



**City of Santa Barbara
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Longstreet

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall
Commissioner W. Scott Burns
Commissioner Chris Casebeer
Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb
Commission Intern Diego Torres-Santos
Asst. Parks & Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Urban Forest Superintendent Timothy Downey
Executive Assistant Karla Megill
Parks Manager Santos Escobar, Jr.
Recreation Programs Manager Sarah Hanna
Creeks Manager Cameron Benson
Sr. Recreation Supervisor Rich Hanna
Recreation Supervisor Terry Brown

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Ada Conner

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: No one wished to speak.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Zachary recommended that the agenda be reordered in that item 7, Police Activities League Presentation, be taken prior to item 4, Parks and Recreation Department Proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. She further recommended that item 6, Replacement of East Beach Volleyball Court Poles and Creation of Henry Bergman Memorial Beach Volleyball Court, be taken before item 5, Mission Creek Restoration and Fish Passage Project at Tallant Road Bridge. The Commission concurred.

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION

1. Community Service and Volunteer Recognition for A-OK Tutoring

Recommendation: That the Commission recognizes Trinity Episcopal Church and Santa Barbara City College Federal Work Study Program for tutoring and mentoring assistance in the After School Opportunities for Kids (A-OK) program.

Document:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

- Staff: Terry Brown, Recreation Supervisor
- Members of the Public: Debbie Badger, Director of Healthy Start & A-OK; Greg Hawkins, Marion Freitag, Bob Ward, Nina Ward, and Anne Porter from Trinity Episcopal Church; Brad Hardison and Eileen Amyx from the SBCC Federal Work Study Program

Chair Longstreet acknowledged that there was an oversight at the 9th Annual Youth Leadership Awards Banquet and one of the Youth Council members was not recognized. Chair Longstreet asked that Maggie McDermott, Youth Council Chair be recognized.

Ms. Hanna acknowledged Ms. McDermott's service on the Youth Council and Teen Programs and honored her for her efforts.

Intern Torres-Santos acknowledged Ms. McDermott's good work on the Youth Council.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Wiscomb reported on the activities of the Street Tree Advisory Committee and the Golf Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Burns reported that he will be attending the Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force on Wednesday, June 2nd. He reported on the activities of the PARC Foundation.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall reported on the activities of the Neighborhood and Outreach Services Subcommittee. He thanked Mayor Schneider for attending the meeting saying her contributions were invaluable.

Commissioner Casebeer reported on the activities of the Integrated Pest Management Committee and the Lower Westside Center Advisory Committee.

Chair Longstreet reported that she attended the 9th Annual Youth Leadership Banquet.

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT: Intern Torres-Santos provided this report.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Longstreet asked that the Commissioners receive an email invitation to the Lower Westside block party so Commissioners can attend should any want to do so.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Summary of Council Actions: There were no comments on this item.

STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS

3. Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

Recommendation: That the Commission:

Document:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers:

- Staff: Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent
- Members of the Public: Item 3A(1), Gene Tyburn; Item 3B(1), Gene Tyburn and Bill Spieback

A. Approve the following Street Tree removal requests.

1. 2526 Murrell Rd. - Ken Cohen - Prunus caroliniana, Carolina Laurel Cherry

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, and passed 5/0 to approve the removal of the Carolina Laurel Cherry tree located at 2526 Murrell Road.

2. 423 W. Victoria St. - Westside Community Center - 14 various trees

Commissioner Chris Casebeer moved, seconded by Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb, and passed 5/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to approve the removal of the 14 trees at 423 W. Victoria Street, the Westside Community Center.

B. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 3607 San Jose Ln. - John Sutton - Tipuana tipu, Tipu

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb moved, seconded by Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall, and passed 5/0 to approve the removal of the

tree at 3607 San Jose Lane under the condition that it is replaced by a 24-inch box replacement

2. 163 La Jolla Dr. – Peter Becker, Architect – Pittosporum undulatum, Victorian Box – continued from November 2009

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb moved, seconded by Commissioner Chris Casebeer, and passed 5/0 to approve the removal of the tree at 163 La Jolla Drive on the condition that the proposed landscape plan is approved by the Single Family Design Board.

