



City of Santa Barbara
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Joint Meeting

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Conner called the Park and Recreation Commission to order at 4:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Forsell

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present

Ada Conner	Park & Recreation Commissioner
Steve Forsell	Park & Recreation Commissioner
Beebe Longstreet	Park & Recreation Commissioner
Arnoldo Gonzalez	Park & Recreation Commissioner
Daraka Larimore-Hall	Park & Recreation Commissioner
Laura Spracher	Park & Recreation Commission Intern

Staff Present

Nancy L. Rapp	Parks & Recreation Director
Jill Zachary	Assistant Parks & Recreation Director
Sarah Hanna	Recreation Programs Manager
Judith Cook	Recreation Programs Manager
Nancy Woods	Business Manager
Scott Jorgensen	Golf Course Manager
Terry Brown	Youth Activities Coordinator
Billy Goodnick	Landscape Architect
Leslie Lund	Recreation Specialist, Cultural Arts
Jason Bryan	Recreation Supervisor, Active Adults & Classes
Rich Hanna	Recreation Supervisor, Aquatics
Terry Brown	Youth Activities Coordinator
Cathy Carpenter	Tennis Services Coordinator
Susan Jang-Bardick	Facilities and Registration Coordinator
Kent Wojciechoski	Police Officer
Karla Megill	Executive Assistant

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one wished to speak.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

- Commissioner Forsell reported on the activities of the Tennis Advisory Committee and the Golf Advisory Committee.
- Commissioner Larimore-Hall reported on the activities of the Franceschi Park Advisory Committee. He further indicated that a Franceschi Park workday is scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 2007, 9:00 a.m. – Noon. He encouraged the public to attend. Mr. Larimore-Hall thanked staff for organizing the Budget Work Session.
- Commissioner Longstreet reported on the activities of the Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force and the Creeks Advisory Committee.
- Commissioner Gonzalez indicated that he attended the Santa Barbara Youth Council meeting.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

- Ms. Rapp briefly discussed the Social Host Ordinance. She said that the Social Host Ordinance is a movement or program being promoted through out the County, which is an effort to put more responsibility and ownership on adults who are in a position of providing alcohol to under-aged minors in a home or facility setting.
- Ms. Rapp recognized Leslie Lund, Recreation Specialist, who was presented with the Volunteer of the Year Award for the City of Goleta at the 59th Annual Goleta Finest Awards.
- Ms. Rapp provided an update on the number of community meetings taking place as a result of the tragedy that occurred on State Street a few weeks back involving two of the children in our community.

Ms. Rapp advised that she and Sarah Hanna are the staff liaisons to the Council Committee on Youth and Children. She said that Committee is hosting a work session to talk about youth employment programs and the possibility of creating or more likely, expanding existing programs through a public/private partnership. Ms. Rapp said that a number of community organizations and local businesses have been invited to that meeting which is scheduled for Monday, May 14, 2007, at 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Rapp advised that the Commission is holding a Special Joint Work Session with the Community Center Advisory Committees regarding Youth Programming on Monday, May 21, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., at the Louise Lowry Davis Center. Rapp indicated that staff would be providing program recommendations that might be considered by the Commission that would reach some of the targeted neighborhoods in the community that are experiencing problems with their children being involved in gang activity. Ms. Rapp stated that the 3 community center advisory committees have been spending a lot of time talking about problems, solutions, and recommendations, and staff believe it will be productive to have a joint meeting. She further said that the Commission will then, during the May 23, 2007, meeting, formulate their recommendations to City Council

Ms. Rapp stated that on May 22, 2007, at 11:00 a.m., at City Hall, Room 15, the Police and Parks and Recreation Department will make a presentation to the Finance Committee regarding programming, current programming and recommendations related to youth and gangs.

Ms. Rapp advised that the 6th Annual Youth Leadership Banquet is tentatively scheduled for June 7, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cabrillo Pavilion. Ms. Rapp said that the youth in our community who are outstanding leaders in the different youth-serving community organizations and our schools.

