

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Douglas called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

- a. Present: Chair Douglas; Vice Chair Levoit; Commissioners Birk; Johnson; Gouveia; Jimenez; Saltzman
- b. Absent:
- c. Staff Present: André Pichly, Parks & Recreation Director; Don Scholl, Public Works Director; Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Supervisor; Larry Fisk, ; Christine Mabry, Management Analyst;
- d. Recorded By: Sandra Edwards, Executive Assistant

3. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Linda Steffens, 388 Cose Lane, on behalf of dog owners, addressed the Commission and provided them with a binder outlining concerns at the dog park. Ms. Steffens commented on the concerns, including sprinklers not working properly and the ground cover consisting of mostly weeds and foxtails. Linda Steffens added that they have received donations and that they are willing to do their part.

Luz Acosta, 112 Henry Court, addressed the Commission regarding recent robberies at Sullivan Park, requesting a light in the park.

A resident of Mountain House indicated that this was the only dog park in the area and that it is not safe for her dog because of the mud and wet conditions.

Don Scholl, Public Works Director, stated he and staff has been working through some of the issues at this park.

Bob Anderson, 520 W. Ninth Street, mentioned a problem where heavy equipment enters the park gate.

Kay Patterson, 720 Metcalf Court, stated the bench in the small dog area is uncomfortable, full of holes and unsafe for her dog.

Chris Miller, 1241 Claremont Court, indicated he has offered his assistance for fund raising and has not been contacted. Mr. Miller added that water is bubbling up through the concrete.

Charles Gordon, 865 Liberty Court, stated he was a firm believer in the dog park, adding that dogs and lawns are not compatible suggesting mulch be used as a ground cover.

Commissioner Jimenez, thanked everyone for coming and for the binder that was provided to the Commission.

Kathleen Fuhro, 308 Derecho Way, spoke in support of the park. Ms. Fuhro would like to see some exercise equipment in the small dog park.

Nancy Bettencourt, 85 Henry Court, stated vagrants were living by Sullivan Park asking that something be done in the area.

Chair Douglas noted there is a need for lights in the park.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gouveia and second by Commissioner Saltzman, the Commission requested that an item be placed on a future agenda regarding the dog park at El Pescadero Park. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 7, 2016

- a. Motion: Commissioner Jimenez made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 7, 2016, as amended, removing the reference to the "City of Antioch" on page three and replacing it with "CAPRCBM".
- b. Second: Commissioner Birk
- c. Abstain: Commissioner Johnson
- d. Vote: Approved with changes by unanimous vote

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Parks and Community Services Commission Goals
 - i. Support Efficient Policies – no report given.
 - ii. Community Involvement – Commissioner Johnson provided the following report:
 - An improvement has been made to the Meals on Wheels program; the meals went from cook to serve (frozen) to hot meals.
 - There will be a community event in Stockton in October on Saturday and Sunday offering free dental services for all ages and income levels.
 - Senior Awareness day may move from Mickie Grove Park in Lodi to the Stockton Fairgrounds (May 2017).
 - iii. Park, Facility, and Sports Field Safety – no report given.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

- a. Hear Offer by City Council to Present a Commission Annual Report to City Council Each Year – André Pichly provided the report.

Commissioner Levoit indicated he believes it is important for all commissions to know what the other commissions are doing and was in favor of the Parks Commission providing an annual report.

Commissioner Gouveia stated the Council has an opportunity to review the Parks Commission minutes and suggested an annual report would be redundant.

Commissioner Jimenez indicated if the Parks Commission does provide an annual report, that it be done in conjunction with the senior report in January.

Public Comment – Robert Tanner stated that every item that the Parks Commission votes on goes to the City Council for consideration.

Alice English echoed Mr. Tanner's comments, adding that the Parks Commission does a great job in looking out for the Community.

Motion: Commissioner Saltzman made a motion to decline the offer by City Council

Second: Commissioner Gouveia
Opposed: Commissioner Johnson
Vote: Approved 6.1.0.

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- a. Parks & Recreation Director Report – Andre Pichly gave the following report:
- Legacy Fields – Currently working with the leagues to develop agreements regarding use of the field.
 - Renovation Projects – Money is available for two projects; 1) Community Center Renovation (approximately \$200,000) includes renovating two small classrooms into office space, a face lift for the restrooms and lobby, installation of solid bi-fold doors in the main hall, and a green room behind the stage. 2) Expansion of the Senior Center (approximately \$800,000) to begin in May 2017. Team meeting next week to discuss the scope of the project.
 - Aquatics Center – Finished outreach in July that included 16 design workshops with a variety of groups. Over 350 different suggestions were offered on what they wanted at an aquatic center.
 - South Side Community Park – Will begin discussions with the County regarding the possibility of a park.
- b. Brief video presentation – Mr. Pichly shared a video from Palm Beach County that discussed obesity rates and physical activity. Mr. Pichly provided the Commission with a handout of the City of Tracy Parks & Recreation Department's Purpose, Vision, and Mission.
- c. Recreation Division Report – Jolene Jauregui gave the following update:
1. Upcoming Events and Programs
 - Aquatics – 2016 season wrapping up with two private rentals remaining. Staff is beginning to work on next season.
 - Athletics – Jr. Giants wrapped up in August with over 600 participants. On August 16, over 300 youth attended a San Francisco Giants game.
 - Seniors – Have been very busy this summer and the participants are growing every month.
 - Community Events – August 19 wrapped up the Summer Block Party series with a country theme.
 - Blues Brews and BBQ – Preparing for the upcoming event with 10 brew contestants and 5 BBQ contestants.
 2. Senior Concerns/Comments Quarterly Update
 - During the last quarter three concerns were voice; two of them have been taken care of while the third one will be addressed with the Senior Center Expansion.