- C. Deny the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 27 Alameda Padre Serra - Colette and Stephen Crafton - Cedrus spp., Cedar

Commissioner Chris Casebeer moved, seconded by Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb, and passed 5/0 to concur with the staff recommendation to deny the removal of the tree at 27 Alameda Padre Serra.

2. 1 Oak St. - Anita Balboa Sanchez - Liquidambar styraciflua, American Sweetgum- continued from April 28, 2010

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, and passed 4/0 to deny the request to remove the tree at 1 Oak Street.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall abstained.

- D. Postpone the following removal request.

1. 1032 E. Mason St. - Lisa Plowman, Peikert Group Architects, LLP. - Schinus molle, California Pepper

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb moved, seconded by Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall, and passed 5/0 to postpone action on this item until a landscape plan is received.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Police Activities League Presentation

Recommendation: That the Commission receives a presentation from Police Activities League (PAL) on current programs and the proposed transfer of Twelve35 Teen Center operation and maintenance.

Documents

- Staff Report

Speakers

- Staff: Sarah Hanna, Recreation Programs Manager
- Members of the Public: Ed Szeyller, Executive Director, PAL; Chloe Hunt, Maggie McDermott

Commissioner Comments/Questions:

Commissioner Wiscomb asked whether the Youth Council discussed ideas with PAL staff on how to alleviate their concerns and whether there are programs PAL could introduce that might bring the teens in if the Teen Center were turned over to PAL.

Ms. McDermott said they discussed how the Youth Council might maintain a relationship with PAL by having monthly meetings or a liaison between the Youth Council and PAL. She expressed concern that if PAL participation criteria are made a condition of participation in Teen Center programming it would deter or prevent teens from participating, as some teens that currently use the Teen Center do not have a "C" average. Ms. McDermott further said that the Youth Council is willing to work with PAL to come up with programs.

Intern Torres-Santos asked what the Neighborhood and Outreach Services (NOS) Supervisor position responsibilities will be if the Teen Center is transferred to PAL.

Ms. Hanna explained that the transfer of the Teen Center and the elimination of the NOS Supervisor is not linked together; transfer of the Teen Center to PAL is part of the proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Parks and Recreation Budget, and the elimination of the NOS Supervisor is part of the additional budget options. Ms. Hanna said the position serves as the liaison to the Youth Council, collaborates with the Santa Barbara Teen Coalition, and performs Lower Westside outreach. Ms. Hanna stated that the programming of the Teen Center is not under the specific purview of that position, neither does it supervise those staff, although the individual is at the Teen Center frequently. Ms. Hanna said the focus of the NOS supervisor changed; it is still the link to the Youth Council, leadership activities, community service activities of the Youth Council, and works with teen agencies to bring programming into the Teen Center, but does not change the programming that occurs there.

Ms. Hanna advised that it is PAL's focus is to work with elementary school and middle school aged youth, but PAL's takeover of the Teen Center presents an opportunity introduce these young children to their programs and bring them into teen programming.

Ms. Hanna addressed the PAL participation criteria, saying it is specific to PAL Programming. She said it would not affect, nor would it be a requirement of any teens that drip-in to the Teen Center, nor would it be a requirement of teens participating in programs at the Teen Center. Ms. Hanna said that if a youth decided to take a PAL funded program, they would have to meet their criteria. She further said that PAL staff would work with teens at the Teen Center to encourage good citizenship, to do their homework, and achieve academic excellence. She said that would be a goal for all teens, but it was not be a criteria for drop-in teen participation.

Ms. Hanna said participation may change at the Teen Center, but it is staff's desire to increase the outreach to teens at the Teen Center and increase programming overall.

Chair Longstreet said it cannot be looked at in isolation; it needs to be looked at with the budget as a whole, and with the reorganization of the Neighborhood and Outreach Services. She said the transfer of the Teen Center to PAL would bring more resources to provide programming and introduce kids to our facilities at an early age. She further said it provides expansion and is a great way to attract more people. Chair Longstreet suggested quarterly meetings to see how things are going that includes staff, the Advisory Committees, the Youth Council, and the Commissioner liaison to the Youth Council.