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT: Ms. Spracher provided this report. She said that the Youth Council received a proclamation from the Mayor in recognition of National Youth Service Day. Ms. Spracher said a Youth Speak Out is scheduled for Monday, May 14, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. with ADAP regarding the Social Host Ordinance. Ms. Spracher indicated that there are vacancies on the Youth Council and interviews will be conducted on May 7, 2007, 5:15 p.m., at City Council Chambers. She said that the Youth Council voted to be come more pro-active against youth violence and will be becoming more involved in efforts to prevent youth violence.

1. Summary of Council Actions – Ms. Rapp highlighted the 40 Assets for Santa Barbara Youth. She said that the YMCA is hosting a Youth Summit on Anti-Bullying at the Courthouse on Saturday, April 28, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes:

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meetings of February 28, 2007, and March 28, 2007, and the special meeting of April 9, 2007.

Commissioner Forsell moved, seconded by Commissioner Longstreet, and passed 5/0 that the Commission approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 28, 2007.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner Longstreet, and passed 4/0 that the Commission approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 28, 2007.

Commissioners Forsell abstained.

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, and passed 4/0 that the Commission approve the minutes of the special meeting of April 9, 2007.

Commissioners Forsell abstained.

3. Recognition of the Fire Fighters and Police Officers Associations and PAL for their support of the Eggstravaganza

Recommendation: That the Commission recognize Santa Barbara Firefighter and Santa Barbara Police Officer Associations, and Police Activities League for their support of the annual Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt

The Commission recognized the Santa Barbara Firefighter and Santa Barbara Police Officer Associations and Police Activities League for their support of the annual Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt.

4. Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Approve the following Street Tree and Set Back Tree removal requests.

STREET TREES

1. 403 Alameda St. – Tom Condon – Eucalyptus citridora
2. 341 Vista De La Cumbre – Mitch Cokeley – Caesalpinia spinosa

SETBACK TREES

3. 501 E. Victoria St. – Mary Caroline Frost – Pittosporum undulatum

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Larimore-Hall, and passed 5/0 that the Commission concur with the recommendations of the Street Tree Advisory Committee and approve the tree removal request identified in items 5A(1-3).

- B. Deny the following Street Tree and Setback Tree removal requests.

STREET TREES

1. 610 Flora Vista Dr. – Frank Caplan – Schinus terebinthifolius
2. 924 San Andres St. – Teri Evans – Magnolia grandiflora
3. 1320 Panchita Pl. – Marny Randall – Podocarpus gracilior
4. 938 W. Mission St. – Ruth Shobe – Brachychiton acerifolius
5. 330 E. Figueroa St. – Lyda Clough – Ficus microcarpa “Nitida”

SETBACK TREES

6. 901 W. Victoria St. – Loretta Berlin – Ulmus parvifolia

Commissioner Forsell moved, seconded by Commissioner Longstreet and passed 5/0 that the Commission concur with the recommendations of the Street Tree Advisory Committee and deny the tree removal request identified in items 5B(1- 6).

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS: None

5. City Proposal to Adopt 9/80 Compressed Work Week

Ms. Rapp provided a brief report on the 9/80 Compressed Work Week.

Commissioner Forsell asked whether this is strictly an energy savings program. Ms. Rapp replied the first goal is to reduce vehicular traffic and save energy resources.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked how many employees work out of town. Ms. Rapp replied saying that maybe almost two thirds of the employees lives south or north and are commuting an extended period of time.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall asked which council meeting will address this item. Mr. Larimore-Hall asked for information on the staff report. Ms. Rapp referred him to the website.

Commissioner Longstreet said the 9/80 raises a lot of questions and expressed concern that the Community Centers would be closed. Ms. Rapp said that the only offices that would be closed on the alternate Fridays would be the Parks and Recreation Administrative office located at 620 Laguna Street and the Parks Administrative Office located at 402 Ortega Street. She said the other offices would not be impacted, because they are open and serving the public.

6. New Summer Programs

Ms. Cook provided a report on new programs offered by the Department this spring and summer.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked whether there are activities for the kids on the eastside and Westside. He asked how many young people take advantage of the scholarships. He further asked how many scholarships are available.

Ms. Cook said there are a lot of scholarships available and they are used. She said staff would bring back more information at a later date. Ms. Cook said that there is a need and staff is trying to address that need.

Commissioner Longstreet commented that the Campership Alliance is still alive and suggested staff put that information out to the public again.

