



**Recreation and Park Commission
Wednesday, March 19, 2025
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: Rick LeFlore

Council Liaison Present: None

Public Present: Earl B, David S., Jim F., Greg F., Eileen S.

Staff Present: Deanne Machado, Tamiko Kwak, Janet Chaney, Dara Dungworth

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chambers at 6:32 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 7-0-1-0 vote.

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

Absent: 1-LeFlore

Abstentions: 0

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners and Council Liaisons

DMachado: update on batting cages, went to CC and supported RPC recommendation to increase fees, monitor and report back at end of season.

JChaney: Summer camp registration for outdoor ed was on 2/26 and general summer registration opened on 3/12 with almost 4,000 camp enrollments. On 3/15 the department hosted a parent-child glow up dance party with 150 participants and a huge success.

TMarigo: update on the Natalie's Corner splash pad grand opening tentatively scheduled for 6/21. 390 bricks were sold, \$84K raised by Rotary and \$541K raised by the community.

4. Public Comment

- Earl Bossard: proposed consideration of a low cost north Davis bike loop.

5. Consent Calendar

Approved minutes from February 19, 2025. A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar by Marigo seconded by Siegel. The motion passed with a 5-0-1-2 vote.

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

Absent: 1-LeFlore

Abstentions: 2-Ono, Chambers

6. Long Range Calendar

Ono: asked for an update on daylighting laws in regards to crosswalks entering to parks.

TKwak: General Plan meeting on 4/23, recommendation to cancel April RPC since no agenda topics in lieu of General Plan meeting. Confirmed commissioners: Marigo, Vink, Siegel and Chambers.

7. Regular Items

A. Golden Heart Award

Recommendation: Siegel volunteered to serve on the review committee.

Public Comment: None

B. Village Farms Development

Ono: recused himself at 6:49pm for living within 500ft. of the project.

Dara Dungworth, Principal Planner, Community Development: overview of the Village Farms Davis development and review process. Seeking commission feedback and recommendations on the project's proposed parks features, recreation infrastructure and improvements.

Lydia Delis-Schlosser, Rochelle Swanson and Doug Buzbee, Village Farms Davis development team: clarified questions about the development and outstanding requirements needed as they move through the process of submitting the development plans to the City.

Public comment:

- David Schapira: There is a high need for indoor gymnasium space in the design of the community park due to lack of indoor recreation space for sports such as basketball, volleyball, etc.
- Resident; Jim Flanigan: Concern with the location of the community park due to safety issues related to Covell/Poleline.

- Greg Frances: Supports the development.
- Eileen Samitz: Concern about the location of the community park and safety with traffic and concern about toxins in the soil and land.

Siegel moved, seconded by Vink to make the following recommendations on the proposed park features, recreation infrastructure and improvements for the Village Farms Davis development proposal:

Commissioners asked clarifying and project-specific questions of Staff and the Applicant. After deliberations, the RPC unanimously voted to make a seven-point recommendation to Planning Commission and City Council, as summarized here:

1. General maintenance of the parks will be adequately funded. No automatic cleaning bathrooms.
2. Playing fields will have lighting to allow for use at night and winter evenings. Greenbelts and active transportation paths should also have security lighting.
3. The community park should include an indoor gym.
4. Research should be done to determine whether an additional dog park is needed before one is included in the community park.
5. The community park should be designed to provide adequate safety buffers between playing fields and active use areas and Covell Boulevard and Pole Line Road. These could include, but not be limited to, the parking area and driveway(s), fencing, netting, and landscaping.
6. Adequate parking for the community park should be provided.
7. Review and mitigation of any potential toxins in the soil on the project site should be conducted in accordance with the appropriate local, state and federal authorities with jurisdiction.

The motion passed with a 6-0-2-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

Absent: 2-LeFlore, Ono

Abstentions: 0

Item 8 Adjourn

Chair Chambers asked if any objections to adjourn the meeting. No objections. Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Tamiko Kwak, Assistant Director