Commissioner Burns asked Mr. Szeyller if PAL would have looked at the Teen Center had they not needed the digital editing space, or would another place work just as well. Mr. Szeyller responded saying that because of the partnership between Parks and Recreation and PAL, the Department approached them and asked for help. Mr. Szeyller said the office they currently have is too small for the digital editing, and when this opportunity came up, and because of the PAL partnership with A-OK!, they thought it would be a great place to do the digital editing program. He further said PAL does not have a location where their Youth Leadership and Explorer Program can all get in one room; the Teen Center will provide that. Commissioner Burns said he is comfortable with what PAL is doing, and he hopes they take into account the questions and concerns the Youth Council has because they are a big part of the community.

Mr. Szellyer said he agrees and said they do plan to have a meeting within the first month to talk about what they do. He said there is no additional programming, other than what they have indicated tonight, planned for next year. Mr. Szellyer said if they have ideas about programs for next year's budget, they will go through Ms. Hanna and the Commission for their consideration and advice. He said they will never be able to answer the question about people being afraid of the Police; he said they have police and PAL staff on school campuses five days a week, and he has not seen particular fear of the police at all. Mr. Szyeller said

when they are there, they are PAL staff, not in a police role, but in a youth services role trying to reach out and provide programming for the youth.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall asked how long the PAL lease is for.

Ms. Hanna said the proposal includes a lease that would begin in September and end June 30, 2011. She said there would be a co-sponsorship agreement with PAL so they can use other City facilities at either discounted rates or waived rates, so they can run additional sports leagues and programs. Ms. Hanna also said the City would enter into a three-way agreement between the City, PAL, and the School District to run the Junior High Afterschool Program.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall urged the Youth Council to make an agreement with PAL on the day to day management of the Teen Center that included Youth Council. He said this will help break down communication barriers between PAL leadership and Youth Council leadership. He urged caution when talking about young people being alienated from a facility because it is run by the police. Commissioner Larimore-Hall said he believes a Teen Center run by PAL would spark an increase in participation by youth of color, at risk youth, and people from the less affluent parts of town, because that is, in many ways, the community PAL works with. He said he thinks it could be an interesting opportunity and the City should try it. Commissioner Larimore-Hall offered to be an ally to the Youth Council in the transition.

Commissioner Casebeer said the Teen Center is a jewel that is presently under-utilized and has the potential to have significant impact on the youth of the community. He commented that the Department financial situation precludes injecting staff, program time and financial resources to take it to the next level, but PAL has the resources. He asked how many days the Teen Center is currently open for business. Ms. Hanna said the Teen Center hours of operation are 2:30 - 7:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. She further said there are special and weekend events that go beyond that, and there are private rentals of the facility. Ms. Hanna advised that during the last budget cycle, the Saturday opening was eliminated because there were so few participants.

Commissioner Casebeer expressed that he would like the hours of operation expanded; every hour there is somewhere for one of the youth to go, there is a better chance keeping them out of trouble.

Chair Longstreet said communication will be the key to success. She said this is an opportunity to bring more programming into the facility.

6. Replacement of the East Beach Volleyball Court Poles and Creation of Henry Bergman Memorial Beach Volleyball Court

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Receive a staff report and presentation from the Friends of East Beach Association regarding the replacement of the East Beach Volleyball Court poles and the creation of the Henry Bergman Memorial Beach Volleyball court and future legacy volleyball courts; and
- B. Provide direction to staff on the proposed project.

Documents

- Staff Report

Speakers

- Staff: Rich Hanna, Senior Recreation Supervisor
- Members of the Public: Roger Perry, Laszlo Kiraly, Jan Roberta, Jon Lee, Cliff Lundburg

Commissioner Chris Casebeer moved, seconded by Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb, and passed 5/0 to approve the collaboration between the Friends of East Beach Association to install the Henry Bergman Memorial Beach Volleyball Court at East Beach, and, 15 additional additional courts to be constructed at a later date.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

4. Parks and Recreation Department Proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Budget

Recommendation: That the Commission provides its recommendations on the Parks and Recreation proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 budget, including:

- A. General Fund operating and capital budgets: and
- B. Parks and Recreation Fees & Charges Schedule

Documents

- Staff Report

Speakers

- Staff: Jill Zachary, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
- Members of the Public: Gene Tyburn, Susan Young, Maggie McDermott, Nick Ferrara

Commission Comments:

Chair Longstreet stated that in coming up with priorities she went back to how the Commission looked at it a year ago, which was clean, green, and open, and how to serve the most people. She said that the positions that are cut must not severely impact revenue, and they need to keep things that can be

redeveloped later. Ms. Longstreet further said that safety is a top concern, and she would like to keep the pools open.

