

**PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 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 Birk; Commissioner Jayne; Commissioner Holguin; Commissioner Jimenez; Commissioner Saltzman
 - b. **Absent:** Commissioner Johnson
 - c. **Staff Present:** Brian MacDonald, Management Analyst II; Kim Scarlata, Division Manager; Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Supervisor
 - c. **Recorded By:** Stephanie Garcia, Executive Assistant
3. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 2, 2014:**
 - a. **Motion to Approve:** Commissioner Saltzman
 - b. **Second:** Commissioner Holguin
 - c. **Abstain:**
 - d. **Vote:** Approved by unanimous vote

DEVIATION IN AGENDA

Chair Gouveia introduced the new City Manager, Troy Brown. Troy said that he started with the City of Tracy on September 2nd and part of his own orientation is to go around and get to know the members of the community and watch the Commission at work and learn who they are. He is pleased with the work they are doing with providing Council with good policy direction. He extended an invitation to the Commission to call him if they need anything.

5. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Receive Presentation on City-Wide Aquatics Solution
Update on West High School Pool
Ed Lovell, Management Analyst, Public Works Department, gave an update on the West High School Pool buyout. The Tracy Unified School District (TUSD) unanimously voted to terminate the MOU between the TUSD and the City of Tracy (City) on August 26, 2014, for use of the West High Pool. This was a clause in the TUSD MOU that was allowable by either party and as a result of this termination the City will receive approximately \$1.5 million back into the General Fund and in addition there is a savings of approximately \$49,000 per year in maintenance and operation costs of the pool. Staff is working with TUSD for a smooth transition plan for the summer of 2015 since the Joe Wilson Pool will not be complete.

Update on Joe Wilson Pool – On August 19, 2014, Council awarded the design contract to RJM Design Group based off the conceptual design. Originally, the completion date was spring of 2016. The approved project cost is \$3.5 million.

The following timeline dates are tentative:

- 10/2/14 – Site survey information complete
- 10/7/14 – Preliminary design meeting w/staff
- 10/22/14 – 1st Public Workshop to receive input
- 11/6/14 – 2nd Public Workshop @ Parks Commission Meeting
- 11/18/14 – Design presented to City Council
- 1/6/15 – Council approval of complete construction package
- 1/13/15 – Out to bid for construction
- 3/3/15 – Construction contract awarded
- 4/1/15 – Begin construction
- Aug 2015 – Construction complete

A few Commissioners were in agreement to possibly move up the dates of the bid for construction and the design of the project. It was asked if there would be a cost to the City by speeding up the dates.

Staff said that they can try and tighten up the dates as much as possible but they are limited on the timelines to have the bid out for construction and prepare everything to go to Council. They are working with a design consultant and the original date for construction completion was spring of 2016 and it has been sped up to August 2015, since the building will not be torn down this will help save on construction time. Staff said that the design falls under the existing design contract and to keep in mind that these dates are tentative.

Update on Wild Rivers

Andrew Malik, Development Services Director, gave an update on Wild Rivers. Staff has been working with Surland for the additional 4-acres as part of the Wild Rivers proposal. Wild Rivers added a new equity funding partner to their team and staff has been providing demographic and economic information to the new partner for their due diligence to research the Tracy market. Staff will update the progress to Council on November 5, 2014.

Commissioner Jimenez said that she is trying to understand the type of high tunnel slide construction and that anything created should not be an interference with the airport. Safety is the utmost importance to her and she has a reservation about that. She asked if there's another City location that Wild Rivers can build since she wants to make sure all area locations have been exhausted.

Staff said about a year ago they looked at City properties such as Holly Sugar, to the like and the Chrisman Road location which have high water tables and is an issue in both locations. If Surland decides to move forward then it's a viable project and the concerns will be brought up with the community outreach as well as Council's workshops.

Commissioner Jayne said he is impressed with the timeline presented by staff and asked how much of the design process is done since once the workshops get started the discussion may be to change this and change that. He said the changes that have to be made will take some time having to go back and forth with the designer.

Staff said the conceptual sketch that was presented is what the design is based off of and shows some idea of what will be built. There are constraints with the project budget of \$3.5 million and any changes from the public would have to be taken back to Council who would then have to decide on the extra cost whether or not they want to include the changes.

Commissioner Jayne made a comment regarding the presentation packet. He said that this was a lot of information to digest in ten minutes and it would have been nice to review the packet prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Gouveia said that looking at the future, and he knows the feasibility study is being done, if Wild Rivers decides not to invest in Tracy will the Surland property be available for an Aquatics Center. Staff said per the development agreement that the City has until the end of next year to make the acceptance of the offer and it would still be available for the City to move forward with an aquatics facility.

Commissioner Gouveia said that for many years the residents have been asking for an aquatics center and that their patience is running out and we should move together as a City and solve this.

Commissioner Holguin said that the workshops should be the highest priority for the community who want a resolution.

Commissioner Jayne asked about the size of the pool and staff said the length is almost the width of the West High Pool.

Audience comment: Robert Tanner, 1371 Rusher Street, said instead of building the aquatics facility such as Wild Rivers with water slides, build two pools, one enclosed for year round for the seniors who have health issues, and add a diving board to be used by the competition teams who practice year round. The other would be a pool for outdoors for the summer. Mr. Tanner asked about the location of the workshop that was potentially scheduled for October 22nd. Staff said the details of workshop have not been finalized.

