

**PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 2014**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Gouveia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
 - a. **Present:** Commissioner Gouveia; Commissioner Johnson; Commissioner Birk; Commissioner Holguin; Commissioner Jayne; Commissioner Jimenez; Commissioner Saltzman
 - b. **Absent:**
 - c. **Staff Present:** Brian MacDonald, Management Analyst II; Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Supervisor
 - d. **Recorded By:** Stephanie Garcia, Executive Assistant
3. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Robert Tanner, 1371 Rusher St., said the portion of the sidewalk at Dr. Powers Park is not complete. There are adults pushing strollers and teenagers walking in the street alongside that portion of the park going to and from school. He would like to have some type of sidewalk or something provided for the pedestrians.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 7, 2014:**
 - a. **Motion to Approve:** Commissioner Jimenez
 - b. **Second:** Commissioner Saltzman
 - c. **Abstain:**
 - d. **Vote:** Approved by unanimous vote
5. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
6. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Approve Parks and Community Services Commission Goals FY 14/15 & 15/16** – Commissioner Jayne approved the Parks and Community Services Commission Goals FY 14/15 & 15/16. Commissioner Birk seconded the motion and passed by unanimous vote.
7. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Selection of Sub-Committees for the three Parks and Community Services Commission Goals** –The Commissioners volunteered for the sub-committees listed below:
 1. Support Efficient Policies – Commissioner Jimenez and Commissioner Gouveia
 2. Community Involvement – Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Saltzman and Commissioner Holguin
 3. Park, Facility, and Sports Field Safety – Commissioner Jayne and Commissioner Birk

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

a. Recreation Division Report

i. Upcoming Events and Programs

- Girls Night Out! Witches and Broomsticks, Friday, October 24th. This is the fourth year for this event and staff is anticipating over 46 vendors and 600 ladies to attend this event.
- Small Dog Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, scheduled for October.
- The Aquatics season with the YMCA is completed and looking forward to the next season.

Commissioner Jimenez asked if there was a date scheduled for the Small Dog Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Staff said it was tentatively scheduled for October 7th @ 4:00 p.m. and will advise the Chair of the Foundation, as well.

Correction: Staff sent clarification via email on September 10, 2014, to the Commission regarding the Small Dog Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, stating “As for the Dog Park I confirmed with staff there is still work to be done by Public Works and the date for the Ribbon Cutting has not been selected.”

“El Pescadero Park Basketball Court Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 4:00 p.m., invitation to follow.”

Commissioner Jimenez asked how the pool issue between the City and the Tracy Unified School District would affect the swim lesson programs. Staff said they are meeting with the Assistant City Manager on Tuesday in regards to the impact on the issue.

Commissioner Jimenez asked if the school district was going to increase the rental fees and if so it would have an impact on the community. She asked how we would support the community with low income families who want their children to have swim lessons, if the fees are increased.

Staff said they are working on a transition plan and the City may only need to rent the pool for the summer of 2015 since the Joe Wilson Pool may be up and running in the next couple of summers.

Commissioner Gouveia spoke on behalf of the school board and said that they are looking at other options and one of their primary thoughts and philosophies is to work with the community and move forward.

Commissioner Jayne asked for clarification regarding the monies given back to the City from the school district. He asked if the monies will be going into the Joe Wilson Pool renovations. Staff said it is unclear and that would be under Councils direction if they want to reallocate the money toward another project or place the money into the reserves. Commissioner Jayne asked if this project is moving ahead with the renovations.

Staff received direction from Council to move forward with the full reconstruction of the Joe Wilson Pool to serve the recreational needs of the aquatics community. Staff brought a contract for the design of the pool to Council on August 19th. Staff will invite the Commission to the public meetings once the meetings are scheduled for discussion on the design of the pool.

b. Public Works Parks Maintenance Division Report

- Update – The National Night Out event had 62 participants which included staff and elected individuals. There were 21 block parties and estimated 2,500 attendees. Since this event is co-sponsored by the Tracy Police Department, the Council approved block groups using City parks and City streets for this event at no cost.

c. Community Facilities Report

- Update – Tracy Ball Park issues:
 - Trash issues with the football teams
 - Staff has requested more trash receptacles and asked that the receptacles be emptied frequently. Staff said to keep in mind that there are baseball and soccer leagues who rent the facilities when they are available, as well.
 - Parking Issues at Legion Hall with the football teams
 - The City and the Legion currently have an agreement to share the parking lot.
 - Meanwhile, staff has met with the Legion's representative and the Buccaneers representative and came up with verbal understanding to share the parking lot. The football team will use the perimeter stalls and the Legion will utilize the middle stalls and the stalls that face the Hall. This will be revisited in 2016 when the contract ends between the Legion and the City.

Staff said that the lot on the west side of the Tracy Ball Park could potentially turn into one-way parking stalls. Staff attended a Grant Workshop with the State and they are looking into grant monies for parking at the Tracy Ball Park.

Commissioner Jimenez recommends that when staff meets with the Legion that they discuss the possibility of allowing parents to drive in, drop off the kids and drive out. She said that, those who park in the Save Mart lot and have to cross Tracy Boulevard and it's not safe. At times, Commissioner Jimenez goes through the Legion parking lot to drop off and when she sees someone from the Legion she thanks them for allowing her to drive in and drive off.

d. Director Report
i. Project Update

9. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Birk said he respects former Parks Commissioner, James Atkins, who attended the meeting and was glad to see him.

Commissioner Jimenez said she has some concerns about Legacy Fields and what we are doing to support the leagues. She is hoping that hiring a consultant is going to help the leagues and said as a Commission we need to be more proactive. She would like to meet with them and hear what they have to say and will support them by volunteering with fundraising if that is what has to be done to get the fields completed.

Commissioner Gouveia said he agrees with Commissioner Jimenez and that he would like to see this come to fruition to see the youth out there and there wouldn't have to be any discussion for the next 20 years. Let's move forward to meet the needs of the community and the youth.

Recreation staff added as a reminder, staff will be reporting to Council on September 16th, 7:00 p.m., an update on the action steps on future needs of seniors and given Councils direction what the next steps will be.

Staff provided an update to Mr. Tanners comment on the sidewalk issue at Dr. Powers Park. Staff has suggested incorporating a design component of the walkway in the redesign of the Joe Wilson Pool knowing that the pedestrian traffic will increase.

10. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

11. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion to Adjourn:** Commissioner Jayne
- b. Second:** Commissioner Holguin
- c. Vote:** Approved by unanimous vote
- d. Time:** 7:31 p.m.