Commissioner Burns stated that the City should keep anything youth or teen serving available. He said he likes the suggestion from Nick Ferrara about phasing in the PAL transfer. Commissioner Burns encouraged whatever the City is able to do to keep Teen Programs as much as possible from being cut. He further stated that he is in favor of saving 5, Eliminate vacant Teen Center Coordinator position and shift staff support of Teen Center to hourly staff; and item 9, Transfer maintenance and operation of Teen Center to PAL.

Intern Torres-Santos commented on the elimination of NOS Supervisor, saying it would be a critical hit for the community. He suggested that if the position could be combined with the transfer of PAL, it would create a connection with the Teen Center and Youth Council. Intern Torres-Santos suggested a Youth Council Member attend the PAL Board meetings to be involved in the decision-making regarding what is going on with the Teen Center.

Chair Longstreet concurred that is an excellent idea to have a Youth Council liaison to the PAL Board; it would give the Youth Council an overview of the PAL structure and programming.

Chair Longstreet commented regarding NOS and the reality of the budget, saying that all of the positions cannot remain. She stated that she supports the transfer of Teens to PAL. She stressed that the NOS Supervisor position is on the Additional Budget Adjustment Options List, and it is possible that those items will not be cut.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall commented that he hoped for a deal between PAL and the Youth Council from yesterday's meeting. He said he would like to see that deal. Mr. Larimore-Hall agreed that getting youth participation on the PAL Board is a good idea. He said that he understands from the Youth Council that the PAL transfer is preferred over eliminating the position. Mr. Larimore-Hall suggested the need for a top to bottom evaluation of youth programs and how they integrate into NOS. He said the City is re-thinking how it provides services in, listens to, and empowers communities and neighborhoods. Mr. Larimore-Hall commented that maybe a full-time position is not needed at the Teen Center, maybe it is needed at another community center, but the fewer positions there are, the more constrained the discussion and the fewer options and tool available. He said he would like to see positions that are in general designated for neighborhood and outreach, teen programs, and community service stay in the budget as much as possible, because it enables the conversation about restructuring these areas with some resources available.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall said he is definitely in favor of the PAL transfer over eliminating a position.

Chair Longstreet said that all of the NOS jobs may change with the reorganization. She said that just because you are the Youth Council Advisor today, it does not mean you are necessarily always going to be that; there are many qualified staff, and she hopes staff will be flexible to provide programming and tackle new jobs as necessary. She further commented that, there will be a new Youth Council next year who will not have the same expectations; nothing is written in concrete, it should improve each year.

Chair Longstreet said the most number of people are served in the parks; they need to be maintained and kept safe. She said she wants to make sure that asset is protected for the community. Ms. Longstreet stressed the importance of the Grounds Maintenance Worker I position.

Ms. Zachary cautioned the Commission that whatever they decide to keep in the budget, something has to be put in its place.

Chair Longstreet commented that some of the budget recommendations are easily restored and some are real structural changes to the Department.

Chair Longstreet said she supports reinstating the recreation swim at the Ortega Park Pool; it serves a number of young people and is an important program to the Eastside neighborhood.

Ms. Zachary reminded the Commission that the Department is moving forward with fundraising efforts for programs such as free recreation swim at the Ortega Park Pool. She said the Department is somewhat confident that could be funded for the next year, but it is not confirmed.

The Commission supports reinstatement of the Recreation Swim at Ortega Park Pool.

Commission Wiscomb said that items 1, Delay replacement of rental equipment at park and recreation facilities; item 2, New revenue from beach and park concessions, etc.; and item 10, Transfer Las Positas Tennis Facility to Elings Park Foundation are easy choices.

Chair Longstreet commented that items 1, Delay replacement of rental equipment at park and recreation facilities; item 2, New revenue from beach and park concessions, etc.; 3, Reduce General Fund contribution to Downtown organization contract to maintain State Street sidewalks and landscaping; and item 4, Eliminate Recreation Program leader position due to transfer of Junior High Afterschool Program to Police Activities League (PAL) are going to occur.

