

**PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 7, 2017**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Levoit called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

- a. Present: Chair Levoit, Commissioners Birk, Douglas, and Jimenez
- b. Absent: Vice Chair Johnson, Commissioners Gouveia, and Saltzman
- c. Staff Present: Ed Lovell, Management Analyst II; Craig Bronzan, Special Advisor; Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Supervisor; Christine Mabry, Management Analyst I
- d. Recorded By: Sandra Edwards, Executive Assistant

3. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Lisa Roth and Mary Mitracos, representing a group called Tracy Nature Park Advocates, indicating they have gathered approximately 600 signatures on an on-line petition, and 2,000 on paper adding they were going to attend an upcoming City Council meeting.

Commissioner Jimenez asked for clarification regarding the discussion item not being on the agenda.

Mrs. Mitracos added that their group wants a park, but were not looking at designing or building one; that is up to the Parks Commission and City Council.

Mr. Bronzan explained that the Tracy Nature Park Advocates had approached City Council regarding a nature park and will be considering the item at the October 17, 2017 meeting.

Representatives from TDO addressed the Commission regarding field allocations. The representatives were asked to hold their comments until the agenda item is presented.

4. **OLD BUSINESS – REPORTS FROM COMMISSION**

- a. Parks and Community Services Commission Goals
  - 1. Update from Sub-committees
    - Craig Bronzan asked that this item be discussed with Item 5.b.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Gouveia joined the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

- a. Review and Provide input regarding Sports Field Reservation Handbook

Christine Mabry provided the report outlining the history of the sports field reservation handbook, along with a presentation.

Commissioner Gouveia asked who was coming to the March tournament. Mabry indicated it could be Cal North.

Rick Ruzbarsky and Pat Kirby, with TDO Baseball, stated they have concerns about how allocations are distributed, especially non-profit leagues versus for profit leagues.

Mabry indicated this concern was brought to staff and staff was seeking Commission guidance regarding prioritization of fields and any possible changes. Ed Lovell, Management Analyst II, clarified that non-profit leagues receive priority even if the league has fewer Tracy residents whereas a for-profit group may have a larger resident base but receive a lower priority.

A discussion ensued regarding field allocations, fees charged, the number of for-profit users, and proof of residency for various groups.

Mabry provided options that could be presented to the Commission which would include a survey to see what other cities are doing.

It was Commission consensus to bring the item back at the next meeting for further discussion and consideration.

b. Provide input on Commission Goals 17/18

Ed Lovell provided an introduction and stated City Council has requested that each Board and Commission provide an annual report on their accomplishments. Lovell suggested the Commission look at goals that can be accomplished within a year and are measurable.

Chair Levoit stated Commissioner Johnson will be stepping down as the liaison for the senior group.

The Commission went through their current goals and identified items that were no longer relevant.

Many suggestions were provided by the Commission, including community outreach, park safety, adopt a park program, and upon consensus it was agreed to bring the item back to the next regular meeting for further discussion and adoption.

Commissioner Birk stated he would attend the next Tracy Senior Association meeting as the liaison until a permanent replacement has been established.

**6. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

a. Parks & Recreation Director's Report – Craig Bronzan provided the Commissioners with an update including:

- The Parks Director position is out for recruitment
- The Lolly Hansen Senior Center will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a pancake breakfast to start
- Fall into fun - register for upcoming classes and events
- Blues Brews & BBQ event is coming in October

- The Fall activity guide is out
- Shared that the Art Life brochure has also been published and features pictures of staff
- Skate park and nature park groups have been directed to attend the City Council meeting on October 17, 2017
- Discussions with the County are continuing regarding a regional park.

Commissioner Jimenez stated she cannot attend the City Council meeting on October 17, but wants it mentioned that we are in discussions with the County.

- b. Recreation Division Report – Jolene Jauregui highlighted the following events:
- Monday, September 11, will be holding an ice cream social at the Senior Center
  - LDA architects have two plans to share at a future meeting to seniors
  - Community events did outstanding this summer with record attendance
  - Quarterly senior comment report was provided to the Commission but was not included in the agenda.
- c. Community Facilities Division Report – Christine Mabry highlighted the following:
- Tracy lifeguards went to lifeguard games and came in 7<sup>th</sup> with 25 teams competing
  - Deep water exercise is the most popular new program added for the extended classes
  - Friday night Lego Batman recreational swim at 7:00 p.m., at the Joe Wilson Swimming Pool
- d. Public Works Parks Maintenance Division Report – A written report was provided to the Commission from the Public Works Department as no one was available to attend.

**8. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

- Chair Levoit suggested that the lifeguard who came in second place be given a reward for representing Tracy
- Commissioner Douglas stated she was happy to be back
- Commissioner Gouveia stated he was late due to attending ethics training. Gouveia added that a community member reported finding 16 used syringes next to where kids practice at the Tracy Ball Park
- Commissioner Jimenez stated she attended the Tracy Friends for Parks Foundation meeting on August 28, where they nominated and elected Dan Green of Bank of the West as a new board member, and listed the speakers at the meeting
- Commissioner Jimenez applauded staff on the brochures and pamphlets and all the new activities, but that the cover did not represent any diversity on the cover page, requesting that staff show and reflect the City's diversity
- Commissioner Birk stated his daughter has moved to Texas and his great grandbaby will be graduating from college. Commissioner Birk asked for prayers for those affected by recent hurricanes
- Chair Levoit stated he was excited about the pool movie and asked if the Commission was getting T-Shirts and announced upcoming events: September 16 Southside Community organization; Chest of Hope October 7 a 5k run; Octoberfest at Lincoln park on October 21, encouraging everyone to attend.

9. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Lisa Roth clarified that the Friends of the Park Foundation were separate from the Tracy Tree Foundation. Ms. Roth thanked Commissioner Birk for mentioning those in Texas and Florida. Ms. Roth stated she had "Hike inside the Triangle" t-shirts available.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

- a. Motion: Douglas
- b. Second: Gouveia
- c. Vote: Unanimous
- d. Time: 9:16 p.m.



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Staff Liaison