OLD BUSINESS: None

7. Advisory Committee Liaisons

Recommendation: That the Commission review current advisory committee liaison assignments and, if necessary, make changes to those assignments.

There were no changes.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Proposed Parks and Recreation Department Creeks Program Budget for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009

Recommendation: That the Commission hear a report on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2008 and Fiscal Year 2009 budget for the Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Division, and provide comments and direction to staff.

Ms. Zachary provided a report on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2008 and Fiscal Year 2009 budget for the Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Division.

Commissioner Forsell commented that the Creeks Division has made a tidy interest income of \$201,000; about 7 percent return. He said he was going to ask what financial vehicles that money was invested in, but Jill may have thrown him off when she said it was in the City's General Fund, and the City does the financing and Creeks gets their share of it. He clarified that the Creeks Division does not independently invest their 2.7 million dollars. Ms. Zachary said that the cash balance and the investments that the City does are done as a whole, but the funds are kept separately.

Commissioner Longstreet commented that there are a number of projects in the ground now, and have moved into ongoing maintenance. She said that it is good that staff is looking forward to not only capital projects but to the maintenance and replacement of some of the projects that have already been done as well.

9. Proposed Parks and Recreation Department Golf Course Budget for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009

Recommendation: That the Commission hear a report on the proposed Parks and Recreation Department Golf Course budget for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009, and make recommendations to the City Council on the proposed budget.

Ms. Woods provided a report on the proposed Parks and Recreation Department Golf Course budget for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009

Commissioner Longstreet commented that during the very rainy years the golf course lost revenue, but this year, we have had no rain. She asked how that balances against the water cost to keep the golf course in good shape. Ms. Woods said that in the past, the Department has saved money in the Golf Course budget on water, but this year all of the water budget, about \$180,000, will be spent.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall commented that it seems that the jump between the weekend rate and the weekday rate is low as opposed to the other courses we are comparing ourselves to. He asked what the logic is for keeping such a small difference between those is. Mr. Larimore-Hall commented that with the need for capital improvements wouldn't it make sense to raise the weekend rate so that

the difference was a little more, as it seems quite common at the other courses. Ms. Woods responded saying that the proposed increase is a big proposal for our golf course, as they have not seen this before. She said we would like to introduce, and because we are introducing it, we do not want to make it so steep, golfers will be unhappy.

Commissioner Forsell commended Mr. Jorgensen, Ms. Woods, Mr. Chavez on the way they have run the Golf Course, financially, and physically. He said he has been impressed with the meetings over the years and with the way decisions have been made.

Regarding fees, Mr. Forsell said he thinks they are where they need to be.

Regarding the Capital Program, Mr. Forsell stated that they are well thought out. He said that so far in the work that has been done, there has been minimal disruption, and minimal loss of rounds of golf. He said that if you start to lose revenue by having a course that is under construction for six or seven years, that is counter-productive. Mr. Forsell said he is please with the way the golf course is being run and with how the capital projects are laid out and look forward to seeing them completed over the next three years.

Ms. Rapp commented that when looking at the fees charged at the Golf course there are three factors: the last few years, we have seen a decline in the number of rounds; there is concern about raising fees while construction is going on; a lot of the golfers are seniors who are on a fixed income. Ms. Rapp said that staff is very concern with stabilizing the number of rounds played on a annual basis at the golf course, which is one of the reasons staff is pushing so hard for the capital program to be completed. She said that staff is also concerned and had many discussions about raising fees while the construction is going on. Ms. Rapp further said that staff does a lot of analysis regarding who is playing, and at least 20 percent of the rounds are seniors, and that is concern. Ms. Rapp stated this is something the Department will be looking at in the years to come, but want to get through the construction projects and the improvements, and between now and then, the Department will be doing more analysis and staying on top of this. Ms. Rapp said that the Department has been doing a lot of marketing, and the course improvements to prime us to be increasing our rounds. Ms. Rapp further stated that because of the change in daylight savings time and the lack of rain, the golf course has seen a tremendous increase in our revenues, as a matter of fact; this has been our best March in five years.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked what the difference in the water bill when it rains versus when it does not. Mr. Jorgensen responded saying the costs vary, but last Year, it was \$25,000 less. He said, however, it really depends on when the rains hits.

