



**Recreation and Park Commission
Wednesday, September 18, 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: Erik Vink, Georgene Redmann

Council Liaison Present: None

Public Present: two public members

Staff Present: Deanne Machado, Tamiko Kwak, Dave Knighton, Janet Chaney, Kristina McClellin, Anne Marquez and Katie Yancey.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chambers at 6:31 pm

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Ono seconded by Siegel. 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

Director updates included Slide Hill park repairs to the stairs, Watchman arts installation repair and drinking fountain. Walnut Park sports courts resurfacing project is almost complete and ribbon cutting is scheduled for the end of October. Shade structures were removed and will be replaced at Westwood and Whaleback parks, Arroyo is open and Community Park is close to being opened. Community Park bathroom specs were approved.

Community engagement events: Davis Sparkle in the downtown core on 9/6. Splash pad ground breaking event on 9/14. Scheduled Children's Holiday Market on 12/17.

Parks Manager updates on downtown services with redeployed FTE to oversee portaloos, bulbouts, trash, recycling and parks duties downtown.

4. **Public Comment** –Michael Beckman and Ron Forest spoke on behalf of Tom Robinson to recommend naming of amenity in honor of the resident.

5. **Consent Calendar**

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

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

Absent: 2

Abstentions: 0

6. **Regular Items**

A. **Summer Recreation Program and Activities Review**

Recommendation: No Action, Informational.

A. Marquez and K. McClellin provided an overview on summer recreation and summer aquatics programming. Recreation provided new camp options, managed 18+ days of 100+ degree weather, increased spaces to Slide Hill and Shade Arbor camps, 65% retention of summer staff and 15 of the 18 new staff were past participants of the Rec Leader in Training program. Aquatics opened pools to full capacity this summer, required increased staffing and training. High heat temperatures resulted in lower participation at the pools. Water fitness programs had increased enrollment. Aquatics participated in World's Largest Swimming Lesson with 157 participants. Exploring alternative payment options such as Apple Pay onsite at the pools.

Commission discussion: Nonresident use in summer programming (approximately 10%), waiting list management (lists are open to all and are managed daily when openings are available, some programs can be expanded and some have capacity limits), acoustics in Cannery Farmhouse for programs and rentals (staff will seek a quote), staffing levels (adequate for summer 2024, programs such as Trekkers require unique skillsets).

public comment: none.

B. **Consider Council Subcommittee Proposed Process to Place Tasks/Items on Commission Agendas**

Recommendation: Provide feedback to staff on proposed process.

Commission feedback: Remove steps 3 and 4 (step C, remove recommend approval/do not recommend approval and send to CC as informational and suggest modifications, repeat, recommend goes with staff analysis. Once reviewed as concept by commission and staff then send to CC or add to Commission agenda, if within the purview of commission and approved by staff then the topic goes forward to agenda), consider the value and expertise of the Rec and Park commission discussion on relevant topics, if the topic is discussed by other commissions and has impact on Parks and Community Services it is should also be discussed at RPC, clarification on roles for community engagement by commission members.

public comment: Dan Carson, commission restructuring comment.

Item 7 Long Range Calendar

October-Ribbon cutting event for the Walnut Sports Court

May-Golden Heart Awards

July-Landscape Maintenance Standards

Additional long range topics:

- Banner Policy
- Summer Program Update with waiting list numbers
- Explore Unmet Needs of Davis Children's Summer Programs
- Outreach opportunities (ribbon cutting, grand opening events, park onsite tours, etc)
- Needs Assessment Draft Review

Item 8 Adjourn

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Tamiko Kwak, Assistant Director