Chair Longstreet commented that items 5, eliminate vacant Teen Center Coordinator position and shift staff support of Teen Center to hourly staff and

item 9, Transfer maintenance and operation of Teen Center to PAL go together. She said that the Commission generally agrees and will look at it at the end of the year when the lease comes up. Chair Longstreet said the Commission recommends quarterly meetings for assessment of programming and that staff, and if necessary, the Commission, participate in programming decisions.

Chair Longstreet asked whether the Grounds Maintenance Worker I position identified in item 6, Eliminate vacant Grounds Maintenance Worker I position and continue closure of four park restrooms, and 50% reduction of Cabrillo Boulevard landscaping maintenance, could be held vacant for the year, rather than eliminated. Ms. Zachary indicated that the Department did that this year. She said that part of looking at ways to reduce the City budget vacant positions are generally ones that are considered easier to eliminate since they do not affect someone in a job.

Chair Longstreet asked whether the same savings are achieved by keeping it vacant. Ms. Zachary said yes, the same savings are achieved.

Chair Longstreet suggested that rather than eliminate this position, it be kept vacant for the year. Commissioner Wiscomb concurred and asked whether the same could be done for item, 7, Restructure and reduce Department Administration by eliminating vacant Business Manager Position and Administrative Specialist position upon August 2010 retirement, using savings from Administrative Specialist on extended leave, and reducing Marketing Coordinator position to 50%.

Chair Longstreet expressed concern with deleting the Business Manager position and reducing the Marketing Coordinator to 50%, but would rather reduce the Marketing Coordinator position than eliminate it. She asked whether these could be recommended on a temporary basis to be reviewed in a year.

Commissioner Casebeer commented that he recalled Ms. Rapp saying each section would take over their own individual marketing. Ms. Hanna stated that Judith McCaffrey would take the lead, because it links up with the fundraising. She said that the Recreation Supervisors serve on a marketing committee and strategize on what brochures go out, eRecreation Newsletters, and whatever free marketing avenues available. Ms. Hanna said there would be a reduced level of marketing by the coordinator.

Chair Longstreet commented that she is less concerned with the Marketing Coordinator position than she is with the Business Manager. Commissioner Wiscomb concurred and said the language should be structured the same as the other position to try to keep the position on the books.

Chair Longstreet said the Commission recommends maintaining the Business Manager position vacant, and feels strongly that it is an important component of

running the Department, both the Parks and Recreation and Golf Fund.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall asked what criteria is being used to determine which vacancies will be eliminated and which will be held vacant.

Commissioner Wiscomb asked if they can hold the Teen Center Coordinator position vacant and have it continue to operate on hourly staff, which would open up more options for the future.

Commissioner Burns suggested that the Commission make a recommendation that while they say eliminate or hold something vacant, it is understood that should funding become available, the Department is able to get them back without going through a lot of difficulty.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall suggested that they recommend that all vacant positions continue to be held vacant. Mr. Larimore-Hall said he agrees that if the financial situation turns around mid-year, the Department should be able to fill some of the positions.

Ms. Zachary said there is a push within the City to eliminate vacant positions to make the organization smaller. She said that if the Commission does make the recommendation to keep the vacant positions instead of eliminating them, they should put a timeline on them.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall said the budget is a one year budget, so the timeline is one year. He said he agrees with making the organization smaller if there is a rationale for it and the job can be accomplished with a smaller organization. He said he is not in favor of making the organization smaller for the sake of doing it or because we do not have enough money this year and then we allow things to get out of control and have more expensive problems down the line. Mr. Larimore-Hall said the staff recommendations are very smart and there is a lot of triage in this budget.

Commission recommendations:

The Commission accepts and understands the proposed cuts, would like to see positions kept vacant rather than eliminated especially where they provide a direct impact on services. The Commission's concerns are that they keep the parks open to serve the most people as possible, that they not decrease revenues in the budget cuts and that they maintain the safety and direct safety of the areas in parks, pools, and beaches, and that they be very of mindful of not falling farther behind in the maintenance of all of the facilities and parks. The Commission commends staff on the transfer of facilities and creative management. The Commission is concerned about the cuts in youth programming. The Commission strongly supports keeping the pools open.