Chair Conner asked, when we borrow money from the General Fund, how much interest we are charged? Ms. Woods said she does not have that number at this time, but she will find out in FY 2009.

10. Proposed Parks and Recreation Department General Fund for Fiscal Year 2008 and 2009

Recommendations: That the Commission hear a report on the proposed Parks and Recreation Department General Fund budget for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009, and provide comments and direction to staff.

Ms. Woods provided a report on the proposed Parks and Recreation Department General Fund budget for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall asked whether it would be possible to do a survey when people book a facility, particularly the parks for public events, but especially for weddings to try to determine how much people are spending in total for those events to get a sense of what percentage of that is being spent on booking the facility. He said he has no problem charging someone \$375 to book a wedding in a really beautiful space when they are spending a couple grand for their wedding, but he does have a problem charging someone \$375 to book a wedding in a really beautiful space when they are also spending \$9,000 for flowers and etc., for that wedding. Mr. Larimore-Hall commented that the Department needs to be thinking about raising revenue. He further said that instead of just thinking about market, in terms of what do other facilities look, he is interested in who is using these facilities for these events, and what is their means, and what would be the impact of raising fees. Mr. Larimore-Hall commented that we have seen from raising the fees a little over this last year that there has been no decrease in booking, so we are well within a safety margin. He said that in the long-term, he would like to know more about who is using these spaces, for what, and how much they are spending.

Ms. Rapp said that she is unsure how we could obtain the information except through a voluntary survey. She said the important thing to recognize is that whatever fee is set, is charged across the board. She said the fees are not charged based on ability to pay. Ms. Rapp said that the events that are paying the higher fees, are based on the extras, such as the impacts to the parks, how many tables and chairs, whether there is a band, how many vendors, etc. Ms. Rapp said that if someone is having a simple affair with a small group of people, they are automatically going to be paying the lower fee. She suggested that staff will provide that fee schedule to the Commission so they can see how fees are currently assigned. Ms. Rapp stated that staff would discuss Mr. Larimore-Hall's request for a survey to determine the feasibility of gathering the information.

Commissioner Longstreet commented that if you are up at the higher income level, you are planning events at the Biltmore, the Doubletree, etc. She said what is nice is to be able to plan an event at the beach in a lovely building and be able to afford it. She said the City is meeting the need of the middle income person in the community, and doing it well. Ms. Longstreet commented that Ms. Jang-Bardick could probably estimate what people are spending.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall clarified that he was not suggesting a means test for weighing facility rentals. He said that any data that can be collected for figuring out demographically who is using our facilities, who is taking part in our programs, and

the more concrete that information is, the easier it is for him to put these kinds of numbers into context. Mr. Larimore-Hall stated that simply comparing it to other facilities is not enough for him to get a clear picture.

Ms. Jang-Bardick said that Ms. Longstreet is correct when she said that the people who use our parks are generally in the lower to moderate income bracket. She stressed that our rentals are 4-hour rentals. Ms. Jang-Bardick suggested that staff could do some informal surveys with customers, but questioned how forthcoming they would be with information.

Ms. Rapp said that the Commissioners asked staff to come back with additional programs which will be brought back at the worksession.

Commissioner Forsell asked regarding hourly reduction in parks, how much the living wage ordinance is costing in salaries and hourly wages since it has been in affect. Ms. Woods said there have been some increases in our service contracts, but this was the first year, so we are unsure whether it will be a long term trend.

Commissioner Forsell commented that Cathy Carpenter is working on a new lighting system at the Tennis courts that will save a lot of electricity. He said he hopes the City is on track to get new lighting.

Commissioner Forsell asked what it means when we state that contractors are currently charging 14 to 25 percent above previous fiscal years.

Ms. Rapp responded saying that this is what we have seen related specifically to the living wage with some of the service contracts, however, it is not across the board.

Commissioner Forsell asked whether there is another reason the AVP Volleyball Tournament has moved out of Santa Barbara.

Ms. Rapp said that there are numerous events that take place in Santa Barbara each year. She said most of them are run by non-profits; AVP is a commercial operation, as is the Tour of California, and some of the other events. Ms. Rapp said that everyone is looking for incentives, everyone is looking for fees to be waived, and everyone is looking for add on benefits. She said the discussion takes place at the higher levels within City Administration, because clearly there are benefits to the community with bringing large-scale events, and there are benefits to the City's transient occupancy tax (TOT) by drawing these event in, but the City of Santa Barbara has not historically subsidized those kinds of events.

