



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

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

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 & Staff Present

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet, Chair
Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Daniel Hochman
Commissioner W. Scott Burns
Intern Diego Torres-Santos
Parks & Recreation Director Nancy Rapp
Asst. Parks & Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Recreation Programs Manager Sarah Hanna
Recreation Programs Manager Judith McCaffrey
Creeks Manager Cameron Benson
Parks Manager Santos Escobar
Parks & Recreation Business Manager Scott McGregor
Golf Manager Mark Reed
Urban Forest Superintendent Timothy Downey
Executive Assistant Karla Megill
Recreation Supervisor Rich Hanna
Recreation Supervisor Susan Jang-Bardick
Recreation Supervisor Terry Brown
Recreation Supervisor Jeff Smith
Recreation Coordinator Kimmie Coley
Recreation Coordinator Lucille Boss
Assistant City Administrator Joan Kent

Commissioners & Staff Absent

Commissioner Ada Conner

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one wished to speak.

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION:

1. Recognition of the Santa Barbara County American Red Cross Safety and Preparedness Division - For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission recognize the staff of the Santa Barbara County American Red Cross Safety and Preparedness Division for their support of the Aquatic Section in providing safety training and aquatic programs for youth and teens.

Rich Hanna and Lucille Boss provided this report. The Commission recognized the Santa Barbara County American Red Cross Safety and Preparedness Division for their support of the Aquatic Section in providing safety training and aquatic programs for youth and teens.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Burns reported on the activities of the PARC Foundation. He said they are starting a new program, "Friends of the PARC Foundation" in an effort to get more people in the community involved with the Foundation.

Commissioner Burns reported that he attended the Youth Council meeting but deferred to Intern Torres-Santos Youth Council report.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Longstreet stated that she attended City Council and spoke during Public Comment in support of the Parks and Recreation Department. She stated that she strongly believes in everything the Department does and is proud to be associated with the Department.

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Intern Torres-Santos reported that the Youth Council held a Youth Speak-Out on April 16th that focused on Alcohol and Drug Prevention. He said the event was well-attended with approximately 200 people, mostly teens, in attendance. Intern Torres-Santos advised that the Youth Council is putting on an Aerosol Art Show at the Teen Center starting tomorrow through May 7th. He indicated that the Youth Council elected new officers and has openings on the committee. Intern Torres-Santos encouraged youth who are interested in leadership to join the Youth Council. Finally, Intern Torres-Santos advised that the Annual Youth Leadership Banquet will be held this year on May 18th. He said the Commission will be receiving invitations later this month.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Summary of Council Actions - For Information (Attachment)

Ms. Rapp indicated that the Department had received grants for two projects accepted by City Council: one was \$100,000 from the California Community Foundation for exterior improvements to Ortega Welcome House and one was \$500,000 from the California Department of Fish and Game Fisheries Restoration Grant Program for the Mission Creek Fish Passage Project at the CalTrans Channel.

Chair Longstreet congratulated Ms. Rapp on the grants and acknowledged the efforts of staff in bringing in grants.

3. Approval of Minutes - For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, 2009

Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel Hochman, and passed 4/0 to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, 2009.

STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS

4. Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations - For Action (Attachments)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Approve the following Street Tree removal request.

- (1) 1721 Laguna Street – Jason Yardi – (2) Pittosporum Undulatum, Victoria Box

Commissioner W. Scott Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel Hochman, and passed 4/0 to concur with the recommendation of the Street Tree Advisory Committee regarding item 4A(1).

B. Deny the following Street Tree removal request.

- (1) 3772 Lincoln Rd. - Dennis and Connie Doheny - Liquidambar styraciflua, Sweetgum

Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, and passed 4/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation regarding item 4B(1).

C. Approve the following Setback Tree removal requests.

- (1) 303 - 307 W. Arrellaga St. - Mark Aijian - Yucca elephantipes, Giant Yucca

Commissioner Daniel Hochman moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, and passed 4/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee conditional removal regarding item 4C(1).

- (2) 610 E. De La Guerra - Arbor Services, Karen Christman - Pinus radiata, Monterey Pine

Commissioner Daniel Hochman moved, seconded by Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall, and passed 4/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee conditional removal regarding item 4C(2).

D. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request.

- (1) 2021 Garden St. - Bronwen Jones - Syagrus romanzoffianum, Queen Palm

Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, and passed 4/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation regarding 4D(1).

E. Postpone a decision on the following Setback Tree removal request.

- (1) 230 Lighthouse Rd. - Peikert Group Architects, Lisa Plowman - (5) Eucalyptus globulus, Blue Gum, (1) Myoporum laetum, Myoporum and (1) Schinus terebinthifolius, Brazilian Pepper

Mr. Downey advised that the reason for this request was a potential sub-division of the property into ten parcels causing conflicts with the trees. He said the applicant's letter indicates that eight of the Eucalyptus trees are located in the City right-of-way; however, the right-of-way actually veers around the trees, and five fall within the setback of 20 feet.

