



Recreation and Park Commission
Wednesday, April 17, 2024
Regular Meeting MINUTES

Commission Members Present:

- ☒ Mieko Chambers (Chair)
- ☒ Rick LeFlore (Vice)
- ☒ Robert Ono
- ☒ Tony Marigo
- ☐ David Siegel
- ☐ Timm Herdt
- ☒ Erik Vink
- ☒ Georgene Redmann (Alternate)

Commission Members Absent: D. Siegel, T. Herdt

Council Liaison Present: Josh Chapman

Public Present:

Staff Present: Deanne Machado, Tamiko Kwak, Dave Knighton, Janet Chaney, Kelly Stachowicz

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chamber at 6:32 pm

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made to move regular item C to the first item by Commissioner Vink seconded by Commissioner Ono. The motion passed with a 6-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

Absent: 2

Abstentions: 0

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners and Council Liaisons

D. Machado-Community Needs Assessment has completed the internal and external survey. Preliminary gaps are around Teen input. Begun the inventory mapping and assessment process.

CIP updates: Community Pool replastering complete, Manor pool needs a heater replaced, Splash Pad plans are at 100% and tentatively begins in Fall 2024, Community Park bathroom design was awarded to Indigo. Design/build RFQ was posted. Senior Patio project award scheduled for the 4/23 CC meeting. Arroyo shade structure is scheduled for install in May. Sports Courts phase 2 bidding period

closes this week. Electrical study for outdated lighting and infrastructure is in process.

Inclusion Programs are being implemented at mutual housing sites for summer programming, migrant program summer week long camp, adult garden program at Cesar Chavez housing, summer camp experiences to 80 DJUSD low income students.

T. Kwak-Golden Heart Award committee made selections for this year and will be awarded at the 5/7 CC mtg. ESL class at Montgomery has resumed with 20 people enrolled and 5 on the waiting list.

J. Chaney-Registration recap for March 6 outdoor ed camps sold out in minutes and March 20 summer camps mostly sold out, some camps and swimming lessons still available.

D. Knighton-RFP landscape maintenance services agreement going to CC on 4/23 for approval. Healthy Play 5 playground renovations almost complete, La Playa is almost finished. North Star Pond work is wrapping up. Slide Hill stairs have arrived and are awaiting install. Proactive signage about weeds and current projects are posted in highly visible locations.

R. LeFlore-recognized updated signage for Slide Hill. Asked plan for park name signage. D. Knighton stated that signage is on the list to update.

R. Ono- Thanked Dave for coming out to the Cannery neighborhood and recognized that signage is positive.

T. Marigo-asked about the Odd Fellows scholarship for summer. If pools were planning to operate at capacity this year and if the pond was on a maintenance schedule. Staff confirmed Odd Fellow scholarships are available. Pools will be open at capacity and the pond is now on a maintenance schedule. Marigo, distributed Natalie's Corner postcard to all.

M. Chambers-asked about status of Community Park picnic area, staff confirmed that the work was approved at the 4/16 CC mtg.

4. Public Comment – none

5. Consent Calendar

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar by Vice Chair LeFlore seconded by Commissioner Marigo. The motion passed with a 6-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

Absent: 2

Abstentions: 0

6. Regular Items

C. Consider Council Subcommittee Proposed Scope of the RPC

D. Vink-stated outreach is critical

M. Chambers-asked to define outreach and community engagement, separate bullet points.

J. Chapman-use elements to keep scope general so that it doesn't require updates once General Plan is completed. Seeking commission input. Keeping commission scope general, gathering feedback to take back to subcommittee to summarize for CC.

R. LeFlore-asked for public outreach to be it's own section.

R. Ono-in support of breaking out the outreach and community engagement from park planning.

No public comment.

A. Community Pool Service Provider Annual Report

Billy Doughty presented on behalf of DARTs for the annual use at Community Pool. Doughty stated that the partnership with the City has been phenomenal.

Programming offers learn to swim for 2 year olds up to competitive swim teams and recreational swim lessons. Rentals increased last year due to the UCD Schaal pool closing. DARTs is looking to expand their pool party rental option and post on their website.

R. LeFlore asked about the state of repair and maintenance plans for the pool. J. Chaney stated that deferred maintenance and issues are being prioritized. Revenue from the lease agreement is being used for maintenance.

M. Chambers asked for hourly rental from co-sponsors, Doughty stated \$27/hour. Chambers asked about a customer satisfaction survey, Doughty stated they would work on better surveying.

G. Redmann asked if 50% programming in the summer is open to other users and Doughty confirmed.

No public comment.

B. Tree Davis Presentation on Arneson Park Conversion

Torin Dunnivant presented on behalf of Tree Davis on the public outreach efforts at Arneson Park. Arneson Park was identified as an underutilized space, possible site for a turf conversion, proposed site for climate ready landscaping. Tree Davis conducted outreach onsite, fliers, two open houses and neighborhood noticing. Received 45 responses. The outreach was to propose a new use of space that includes tribute trees, memorial groves, benches and trash receptacles.

R. LeFlore commented on outreach efforts and questioned why it was underutilized. Knighton commented that pests have degraded the turf area making it unusable for active play, mitigation efforts for pests are currently being implemented. Dunnivant added that owl boxes could be placed in trees to assist. R. Ono asked for plans for ongoing maintenance and if compliance is with Parks Maintenance Standards.

Dunnivant stated that Tree Davis maintains trees for the first 5 years and then Urban Forestry takes on the tree maintenance. T. Marigo stated that this plan fills in the space nicely. M. Chambers added that sitting areas in parks are important, Dunnivant stated that it is an opportunity for memorial benches.

No public comment.

E. Long Range Calendar

June meeting to discuss public outreach, areas of focus, definitions.

No meetings in summer months due to highly impacted program season.

November to discuss Golden Heart committee and Park Landscape Standards annual review.

F. Adjourn

Chair Chambers asked if any objections to adjourn the meeting. No objections.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Tamiko Kwak, Assistant Director