Commissioner Wiscomb supported the recommendations put forth by Chair Longstreet, but said that one of the goals of Plan Santa Barbara is the health of the citizens. She suggested adding “health” and safety to the recommendation.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall suggested item 3, Restructure and reduce Neighborhood and Outreach Services (NOS) position and eliminate NOS Supervisor, be moved down; and item 1, Lease Ortega Welcome House to non-profit organizations, similar to community centers, from the Additional Budget Adjustment Options, be moved into the Recommended Budget.

Chair Longstreet said she is comfortable with that.

Intern Torres-Santos concurred, saying that leasing the facility to a non-profit organization would keep the facility open.

Ms. Hanna said that one of the community center advisory committees commented that leasing the Ortega Welcome House to a non-profit would take an affordable rental facility out of the facilities available for rental, and were in disagreement with it. Ms. Hanna agreed, however, that it could bring programming in that would bring people to the park for other reasons. She said staff is looking at a job training program, but they are not ready to move until mid-year. Ms. Hanna said that the Department is scheduling the facility for private events.

Chair Longstreet commented that the Commission strongly supports the leasing of the Ortega Park Welcome House to a community serving non-profit organization.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall, and passed 5/0 that the Commission accepts and understands the proposed cuts; they would like to see positions kept vacant rather than eliminated especially where they provide a direct impact on services; the Commission’s concerns are that they keep the parks open to serve the most people possible, that they not decrease revenues in the budget cuts, and that they maintain the health and safety of the citizens and direct safety of the areas in parks, pools, and beaches, and that they be very mindful of not falling behind on maintenance of facilities and parks. The Commission commends staff on the transfer of facilities and creative management. The Commission is concerned about the cuts in youth programming. The Commission strongly supports keeping the pools open.

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb moved, seconded by Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall, and passed 5/0 that the Commission reprioritized the Parks and Recreation Department Additional Budget Adjustment Options

for Consideration in the following order: 1 to 1, 4 to 2, 5 to 3, 6 to 4, 7 to 5, 3 to 6, and 2 to 7.

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, to accept the Proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Fees and Charges Schedule.

Commissioner Casebeer asked whether the issue of the fees for the Music Festival would enter into the recommendation.

Ms. Zachary said the Special Event Fee the Department has for the event space is part of what the Commission would be approving tonight. She said, as with any special event, fees vary based on the level of staff support, type of utilities, and all the different conditions under which an event may be permitted. She said for something like the West Beach Music Festival or other event, the fees will vary based on the conditions for putting on the event.

Chair Longstreet said that she thinks what is being discussed is a new fee, a per ticket surcharge, user fee mentioned at the meeting. She said she suggested the Commission accept the Proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Fees and Charges as they are and make a recommendation that City Council look at the establishment of a per ticket user fee for "for-profit" large events.

Commissioner Wiscomb indicated that she would amend her motion to include the additional language.

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, and passed 5/0 to accept the Proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Fees and Charges Schedule and recommend that Council look at adopting a per-ticket user fee for "for-profit" large events.

Chair Longstreet commented that she would like to send a strong message from the Commission that it has grave concerns about the conditions of Parks and Recreation facilities.

Commissioner Wiscomb concurred, saying particularly in light of the reductions the Department is facing in Fiscal Year 2011.

Commissioner W. Scott Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb, and passed 5/0 to accept the Proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Capital Budget and strongly request that City Council keep the Parks and Recreation Department projects in the Fiscal Year 2011 Capital Program budget, and that they do not take them out, as they are important projects.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Mission Creek Restoration and Fish Passage Project at the Tallant Road Bridge

Recommendation: That the Commission receives a report on the Creeks Division's Mission Creek Restoration and Fish Passage Program.

Documents

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint Presentation

Speakers

- Staff: Cameron Benson, Creeks Program Manager

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 p.m., with no further business to be addressed by the Commission,

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb moved, seconded by Commissioner Chris Casebeer, and passed 5/0 to postpone the site visit to a later date.

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb moved, seconded by Commissioner Chris Casebeer, and passed 4/0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill E. Zachary
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director