

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2017

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, Jimenez, Saltzman
 - b. Absent: Commissioner Silva
 - c. Staff Present: André Pichly Parks & Recreation Director; Joshua Ewen, Management Analyst I
 - d. Recorded By: Sandra Edwards, Executive Assistant
3. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None
4. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2017** – The minutes of January 5, 2017, will be considered at the next regular meeting.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Parks and Community Services Commission Goals
 - i. Support Efficient Policies – No report given.
 - ii. Community Involvement – No report given.
 - iii. Park, Facility, and Sports Field Safety – No report given.
6. **ITEMS FROM STAFF:**
 - a. Review and Acceptance of The Parks and Community Services Commission's Subcommittee Ranking and Funding Recommendations for the Allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds and Home Investment Partnerships Program (Home) Funds for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Recommend Approval to City Council – Joshua Ewen, Management Analyst, Development Services Department, provided the staff report.

Chair Douglas outlined the process that the Parks and Community Services Commission sub-committee went through to consider funding for grant applications. The sub-committee consisted of Commissioner Saltzman, Vice Chair Levoit, and Chair Douglas.

Commissioner Saltzman thanked those who were present during the meeting with the sub-committee.

Josh Ewen, Management Analyst, provided the staff report. Mr. Ewen stated in October 2016, the Parks & Community Services Commission met and set the priority for funding for the next five years which was approved by City Council on November 15, 2016. The priorities were set in ranking order as follows: Food Distribution Services; Homelessness Prevention, Intervention and Transitional Housing Services; Senior and Special Needs Services; Domestic Violence Services; and Youth Education and Enrichment Services.

Chair Douglas listed the groups receiving funding and the amount recommended.

Commissioner Jimenez thanked the sub-committee for the job they did and asked for clarification from various organizations including Tracy Community Connection, Women's Center Youth and Family Services, Boys and Girls Club, McHenry House, and Chest of Hope.

Commissioner Johnson asked for clarification regarding the organizations providing food, advocating that more funds be made available to Meals on Wheels.

Kathy Bergthold, Tracy Senior Association, asked for clarification between two organizations that provide meal services, especially for seniors that are not mobile.

Commissioner Johnson reiterated that she would like to see more funding go to seniors for housing and recommended applying even amounts of funding to those in Category One.

Darlene Quinn, Tracy Interfaith Ministries, stated she agreed with the need to feed seniors. Ms. Quinn added that Tracy Interfaith feeds approximately 3,000 people per month, which is probably more than other agencies.

- a. Motion: Commissioner Saltzman made a motion to accept the allocations as recommended by the subcommittee
- b. Second: Levoit
- c. Abstained: None
- d. Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- Parks & Recreation Director Report – Mr. Pichly provided the following update:
 - Community Center – On June 6, 2017, a construction contract is tentatively scheduled to be awarded for the project, with construction to begin by July 5, completing by September 20.
 - Senior Center – The rehabilitation project for the Senior Center has been pushed back until January 2018, at the earliest.
 - McDonald Splash Pad – Construction documents will be out soon with work hopefully occurring this summer.
 - South County Park – Internal discussions and one meeting has taken place with representatives from the County. Being discussed are terms, design, maintenance, and who will be responsible to maintain it. No timeline is available yet.
 - Aquatic Center – The City Manager has asked us to take a different tact with project, coming up will be conceptual designs for five or six elements identified by the public as most popular including an indoor component.
 - CPRS Conference – February 28, through March 3, make plans to hang out, tour the exhibit hall, etc. The education training sessions will be great.

Referring to the aquatic center, Commissioner Jimenez asked if a proposed cost of maintenance schedule would be coming from the Public Works Department. Mr. Pichly indicated the maintenance costs would depend on which amenities were built.

Commissioner Saltzman asked where the seniors would meet while construction was going on at the Senior Center. Mr. Pichly stated the Community Center construction should be complete and then the seniors can move over there.

- Recreation Division Report – Included as part of the agenda packet.
- Community Facilities Division Report – Included as part of the agenda packet.
- Public Works Parks Maintenance Division Report – Martin Morozowsky introduced himself to the Commission and provided the following update.
 - The Tracy Ball Park renovation is held up due to rains.
 - Sports Complex backstops boards are in the process of being replaced.
 - Roses in General Fund parks are being pruned along with other shrubbery, mowing is still occurring on an as needed basis between storms.
 - Irrigation controller upgrades are in progress in General Fund Parks and Landscape Maintenance Districts.
 - With the recent storms, Parks crews have been cleaning up as needed, along with West Coast Arborist. Storm damage resulted in a loss of over 60 trees.
 - XL Landscape is trimming shrubs in median islands and streetscapes, and mowing parks when possible. Spraying pre and post emergent when possible between storms.
 - Corral Hollow Road widening with new plant material in smaller medians is coming up.
 - City medians are scheduled for new plant improvements.
 - The following four parks are scheduled for new playground equipment: Bailor-Hennan, Rippin, Sullivan, and Huck
 - In the preliminary stages for playground equipment replacement are: New Harmon, Valley Oak, Mt. Oso, Icardi, Golden Spike, and Mt. Diablo.

8. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Commissioner Johnson previously asked why the City didn't offer golf lessons, and applauded staff for being so responsive to the community. Commissioner Johnson was pleased to see that golf lessons are now offered in the new activity guide.
- Commissioner Birk referred to the opening of the new cemetery, stating their biggest problem is the speeding traffic.
- Commissioner Saltzman mentioned a tree that was down.
- Commissioner Jimenez thanked the sub-committee for their efforts and recommendations.
- Commissioner Jimenez stated she attended the January 23, 2017, Parks Foundation meeting at which our Parks Director also attended. At the meeting, a suggestion was given regarding partnering on grants for those with 501(c)3 status, who in turn would provide services to the City (developing partnerships).
- Commissioner Jimenez stated the Tracy Downtown Association held a meeting with approximately 40 attendees, addressing homelessness in Downtown.
- Commissioner Jimenez added that the bingo board for the Senior Center may be installed in March.
- Commissioner Jimenez also stated that \$3,000 is available from the Tracy Friends for Parks for those who cannot afford swim lessons.

- Commissioner Jimenez announced that five Block Parties and two Girls Night Out events are planned this summer.
- All Commissioners welcomed Martin.

9. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Robert Tanner welcomed Martin Morozowsky. Mr. Tanner questioned the construction schedule regarding the Senior Center. Mr. Pichly stated it was not a matter of funding, but due to staff time limitations. Mr. Tanner added that there were two line items that keep getting overlooked when considering an aquatic center budget: security and insurance.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion: Vice Chair Levoit
- b. Second: Commissioner Birk
- c. Vote: Unanimous
- d. Time: 8:25 p.m.

Staff Liaison