that happening again and Don will mention it to Animal Services. Commissioner Jayne asked for a workshop of an overall scope of things, i.e. the Dog Park, having certain things that the Commission would like to address at times from the agenda stand point and having input from the Commission on what we would like to see on the agenda going forward to have discussion.

**Commissioner Holguin**, echoed what the Commission has said on the staff doing an outstanding job at the parks and the Ground Breaking Ceremony. He thanked Mr. Clemons for coming tonight and raising that point of the Dog Park; he encouraged him to bring more people.

Additional comment from Mr. Clemons, the need at the Dog Park would be 150' to 200' of fencing to separate the park.

**Commissioner Jimenez** thanked the Commissioners who attended the Holly Sugar Ceremony and appreciates it for them being there. Regarding the CIP, it's unfortunate that we are unable to utilize Joe Wilson Pool, but it doesn't meet the needs of the swim

team; thank you Commissioners for being at the Special CIP meeting. Thank you to the citizens and neighbors for being here this evening, it's important to get input and know what the community wants and how we can help them.

**10. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Linda Caputa, 80 E, 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Tracy, CA., her family has been in this town over 100 years and her concern is approximately 30 year ago she went to many council meetings and voiced her opinion to council regarding building the pool at Dr. Powers Park. At that time, Mike Lock, former City Manager, Dorothy Zanussi, Richard Haste were beating the drum to build the pool in Dr. Powers Park. The concern is that the city would be unable to take care of the facility due to the parks being run into the ground at that time. Mike Lock agreed, at that time, if they built the pool that it would be taken care of and it would be maintained for this community, the fact that it has not been utilized now for the last few years is very disconcerting to her. There are a lot of children in that area that use that park and that pool and is no longer available and it is very sad, please do something about using it, it's a wasted resource.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

- a. Motion: Commissioner Jayne
- b. Second: Commissioner Gouveia
- c. Vote: Unanimous
- d. Time: 8:22 p.m.