



## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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# **SYNOPSIS**

### **GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, October 1, 2008  
5:00 P.M.**

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

MELANIE RICHARDSON, CHAIR  
WINSTON CHEW  
JAMES KIM

LESLEE HAMILTON  
PAUL KRAMER

MIKE FLAUGHER, VICE CHAIR  
ERIK KARSTAN SMITH  
JULIE MATSUSHIMA

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

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The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. Roll call was taken. Former Commissioner Harding stated that he was present. The Commission recessed at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

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

Late: None

Excused Absence: None

Absent: None

#### **(1) Attendance Report**

Moved to the Director's Report, item (i).

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

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Chair Richardson moved item (a)(1), Attendance Report, to the Director's report, Item (i).

**(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 September 3, 2008 Synopsis
- (2) Review of Planning Applications
- (3) Approval of Piercy Park Master Plan
- (4) Approval of Newbury Park\* Master Plan
- (5) Approval of Wyse park along Guadalupe River master Plan (Riverview\*)
- (6) Approval of Irvine Park on River Oaks Master Plan (Crescent\*)
- (7) Approval to set date to hear naming of Lundy/McKay Park Site to November 5, 2008
- (8) Approval to set date to hear naming of three turnkey parks on Hitachi Project Site to November 5, 2008

\*Final park name pending

Commissioner Flaugher had questions on items (e)(4) and (e)(5). These items were pulled for discussion.

Commissioner Kim noted that he was present at the September 3, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and that item (e)(1) needed to be corrected.

**It was moved by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and voted unanimously that the Consent Calendar Items be Approved with the recommended change to item (e)(1).**

**(f) COUNCIL AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

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- (1) Council Liaison  
None

(2) Senior Citizens Commission

None

(3) Youth Commission

None

**(g) PUBLIC HEARING**

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(1) Naming of the New Park at River Oaks Parkway and Zanker Road

Jean Marlow, Public, spoke in favor of naming the park River Oaks Park.

**It was moved by Commissioner Flaughter, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and voted unanimously to recommend to the Mayor and City Council that the park located near the intersection of River Oaks Parkway and Zanker Road be named River Oaks Park**

(2) Naming of the New Park at River Oaks Parkway along the Guadalupe River

Jean Marlow, Public, spoke in favor of naming the park Riverview Park and supported saving the existing trees in the park.

**It was moved by Commissioner Flaughter, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and voted unanimously to recommend to the Mayor and City Council that the future park located along the Guadalupe River at the terminus of River Oaks Parkway in North San Jose be named Riverview Park**

**(h) ACTION ITEMS**

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(1) Recommendation on draft North San Jose Design Guidelines and Implementation Study

Dennis Korabiak, Redevelopment Agency Program Manager, gave an overview of the report.

Dave Mitchell, Parks Planning Manager, gave a presentation of the draft plan.

The Commissioners discussed the connection to trails, incorporating green strategies and public art into the plan, attracting retail businesses and funding concerns

**It was moved by Commissioner Flaughter, seconded by Commissioner Kim, and voted unanimously to approve the draft Guidelines and Implementation Study.**

(2) Approval of Letters of Support to the City Council & Planning Commission Re: General Plan Amendment

**It was moved by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Kramer, and voted unanimously that a statement expressing the Commissions concern about**

**changing the urban growth boundary be added to the letters and that the Chair be authorized to sign the letters on behalf of the Commission.**

(3) Approval of Recommendation to Mayor and City Council of Proposed Revisions to Council Policy 7-8, Long-Term Use of City Parklands for Private Enterprise Purposes

Julie Edmonds-Mares, Assistant Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Department, gave a brief overview and introduced Cathy Merrill who will be working in the City of San Jose, PRNS Department for 3 months as part of the Management Talent Exchange Program.

Cathy Merrill presented the proposed policy revisions.

**It was moved by Commissioner Matsushima seconded by Commissioner Smith, and voted unanimously to approve the recommendation to the Mayor and City Council to accept the proposed policy changes.**

**(i) DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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Assistant Director Edmonds-Mares noted that item (a)(1), the Attendance Report, had been revised to correct a clerical error. She then gave an overview of the report and stated that this would be a standing item on future agendas.

Assistant Director Edmonds-Mares stated that the Parkland Dedication Ordinance fee adjustment was approved by City Council on October 2, 2008. The Assistant Director noted that Councilmember Oliverio has requested City Council revisit the Parkland Fees for Affordable Housing Units issue. The issue was referred by the Rules Committee to multiple departments, including PRNS, for a workload assessment within 30 days. Staff will update the Parks and Recreation Commission at the December meeting.

**(j) LIAISON REPORTS**

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(1) General Plan Task Force Report

Commissioner Hamilton reported that parks were the topic of discussion at the last meeting. Vice-Chair Flaughner added that the emphasis was on the economic benefits of parks.

(2) Sunshine Reform Task Force

No report. This task force is now sunset and will be removed from future agendas.

(2) Community Sports Fields Ad-hoc Study Committee

No report.

(3) Greenprint Ad-hoc Subcommittee

Vice-Chair Flaughner reported that the public was not receptive to the current draft and staff is currently revising it to incorporate suggestions and comments.

- (4) Martial-Cottle Project Ad-hoc Committee  
None

**(k) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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- (1) Follow-up Retreat Draft Agenda (October 15, 2008, 5:30 p.m., W-120)

Assistant Director Edmonds-Mares stated that a more detailed agenda is being drafted by the facilitator.

Vice-Chair Flaughter requested that a discussion of the Joint Planning/Parks and Recreation sessions be added to the retreat agenda.

- (2) Facility Reuse Status Update

Rudy Navarro, Senior Analyst, Parks Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department, gave a presentation.

- (3) Update of the Department's Volunteer Management Efforts

Fernando Cazares, Community Coordinator, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department, reviewed the workload and principles of the Department's volunteer management efforts.

The Commission provided feedback which included:

- Encouraging use of youth volunteers
- Considering the established volunteer program in the County's Parks Department a resource
- Encouraging "at-risk" youth participation

- (4) Commissioner News Items

Vice-Chair Flaughter noted that the Penitencia Creek Trail dedication event will take place on October 25, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Hamilton requested that references to past meetings be included in reports when appropriate.

Commissioner Matsushima encouraged the Commissioners to visit Berryessa Creek Park for examples of adaptive play equipment.

- (5) Future Agenda Items

Chair Richardson requested a status report on the Guadalupe Trail Over Crossing.

Commissioner Kramer suggested having a presentation on current adaptive play equipment.

**(l) CORRESPONDENCE**

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- (1) Email from Barbara Jordan, Senior Deputy City Attorney, Re: Revolving Door Ordinance

**(m) ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next general Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2008

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