Mr. Tanner added that this would be a great opportunity for the completion of the sidewalk leading up to the pool at Dr. Powers Park.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Parks and Community Services Commission Goals

1. Update from sub-committees

Following are the Leads for the sub-committees:

- Support Efficient Policies – Commissioner Gouveia

- Community Involvement – Commissioner Johnson
- Park, Facility, and Sports Field Safety – Commissioner Birk

Staff will email the Leads to meet next month to come up with an agenda and objectives and look at the current action steps and update the goals if needed. The Leads will update the Commission each month as needed.

Kim Scarlata, Division Manager, said that they would like to schedule a sub-committee meeting in the near future on the increased Commission visibility in the senior community. Staff is preparing to go to Council on November 18th to present an item that was requested by City Council called Senior Link which is a program in process that will provide the opportunity for the seniors in Tracy to voice their concerns, share their needs and identify resources that will assist them in living a full vibrant and independent life with access to agencies and service providers that specialize in senior needs. Staff is looking for some basic input from the sub-committee as to what they see their role being and have some input into the process that staff has been asked to present to City Council, at that point, Council will approve the process and make a determination if a Senior Commission is warranted.

Commissioner Jimenez said given what they saw at a Council meeting that some of them thought this subject was done and given the fact that Council Member Nancy Young brought this forward that it is important that the Commission consider doing what is done with the Parks Foundation, that is, having a liaison to meet with that group, go to the meetings and listen to their concerns and then bring it back to the Commission which would help get the conversations moving. The Commission is addressing the senior issues and the Recreation Division is doing an outstanding job at assuring the senior programs, activities and health fairs to the seniors, with the Commission being visible that would be helpful.

Commissioner Jimenez asked if it was possible for the Commission to consider having a liaison for the Tracy Senior Advocacy Association.

The Tracy Senior Advocacy Association is a private group that meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. This meeting is typically by invitation only. Staff said their association board would have to be approached and approved to have someone attend the meeting. Commissioner Jimenez asked if there was an interest for the Commission to say that they hear and want to assist the association and that the Commission advocates for seniors. Is there a possibility to get a dialogue between the association and the Commission so that they are working together?

Commissioner Jimenez recommended that the Commission hold a Special Meeting during the day at the Senior Center sometime in the future to listen to their issues and concerns.

Kim congratulated Jolene Jauregui in her new position as Recreation Services Supervisor and said that this was very well deserved. Jolene thanked the Commission for their ongoing support.

7. **NEW BUSINESS** - None

8. **ITEMS FROM STAFF**

- a. Recreation Division Report -
 - 1. Upcoming Events and Program – Staff said this year they are partnering with World Events to host the Junior Warriors Program. Staff anticipates over 250 will participate in the basketball program.
 - 2. The El Pescadero Basketball Court Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, October 7th at 4:00 p.m.
 - 3. Staff is preparing for Girls Night Out on October 24th. Tickets are still available but will sell out fast.
 - 4. On October 28th for the second year, staff is partnering with UOP to host a Health Fair.
 - 5. On November 12th staff is partnering with Senator Cathleen Galgiani's office to host a Senior Scam Stopper Workshop and Resource Fair.
- b. Public Works Parks Maintenance Division Report – None
- c. Community Facilities Report – Staff reported that after 13 years the Tracy Sports Complex has received new score boards. They worked well at the Monday night adult co-ed softball game.

Staff may be contacting Commissioner Jayne and Commissioner Johnson to attend meetings with the sports leagues to discuss the 2015 sports field's allocations.

- d. Director Report
 - i. Project Update - None

9. Items from the Commission

- Commissioner Jimenez thanked Jolene for her hard work. She has seen what she has done with the programs which are outstanding and her grandkids enjoy the programs and looks forward to working with Jolene in the future. Also, she thanked Kim for the senior issue and wants to ensure that the Commission is supporting the staff and demonstrate to the City, Council member and the community that the City has a vibrant program by addressing their needs and listening. It is obvious that there is a need for a larger senior center that hopefully will be in the near future. Commissioner Jimenez thanked Brian for having excellent staff that addresses the community needs.
- Commissioner Birk congratulated Jolene and said that she attends the Sister City meetings and appreciates it. Sister City sends ten kids to Japan every year and it's a great organization.
- Commissioner Gouveia congratulated Jolene and staff for the excellent job and he appreciates the positive problem solving because there are items that do require patience. He would like the community to realize that there are four of the Commissioners who meet the senior criteria and when issues come up, the community may assume that they do not have anything behind them in their lives to

deal with such as the elderly, death or illnesses, but feels for the senior citizens in this community that may need assistance.

10. Items from the Audience – Don Christopher Jayamanne, 1561 Riverview Avenue. He said this was a miniscule issue but that on behalf of many people in Tracy he spoke on the lack of soccer goals in the Tracy community parks. He grew up playing soccer and sees the importance of soccer goals. He attends Las Positas and plays on their fields with state of the art soccer equipment but when he returns to Tracy he doesn't have the same advantage. Mr. Jayamanne said it's like asking a basketball player to bring his own hoop or a golfer having to dig his own holes. He said that the parks are not parks without soccer goals and with the soccer goals the community would benefit from it.

Commissioner Holguin suggested that these issues tend to die and if he is passionate about it then he should return with other ideas and bring more people.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. **Motion to Adjourn:** Commissioner Jayne
- b. **Second:** Commissioner Holguin
- c. **Vote:** Approved by unanimous vote
- d. **Time:** 7:56