Commissioner Jimenez stated she has worked with the Foundation at the drink booth during the Downtown events adding that there is a problem with individuals bringing outside beverages. Ms. Jauregui indicated signage was added during the last couple events.

Commissioner Jimenez stated she had received several complaints by the community regarding hours of operation at the Joe Wilson Pool.

Commissioner Saltzman asked if staff would consider a longer swim season for adults (once children have gone back to school). Ms. Jauregui stated staff was looking into this idea.

- d. Community Facilities Division Report – Christine Mabry provided the following report:
- A new concessionaire, Grillin and Chillin, has been secured and will be serving prepackaged meals at the Sports Complex. Once the pool season is wrapped up, they will be able to use the pool kitchen to prepare items for sale at the Complex. They will also provide concessions during the next swim season.
 - Annual field allocations are coming up with a kick off meeting on September 27, with applications due October 21, for the 2017 year.
 - Homecoming Parades will be beginning and the dates are available on the City's website.
 - Various MOU's are being negotiated which will outline in detail the value of the community benefit.
 - The Water Tower at the Community Center will be repainted in September.

Commissioner Jimenez asked if someone rents the pool for an event, were they required to use the concessionaire. Ms. Mabry stated no.

- e. Public Works Parks Maintenance Division Report
1. Parks Division Update – Don Scholl, Public Works Director, thanked Stephanie Garcia for her many years of service to the Commission and apologized that he did not mention this at the last meeting.
- Legacy Fields: A final walkthrough has been done and there is a small punch list to complete. The soccer fields are being mowed and will be in a maintenance stage. Staff will return to Council in the near future regarding additional amenities at the site. A final agreement with Tracy Little League is being negotiated. The soccer fields will be maintained by staff and will be available for rent.

Larry Fisk gave the following update:

- Post emergent spraying in the parks is still going on and pre-emergent spraying will be starting in October.
- Tracy Sports complex crew has been very busy with irrigation repairs, aerating, mowing, and field preparation for adult league softball and tournaments. Crews have also been working on the ball fields at the Tracy Ball Park, Veterans, Galli Family, and Clyde Bland Parks.
- Park crews have been busy with general maintenance in all parks. There have been a few repairs done at the dog park at El Pescadero, mainly on the fence by putting in boards so that the dogs can't get underneath and get out. There are some plans to relocate the benches in the dog park as well as plant 13 trees throughout the big dog section, along with a couple of trees in the smaller dog park.
- Landscape Maintenance irrigation crew is continually working on irrigation.
- XL Landscape continues to move forward in getting all the parks mowed, edged, trash picked up and shrubs trimmed. They have been working on streetscapes with shrub pruning, weed eradication, mowing and trash pickup.
- West Coast Arborist has been responding to tree emergencies. They will be here next week starting with dead tree removals and grid pruning. The grid

pruning will begin in the older Downtown area along Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Streets.

8. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- Commissioner Johnson thanked staff for being responsive in working with golf course staff to provide golf classes. Commissioner Johnson referred to Sullivan Park comments that were made, asking if the Commission could get time with Officer Muldron to discuss the issues.
- Commissioner Gouveia stated he was very impressed with the presentation last month and the statistics for zip code 95376.
- Commissioner Levoit thanked the residents for bringing the materials on the dog park, adding that he would like to attend one of the meetings held with the users of the park.
- Commissioner Levoit asked if information was available regarding painting the train at Dr. Powers Park. Mr. Pichly stated there is a cover over the smoke stack, but if the Commission wanted to see it painted, it would be done through a CIP. Commissioner Levoit expressed his desire for a “movie at the hill”.
- Commissioner Birk stated he visited the dog park after the last meeting and was surprised at the number of dogs there.
- Commissioner Birk shared that he invited the Chief of Police to his Lyons Club where the Chief stated there were currently cameras in two parks. Commissioner Birk added that the street trees between Tenth and Eleventh Street, are so low they are touching the cars.
- Commissioner Saltzman stated she also visited the dog park and believes the interaction between dog owners is also important. Commissioner Saltzman spoke about the number of joggers/walkers at Lincoln Park daily.
- Commissioner Jimenez reported that the University of the Pacific would be providing free testing and screenings for seniors on October 27 between 1-6 pm at the Community Center.
- Commissioner Jimenez asked for a cost estimate for a new bench that she could provide to the Parks Foundation to see if there is an opportunity for a donation.

9. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Bob Tanner stated a guard is in place at the Moose Lodge to prevent members from taking alcohol into downtown events. Mr. Tanner also discussed the need for a sidewalk at Dr. Powers Park.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion: Gouveia
- b. Second: Birk
- c. Vote: Unanimous
- d. Time: 9: 01 p.m.