



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

REVISED SYNOPSIS

GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday, October 7, 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

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm

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

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

(b) ORDERS OF THE DAY

Item (J)(1) was moved to Item (H)(1)
Item (E)(2) was removed from the agenda

(c) CEREMONIAL ITEMS

None

(d) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Nancy Thomas, Lisa Charpontier and Robin Reynolds, Public spoke on behalf of Newhall Park Neighborhood Association. They spoke in support of the project. One person asked what is the delay? The Association expressed how much they want the park and are willing to help with the maintenance.

(e) CONSENT CALENDAR

(1) Approval of September 2, 2009 Synopsis

(2) Approval of Draft Guidelines for Adding Agenda Items

It was moved by Commissioner Matsushima, seconded by Commissioner Levy and voted unanimously that the consent items be approved.

(f) COUNCIL AND COMMISSION REPORTS

(1) Council Liaison

Stephanie Holm, Council District 10, passed out a flyer to the Commission to attend the Disability Awareness Day event on Wednesday, October 8th.

(2) Senior Citizens Commission

None

(3) Youth Commission

None

(g) PUBLIC HEARING

(1) Renaming of Almaden Road Park to Roberto Antonio Balermينو Park

It was moved by Commissioner Levy, seconded by Commissioner Matsushima, and voted unanimously to recommend the Park be renamed.

(2) Renaming of Willows Senior Center to Willow Glen Community and Senior Center

Barry Binge, Public, spoke in support of the name change.

It was moved by Commissioner Kim, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and voted unanimously to recommend the Center be renamed.

(h) ACTION ITEMS

(1) Approval of Updated Draft Greenprint

Dave Mitchell, Parks Manager, and Matt Cano, Division Manager, gave an overview of the Greenprint. Joan Bohnett, Public, asked about the funding for the 3 creeks trail. Martin Delson, Public, said he supports the Willow Glen Spurr. Cathy Brandhorst, Public, said don't forget about the homeless when you kick them out of the parks.

The Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) reviewed the draft Errata Sheet and recommended approval of the Greenprint Update with the changes on the Errata Sheet. In addition, the PRC also made a motion to request the following:

1. Per the letter provided by Bruce Tichinin, attorney for Save Our Trails,
 - Retain all of the existing provisions of the Greenprint that locate the Three Creeks Trail on the discontinued Willow Glen Spur Railroad Corridor, rather than substituting an alternative route or alternative facility (such as a bike lane on Alma Street) for any portion of it; and
 - Revise the Draft Greenprint 2009 Update page that maps the Central/Downtown Planning Area to:
 - a) Eliminate: (i) the oval of ellipses, and (ii) the "Study area for most feasible east-west connection," language, and
 - b) Add mapping that designates the location of the Trail in this Central/Downtown Planning Area as the discontinued Willow Glen Spur Railroad Corridor.
2. Per Councilmember Liccardo's 10/06/09 memo, strengthen the language about future rails to trails conversions;
3. Outside of the Greenprint process:
 - a. As many schools are converting to charter schools where access isn't guaranteed, work with the General Plan task force and the City/Schools Collaborative on methods to better ensure access to elementary and middle school campuses.
 - b. Continue to be creative in development of facilities in urban environments.
 - c. Work towards a mechanism to purchase large tracks of land for future park facilities.

It was moved by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Smith, it was then moved to be amended by Commissioner Richardson seconded by Commissioner Smith and voted unanimously to approve the Guidelines with the modifications.

(i) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

(j) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

(1) Item moved to (H)1

Commissioner Matushima encouraged everyone to attend the Disability Awareness Day event on Wednesday, October 8th.

Commissioner Richardson recommended that we add the status of Newhall Park as well as other potential parks that are deferred on the December agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Matsushima and voted unanimously that Newhall Park will be a future agenda item.

Commissioner Hamilton asked that we agendize a follow up meeting with the Housing Commission from the September joint meeting. There was no motion made on this item.

Commissioner Chew asked that his unexcused absence at the last meeting be changed to excused.

Commissioners requested to remain involved in the park and school acreage discussion during the General Plan process.

(k) LIAISON REPORTS

(1) General Plan Task Force Report

Commissioner Hamilton stated they have moved on to Water Supply. They meet the 4th Monday of every month at 6:30pm-9:00pm.

(2) Greenprint Ad-hoc Subcommittee

This subcommittee will be removed from future agendas.

(3) Martial-Cottle Update

This subcommittee will be removed from future agendas. Commissioner Smith stated there is nothing new to report.

(l) CORRESPONDENCE

(1) None

(m) ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm. The next general Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2009.

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