Ms. Jang-Bardick responded saying that is part of the reason they left Santa Barbara, but another reason is that a lot of other communities have provided them with incentives for having the AVP in their communities. Commissioner Forsell encouraged the City to give them the same types of incentives.

Commissioner Forsell asked for clarification on the Parks grounds maintenance budget. Ms. Woods clarified that the amount of money transferred from the Chase Palm Park budget into Parks Operations was \$535,000.

Commissioner Longstreet echoed Commissioner Forsell's comments on some of the major events, saying there is such a benefit to our community overall by the publicity we receive on those national events. She said that they are different than the local non-profit events, and she hopes the City's leaders would realize that and come up with a structure that could be inviting to select events that would benefit our community and motivate our residents to get moving.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall said he agrees to some extent with Commissioner Forsell and Longstreet. He expressed we need to be very careful about using public funds for subsidize for profit ventures. He stated that we should do that when there is a common benefit, but we should be very careful, because of the difficult question of which ones to subsidize. Mr. Larimore-Hall further said we need to pay careful attention to losing things that have become traditions and getting people out and moving.

Ms. Rapp interjected that AVP had not been able to find a Corporate Sponsor in the City of Santa Barbara. She said the Departments focus is revenue, but on a broader City picture, it is the number of events that are held on City property and the number of requests to have fees waived or City services provided at no cost. Ms. Rapp said that given the number of events that approach the City in any one year, it is a significant discussion.

Chair Conner said she can see both sides of the issue; however, she realizes the AVP is nationally televised, and for the City to miss out on that opportunity is another issue.

Commissioner Longstreet expressed concern regarding the reduction in hourly parks time considering Integrated Pest Management. She stated that hourly time needs to be preserved for the sanity of our workers as well as the look of our parks. She said that Integrated Pest Management is a City commitment and staff need support to continue to perform those duties. Ms. Longstreet said it is nice to have the feeling of stability in the budget and expressed appreciation to staff for their creativity.

The Commission temporarily adjourned at 6:15 p.m. and reconvened at 6:33 p.m.

11. Resident Discount Program

Recommendation: That the Commission hear a report on proposed policy changes to the Resident Discount Policy for Fiscal Year 2008, and provide comments and direction to staff.

Ms. Rapp provided a brief background on the Resident Discount Policy.

Ms. Cook provided a report on the proposed policy changes to the Resident Discount Policy for Fiscal Year 2008

Commissioner Forsell said he believes this proposal is a good first step. He said the Department needs to have a good outreach program to let people know that we have partially eliminated the Resident Discount Policy, a lot of the people he knows stopped participating in City programs because of that policy.

Commissioner Forsell commented that one of the reasons the program was implemented was to encourage other communities, i.e., the County and the City of Goleta to pick up the slack with respect to recreational opportunities. He further said that these agencies have not done that.

Ms. Rapp replied that the policy came out as a result of the failure by either those agencies to help off-set what the City was investing through the General Fund for recreation programs. She said she does not believe there was an expectation that either of those agencies would do something different that what they had already done.

Commissioner Longstreet said she does not agree with Commissioner Forsell. She said she can support the proposal because there is room to grow. Ms. Longstreet talked about the rationale for implementation of the Resident Discount Program. She stated it became a tough financial burden that the City could no longer handle and our partners did back out. Ms. Longstreet said Santa Barbara residents were unable to participate in recreation programs that they in fact subsidize through their tax dollars because the line up on the first morning of camp was taken over by non-residents, and that was a big issue. She said that if you pay City taxes, there should be some benefit. Ms. Longstreet said that maybe this proposed policy is a nice balance, but the reality is that the General Fund is still subsidizing the programs. She did acknowledge that some funding comes from the TOT, but said residents pay in the form of increased water and utility costs and taxes. She further said she can support the proposed policy and thanked staff for their efforts in developing the proposed policy. Ms. Longstreet indicated that she would like to have a report from staff on participation numbers after a season and make sure our residents continue to be the first in line because it is Santa Barbara City recreation.

