

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 2, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
 - a. Present: Chair Johnson; Vice Chair Douglas; Commissioner Birk; Gouveia; Jimenez; Levoit; Saltzman
 - b. Absent:
 - c. Staff Present: André Pichly, Parks & Recreation Director; Christine Mabry, Management Analyst I; Larry Fisk, Acting Superintendent; Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Supervisor
 - d. Recorded By: Stephanie Garcia, Executive Assistant
3. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Mayor Maciel, 210 Forest Hills Drive, gave an apology to the Parks Commissioners for not acknowledging those who attended the Joe Wilson Pool Ribbon Cutting event on June 1, 2016. He also thanked them for everything that they do.

Christopher Miller, 1241 Claremont Ct., addressed the need of a dog park on the south side of town. He volunteered his time to get the project going and said that the park behind Wanda Hirsch School is being utilized as a dog park by the neighboring residents and asked if a fence could be put up for the purpose of a dog park. As a representative to the Parks Foundation, Commissioner Jimenez requested his contact information so that she can bring this forward.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 3, 2016**
 - a. Motion: Levoit
 - b. Second: Gouveia
 - c. Abstain: Birk, Douglas, Jimenez
 - d. Vote: Levoit, Gouveia, Johnson, Saltzman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING ON MAY 5, 2016

- a. Motion: Gouveia
- b. Second: Birk
- c. Abstain:
- d. Vote: Majority; Saltzman absent

The vote to accept the Fee Schedule regarding parade fees will read, passed by a 5 to 1 vote. Commissioner Gouveia made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and Commissioner Birk seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 5, 2016

- a. Motion: Douglas
- b. Second: Gouveia
- c. Abstain: Saltzman
- d. Vote: Unanimous

On Page 3 of 4, Item 8 - Items from the Commission, first paragraph, strike the word Budapest and insert Blues and Brews event. Vice Chair Douglas made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and Commissioner Gouveia seconded the motion.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Receive presentation of Tracy Hills Park Conceptual Plans

John Palmer, Co-Project Manager of Tracy Hills, introduced his team Drew Kusnick, Sr. Vice President of Integral Communities; Mike Souza, Co-Project Manager of Tracy Hills; Carol MacFarlane, Landscape Architect of Forma Design. Mr. Palmer thanked Andre Pichly, Director of Parks and Recreation; Don Scholl, Director of Public Works; Janet Baniewich, Development Services Landscaping Consultant.

Mr. Palmer and his team clarified questions from the Commission and listened to comments on the following for Phase I:

- Locations of the surrounding schools
- Sand in the playground areas
- The timeline of the build-out of the Tracy Hills Development
- Not enough restroom stalls in the parks
- Tracy Hills HOA fees
- The maintenance of the parks
- The Amphitheatre seating arrangements
- Additional basketball courts
- Dog Park dispenser bags and access to drinking fountains
- Outdoor exercise equipment for seniors and adults
- Fencing from Tracy Hills to the California Aqueduct
- Neighborhood parks vs mini parks
- Indoor recreation facility
- Connectivity to the overall City Bike Master Plan

Mr. Pichly will research the status on the Bike Master Plan from the California Aqueduct bike trail to Tracy Hills on whether or not it's planned, in a conceptual phase, or is funding allocated.

b. Review, discuss and recommend procedures relating to enforcement of sports field user group alcohol violations – The Commissions' general consensus on what constitutes an alcohol violation is presence of people consuming alcohol during a permitted rental.

Recommendations and/or suggestions to the renters are:

- A violation fee
- A flyer to be distributed to the leagues with the important rules and regulations
- Flyer will be in English and Spanish

Audience comments: Robert Tanner, 1371 Rusher Street, asked if there were "no drinking alcohol" signs posted at all the sports fields and are they large enough to be read. Staff said there are signs posted at the Tracy Sports Complex and Veteran's Park.

Alice English said that the leagues already know that no alcohol is permitted during field use. She suggested a "no drinking alcohol" sign that shows a picture with a red line through it for the non-readers.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

a. Parks & Recreation Director Report:

Mr. Pichly said the new title to the Parks and Community Services Department is now the Parks & Recreation Department. The department name has been changed on Facebook and changes will soon take place on the City website. The name change will not necessarily affect the Commission at this point but he will look into it.

1. Projects Update

- Legacy Fields, Phase I, is moving along and the Use Agreements will be updated with the leagues. The City is in an ENRA with the Land Group to see if they want to do something with Phase II
- The City is continuing with the Aquatics Design workshops for the Aquatics Center located at Corral Hollow and Middlefield. The next workshop will be with the South Side Community Organization (SSCO) on Wednesday, June 22, 6:00pm.
- The top three priorities for the renovation at the Community Center are as follows: 1) Office space 2) dividers in main hall and 3) facelift in the restrooms
- \$70,000 has been allocated to the Senior Center for upgrades, once the budget is approved.
- Mr. Pichly met with the police department and spoke to the SSCO to discuss the challenges they are facing with the homeless at McDonald Park.
- The Joe Wilson Pool has had a few delays but is scheduled to open Monday, June 13, 2016.

