



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SYNOPSIS

GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday, June 3, 2009
5:00 P.M.**

**City Hall
Room W-120
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113**

MELANIE RICHARDSON, CHAIR

WINSTON CHEW

JAMES KIM

LESLEE HAMILTON

MIKE FLAUGHER, VICE CHAIR

ERIK KARSTAN SMITH

JULIE MATSUSHIMA

(a) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present: Chair Richardson, Vice Chair Flaughner, Commissioners
Kim, Hamilton, Smith and Chew

Excused Absence: Commissioner Matsushima

Absent:

(1) Attendance Report

(b) ORDERS OF THE DAY

None

(c) CEREMONIAL ITEMS

None

(d) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

(e) CONSENT CALENDAR

(1) Approval of May 6, 2009 Synopsis

(2) Approval of May 20, 2009 Special Meeting Synopsis

(3) Review of Planning Applications

Commissioner Hamilton requested that item (e)(1) be pulled off consent and that the Synopsis for May 6, 2009 be amended to reflect the Commissions' concern over removal of the public art from Guadalupe River Park (Item (g)(1) on the May 6, 2009 Synopsis).

It was moved by Vice Chair Flaughter, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton, and voted unanimously that the Consent Calendar Items be Approved with the amendment to item (e)(1).

(f) COUNCIL AND COMMISSION REPORTS

(1) Council Liaison

Stephanie Holm, Council District 10, noted that two new members have been appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission beginning July 1, 2009; Jose Castro for an unexpired term ending June 30, 2010 and Robert Levy for a term ending June 30, 2012.

She also noted that Councilmember Pyle, along with Councilmembers Kalra and Nguyen, have signed a recommendation to keep libraries open six days a week, would keep the Park Ranger program and would keep some of the satellite community centers open.

(2) Senior Citizens Commission

None

(3) Youth Commission

None

Vice Chair Flaughner expressed an interest in encouraging representatives from the Youth Commission to attend and participate in the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Smith suggested that a Parks and Recreation Commissioner attend a Youth Commission meeting as well.

(g) PUBLIC HEARING

None

(h) ACTION ITEMS

(1) Nomination/Election of Parks & Recreation Commission Officers

Chair Richardson presented the slate of Parks and Recreation Commission Officers nominated at a special Commission meeting on May 20, 2009:

- Mike Flaughner – Chair
- James Kim – Vice Chair

It was moved by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Chew, and voted unanimously to elect Commissioner Flaughner Chair and Commissioner Kim Vice Chair for 2009/2010.

(i) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mark Marney, Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department stated Prusch Farm has been approved to work with Veggielution, a non-profit agency, to operate a co-op garden program at Prusch. This is a one year pilot program.

(j) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

(1) Report back on Happy Hollow Parking Lot Bid Results

Deputy Director Marney reported that bids came in under the original amount. A contract change order will go before City Council on June 16, 2009 and the parking lot project, which came in 30% under the original estimate, will go to City Council on June 23, 2009. The opening date has been extended from mid-September to mid-March. This will allow the two rides (Miner's Maze and Family Coaster) to be completed along with the rest of the project.

(2) Recreation E-Commerce System (RECS) Update

Dan Wax, Division Manager for Parks Recreation and Community Services Department, gave a brief overview of the two year pilot program which will be completed in

December 2010. He noted that over \$3 million in revenue has been collected online and 10,000 registrants are now in the system, adding that 41% of spring registrations were done online.

(3) Greenprint Update

Matt Cano, Division Manager for the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department, stated the draft Greenprint should be published by the end of next week and will be presented at the General Plan Task Force meeting. Community workshops will be held in September and the results will be shared with the Parks and Recreation Commission. The document will be finalized approximately two months after that.

(4) Discussion of August 5, 2009 Commission Retreat

The Commission agreed to have the annual retreat on August 5, 2009 with a 5:30 start time. A location other than City Hall is preferred. Staff will handle this. The Commission agreed to have a facilitator at the retreat. Staff will develop an agenda that will include:

- An introduction of the two new Commissioners
- A debrief on Workplan items from last year
- A discussion of next year's Departmental Workplan
- Budget cuts and prioritization of projects/items
- Housecleaning items such as frequency of meetings, Youth Commission participation, etc.
- Where we stand environmentally in our parks (for example: our policy on chemical usage)
- Developing a process for the public to add items to a future agenda

(5) Commissioner News Items

None

(6) Future Agenda Items

The Commission asked about the request from a member of the public to add Three Creeks Trail to a future agenda.

Matt Cano replied that it is important that this item be presented in context with the overall trail program. Staff anticipates bringing this to the Commission in September.

(k) LIAISON REPORTS

(1) General Plan Task Force Report

Commissioner Hamilton reported the focus of the meeting was to decide where the city should grow, with specific questions about whether the Coyote Valley Urban Reserve and South Almaden Valley Urban Reserve should be targeted for development. A solid majority voted to continue the Urban Reserve status for both areas so that new development would take advantage of existing infrastructure and planned transportation investments.

(2) Greenprint Ad-hoc Subcommittee

Vice Chair Flaughner stated the Subcommittee discussed the benefits of using GIS techniques to look at park assets and determine priorities.

(3) Martial-Cottle Project Ad-hoc Committee

Commissioner Smith noted that this Liaison Report can be sunset.

Matt Cano added that he would have some information on the State's involvement with the Martial Cottle Project at the next general Parks and Recreation Commission meeting in September. He stated he would give this update under the Director's Report.

(l) CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Final Spring 2009 – General Plan Amendment letters

(m) ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. There will be no meeting in July. The Commission Retreat will be scheduled in August. The next general Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2009.