Commissioner Forsell commented that the City really did not accomplish anything by implementing the Resident Discount Program, quite the contrary. He said resident income has gone up while non-resident income has gone down. Commissioner Longstreet disagreed, saying increase in resident participation was a win, and there are other factors that were involved in the camp participation those years, a main one being that there were major fee increases due to the poor financial situation in the City.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall said there is a difference of perception in terms of what is a discount and what is a raise in cost. He said he is concerned there is an increase in costs for youth programs for residents, and he is opposed to that, and said this is the wrong time to be setting that precedence. He further said he

is unsure where he stands on the strategy of the Resident Discount Policy; he said he thinks there are good points on both sides of the issue. Mr. Larimore-Hall asked whether it is possible to have a discount card for Goleta, Santa Barbara, and Carpinteria residents that can be used for programs in either or in all three cities or a County resident discount card. He said he would like to have information about that. Mr. Larimore-Hall said that in terms of more qualitative feedback, he trusts that what staff is proposing is a good compromise, and that there are a lot of different kinds of marketing strategies that are being thought, but he stressed that he is very, very concerned about raising fees for residents on youth programs.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked for clarification on what fit fill capacity means. Mr. Hanna said the total participation has grown over 3 years, but what you don't see over the 3 years is how much room there is to grow the programs. He said there is 45 percent vacancy in all of the programs, which means there would be a significant amount of increase in participation which would then lead to realized revenue.

Ms. Rapp clarified that we do not have that much vacancy in all of our programs; that is the combined percentage.

Chair Conner said she agrees that the Resident Discount Policy as presented by staff should move forward. She further said she agrees with Commissioner Larimore-Hall that we should not increase fees for youth programs.

Ms. Rapp encouraged the Commission to take action on the Resident Discount Policy and the Fees and Charges separately.

Commissioner Longstreet commented that part of the budget recommendation is to make sure we have enough money in our scholarship dollars that comes forward. She said that with today's current issues, those may be the dollars that we are most concerned about, to make sure we are really reaching out to kids who don't have any resources.

12. Proposed Six-Year Capital Program

Recommendation: That the Commission hear a report from staff on the proposed 6-YR Capital Program, including General Fund, Creeks and Golf.

Ms. Rapp provided a report on the proposed Six-Year Capital Program.

Commissioner Longstreet said it is a complete list, the nuts and bolts that need to be done. She said it brings us back to the discussion of how can we take on anything new when we cannot maintain what we have. She further said that to really ever get ahead, we are going to have to find a different funding source, possibly a bond measure.

Ms. Rapp commented that California voters passed the infrastructure bonds, and staff are watching it very closely, because currently the criteria related to parks

and recreation criteria is not geared to majority that staff have shared with the Commission. She said the language is geared to new facilities and those being significantly expanded to meet a new community need. Ms. Rapp stated that she has talked to staff at the State level that we face, and staff will continue to advocate for our position.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked what types of grants staff will be pursuing. Ms. Rapp said staff will be looking at all grant sources and will certainly will be looking at which foundations fund capital projects and which of our projects are more appealing to some of those foundations based on their mission and purpose.

Ms. Zachary reviewed the proposed Creeks Capital Program

Ms. Woods reviewed the proposed Creeks Capital Program.

13. Advisory Committee Interview and Appointments – For Action (Attachments)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Interview and consider appointing Evelyn Lee to the Adapted Advisory Committee for; and
- B. Review the application and consider reappointing Albert H. Hannon to the Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee for a term ending March 31, 2008.

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Larimore-Hall, and passed 5/0 that the Commission appoint Evelyn Lee, representing the community at large, to the Adapted Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2008.

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, and passed 5/0 that the Commission reappoint Albert H. Hannon, representing the community at large, to the Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee for a term ending March 31, 2008.

14. Change Date of May 2007, Regular Meeting, Back to May 23, 2007 - For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission change the date of the May 2007, Park and Recreation Commission meeting back to Wednesday, May 23, 2007.

Longstreet/Larimore-Hall 5/0 Commission concurred.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:55 p.m., with no further business to come before the Commission,

Commissioner Forsell moved seconded by Commissioner Larimore-Hall, and passed 5/0 that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Rapp
Parks and Recreation Director