Chair Johnson commented on the CIP Council meeting on May 10. She understood that within the budget the Council was to proceed with the permanent restrooms at Legacy Fields. Mr. Pichly clarified that the meeting was a workshop and that the restrooms haven't been eliminated but are on a list that the Council will have a chance to choose from.

2. Brief video presentation – Mr. Pichly provided a short video from the City of Austin to show what other agencies are doing around the country.

b. Recreation Division Update: Jolene Jauregui gave the following update:

1. Upcoming Events and Programs

- Swim lessons will begin on Monday, June 13, 8:00am and Recreation swim will begin at 12:30pm. Due to the delay, staff has contacted the participants who've been understanding and positive about the change. The swim lessons went from a nine day session to five days that will be prorated. The Junior Giants have 500 youth enrolled with 40 volunteers. This year the Giants Foundation created a girls' softball league for ages 7 – 9 years old and 62 girls have enrolled. Summer girls' softball camp has 60 registered for next week that will be held at the Sports Complex.
- Older American's Month in May, Open House, and the Health Fair event, to name a few, went very well for the seniors.
- Girls Night Out! Was a great turnout with 30 vendors and about 400 ladies at the Downtown Plaza.

- Tomorrow night is the kickoff for the Summer Block Party Series with Latin Essence from 6 – 9pm. Mamas and Tapas food truck along with Kona Ice will be there.
 - 2. Senior Concerns/Comments Quarterly Update
 - In the last three months there was one comment which has been addressed.
 - 3. Community Conversation 5/11/16 Update
 - In attendance were 12 community members that included seniors, downtown merchants, and Commissioners. The top three topics were: 1) Programming, 2) Transportation, and 3) Multi Generation Center. The subcommittee will meet to provide direction on how to meet the needs and give staff ideas.
- c. Community Facilities Division Report: Christine Mabry gave the following updates:
- The fields were busy during the Memorial Day weekend with picnics, birthday, and graduations.
 - One hundred soccer teams participated in the Orange Bowl Tournament held at Plasencia Fields this weekend
 - Staff designated a specific RV parking location
 - The bike lanes were extended to provide extra parking along the street
 - Staff worked with Economic Development to provide the surrounding shopping centers advance information regarding the tournament
 - Last year, the Community Facilities Division implemented the online picnic reservations. This year, there were 15 reservations in May alone compared to last summer which had just a few.

Vice Chair Douglas asked if the nearby residents could be notified prior to a tournament. Staff said they are working on an internal calendar of events to determine what could be placed on the City website.

- d. Public Works Parks Maintenance Division Report:
1. Parks Division Update – Mr. Fisk gave the following updates:
 - The Sports Complex parks crew is core aerating the soccer fields to help with the compaction of the Orange Bowl soccer tournament that had over 100 teams.
 - The bids for repainting the locomotive train at Dr. Powers are in progress.
 - The Parks crew will be touching up Lincoln Park for the Juneteenth event this weekend.
 - LMD irrigation crew is in the process of getting water adjusted in the LMD parks and streetscapes along with irrigation repairs.
 - XL Landscape continues to move forward in getting all parks and streetscapes cleaned up. They're mowing the weeds in the channel ways along with shrub pruning, sound wall trimming and cleanup.
 - West Coast Arborist replanted 65 trees in zones 19, 20, and 33 along with responding to service requests and emergency tree problems.

7. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- Commissioner Levoit thanked Mayor Maciel for his apology to the Commission for not recognizing those who attended the Joe Wilson Ribbon Pool Ribbon Cutting event. He would like to have Movies on the Hill at Dr. Powers Park and will work with staff to make it happen. Mr. Pichly will bring this up to his staff. Commissioner Levoit asked for an update on the bricks at MacDonald Park. Staff will follow-up and advise.
- Vice Chair Douglas said that she was involved with Youth Advisory Commission interviews and said that they are a smart bunch of kids and that she enjoyed it.
- Commissioner Saltzman expressed her excitement about attending the Joe Wilson Pool Ribbon Cutting event.
- Commissioner Jimenez invited the Commission to the first Block Party event at the Downtown Plaza tomorrow night. She will be volunteering at the beverage booth to help support the Parks Foundation. On Saturday, she will be attending a workshop in Antioch for Commissioners from the various cities and will gather information and report back to the Commission in July.
- Chair Johnson is working with the golf course and the City to offer some services. The President, Dr. Bob, is fully on board.

8. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion: Vice Chair Douglas
- b. Second: Commissioner Gouveia
- c. Vote: Unanimous
- d. Time: 9:59 p.m.