



## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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# **SYNOPSIS**

### **GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 2, 2009  
5:00 P.M.**

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

MIKE FLAUGHER, CHAIR  
JOSE CASTRO, JR  
ROBERT LEVY  
MELANIE RICHARDSON

WINSTON CHEW

JAMES KIM, VICE CHAIR  
LESLEE HAMILTON  
JULIE MATSUSHIMA  
ERIK KARSTAN SMITH

#### **(a) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm

Present: Chair Flaughner, Vice Chair Kim, Commissioners  
Castro, Hamilton, Levy, Matsushima, Richardson  
Unexcused Absence: Commissioner Chew  
Excused Absence: Commissioner Smith

- (1) Attendance Report (January through June 2009)
- (2) Attendance Report (August through December 2009)

#### **(b) ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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Item (K)(2) was heard first.

#### **(c) CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

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None

**(d) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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None

**(e) CONSENT CALENDAR**

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- (1) Approval of June 3, 2009 Synopsis
- (2) Review of Planning Applications GP-09-04-02
- (3) Approval to set the Public Hearing date for the renaming of Almaden Road Park to October 7, 2009.
- (4) Approval to set the Public Hearing date for the renaming of Willows Senior Center to October 7, 2009.

**It was moved by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and voted unanimously that the consent items be approved.**

**(f) COUNCIL AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

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- (1) Council Liaison

Stephanie Holm, Council District 10, stated that Councilmember Pyle enjoyed the retreat. Looking forward to the Greenprint coming to Council. Kudos to the Almaden Community Center because they planned a Golf Tournament to raise funds for youth who can't afford the sports program.

- (2) Senior Citizens Commission

None

- (3) Youth Commission

Nicholas Taxera, District 6 Youth Commissioner, apologized for not having a representative in over a year. The Youth Commissioner will hold a retreat September 5, 6, and 7 at the Northside Community Center. He requested that a Parks and Recreation Commissioner attend Youth Commission meetings. The Commissioners recommended Commissioner Smith (who was absent) attend the Youth Commission meetings.

**(g) PUBLIC HEARING**

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None

**(h) ACTION ITEMS**

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(1) Approval of Draft Guidelines for Adding Agenda Items

Matt gave overview (Summary). Commissioner Hamilton asked what is the role of the public in bringing items forward? Do they have to come to Commission first or can they call/e-mail a Commissioner? Commissioner Levy suggested also a letter can be distributed at the meeting. Matt will incorporate changes into Draft and return in October for approval.

**It was moved by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Matsushima and voted unanimously to approve the Guidelines with the modifications.**

(2) Approval of Draft Agenda for October 7, 2009

**It was moved by Commissioner Hamilton seconded by Commissioner Richardson and voted unanimously to approve with modifications, emphasis on Greenprint with a brief update on Sportsfields.**

(3) Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Hamilton suggested adding the single use bag ordinance/impacts on rivers, waterways and landscape.

Commissioner Hamilton suggested adding Friends of Guadalupe Gardens w/First Act-2010 planning process revised vision for park.

**(i) DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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Mark Marney, Deputy Director, stated that on September 1, the grand jury report/response to Los Lagos Golf Course. Councilmember Pyle requested Asset Management Evaluation come to PRC.

The department reorganization process is occurring now. Four divisions will be combined into 3, and this will be completed by the end of September.

Mark also stated that budget cuts included park closures of the regional parks and will be implemented by end of September. Almaden Lake has an issue on how do we close the park and maintain the bike path. Prusch Park has issues with early childhood classes and they are open 5 days a week. We are looking at how to deal with this. It takes as many staff to keep people out of Alum Rock park to run the park. We will have better info next month.

East Side Union School District has a new superintendent.

**(j) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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(1) Lake Cunningham Play Lot

Marybeth Harasz, Senior Landscape Architect, gave a presentation on a custom play lot. Martin Delson, public, stated that dogs should be excluded from the playground area.

(2) Trail Program Update

Yves Zsutty, Trail Manager, gave a presentation. Martin Delson, public, spoke in support of the Trails Network.

(3) Low Income Housing Park Fees

Matt Cano, Division Manager, gave the background on this item.

(4) Commissioner News Items

Chair Flaughter, stated the San Jose Rotary will take on a joint project with the City of San Jose to build an "equal play" playground.

**(k) LIAISON REPORTS**

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(1) General Plan Task Force Report

Commissioner Hamilton stated the last two meetings were dedicated to Parks issues.

(2) Greenprint Ad-hoc Subcommittee

Chair Flaughter pulled item (K)(2) off the Agenda. Dave Mitchell, Parks Planning Manager spoke about upcoming meetings. Staff will return next month with an update. The Greenprint will go to NSE on 11/12/09 and to Council in December.

**(l) CORRESPONDENCE**

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(1) None

**(m) ADJOURNMENT**

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The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm. The next general Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2009.

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