Mr. Downey said the applicant proposes to re-align the right-of-way causing three of the Eucalyptus trees to become City property if Planning Commission approves the sub-division. Mr. Downey stated that staff does not support re-alignment of the right-of-way. He said that the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff the design unnecessarily causes the removal of some of the trees. He suggested that if the driveways could be moved to the middle of the property, the Eucalyptus and Pepper trees would not be affected; similarly, if the driveways remain at the perimeter, but moved away from the edges creating a space between the property line and driveways, or narrowed, some of the trees could be preserved.

Mr. Downey said that the applicant's letter mentions an Arborist report. He said the report addressed the safety of the trees with required root pruning based on assumptions the sub-division gets approved as proposed; however, it does not take into consideration alternate designs.

Mr. Downey stated that the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff are supportive of the removal of the Myoporum and the Eucalyptus tree farthest back in the setback; however they believe this application is premature.

Mr. Downey indicated that the Street Tree Advisory Committee comments and Park and Recreation Commission comments and decision will be shared with the Planning Commission when the sub-division is considered.

Mr. Downey advised that the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommend the Commission postpone a decision on the removal of these trees until the sub-division is determined.

Chair Longstreet said she visited the site, and her feelings are what they were with respect to Lower State Street. She said if the trees are removed now, the area is vulnerable if the project does not go through; and will be left barren. Chair Longstreet commented that it is very early in the planning process to take the trees out, and she would be interested in Planning Commission and ABR point of view. She further stated that Planning Commission and ABR would desire to keep the trees. Chair Longstreet said she would concur with postponement.

Commissioner Burns commented there was a letter from the School District expressing concern over the trees. He asked if staff reviewed their concerns.

Mr. Downey said the School District has the same opinion as other people do over Eucalyptus trees, and they are basing their decision on the Arborist report, which assumes the roots will need to be pruned for this design. He said he plans to speak at Planning Commission to present the Commission's comments and Parks staff opinion about how a redesign could preserve the health and safety of some of the trees or, at least require them to get and add an additional Arborist report if an additional design were to be presented. Mr. Downey expressed that some of the trees are a bit hazardous, but the hazards can be mitigated through pruning.

Chair Longstreet commented that there are no other mature trees on the site. She further said that if ten homes are placed on the site, it will be ten large structures with no mature plantings around them. Mr. Downey concurred. He said part of the proposal is to preserve only one of the trees on the entire property, but it is outside of City jurisdiction. Mr.

Downey said they plan to relocate an Olive tree onto the site. He said it is small considering how large Olive trees can get.

Commissioner Daniel Hochman moved, seconded by Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall, and passed 4/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff regarding the postponement of a decision on item 4E(1).

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

5. What's New in Recreation? - For Information (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on recent new programs and inventive program changes created by the Recreation Division.

Ms. Rapp said staff wanted to talk about some new programs the Department is excited about.

Terry Brown, Kimmie Coley, Rich Hanna, and Jeff Smith provided this report.

Chair Longstreet asked how the Scholarship program is doing.

Ms. Hanna said the Department gave the Police Activities League (PAL) 140 scholarships this summer, and the free summer drop in program is still available at Franklin, McKinley, and Harding Schools. She said Campership Alliance brings scholarships from many different agencies throughout the South Coast. Ms. Hanna stated that residents can call the Police Activities League or go on their website for more information about the registration day, which is May 15th.

Intern Torres-Santos said it is good to see the new programs for youth this summer and asked if this is the first year for Camp Millionaire.

Ms. Coley said yes, it is the first year the City is co-sponsoring Camp Millionaire. She said that it has been done in the past as an independent unit. Chair Longstreet said there was a program in the past that cost about \$300 per week. Commission Burns interjected that his son attended Camp Millionaire a few years ago and it was a very good camp and he is glad the City is co-sponsoring it.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Presentation of Parks and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2010 Budget - For Discussion (Attachment)

Ms. Rapp introduced this item and highlighted the budget process. Mr. Benson provided an overview of the Creeks Proposed Fiscal Year 2010 budget. Mr. McGregor provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2010 Golf Budget. He then provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2010 General Fund Budget.

Ms. Rapp provided an overview of the Department's response to the Economic Crisis. Mr. Escobar provided an overview of Parks Division Organizational Changes and Service Level Impacts. Ms. Hanna provided an overview of the Recreation Division Organizational Changes Service Level Impacts.

Chair Longstreet commented that it is a loss to lose the Lower Westside Center, but with such active afterschool programs that parents are involved in at McKinley and Harding, a very targeted outreach needs to happen to those families, and staff has to have the system set up to meet those needs.

Ms. Hanna said that staff has already talked to the CAC about taking over some of the programs offered there, such as the food distribution program, and some of the social services programs, so staff is already looking to other agencies to fill the gap.

Ms. Rapp advised that staff does not know what the School Districts' commitment is for the \$40,000 they currently contribute to the Junior High Afterschool Program. She said the City of Goleta has committed their funding for next year. Ms. Rapp said that when staff has met with the Superintendent and his staff, they have been supportive, but they are facing significant budgetary challenges. Ms. Rapp said that is very much a concern for the all of the partners involved in the Junior High Afterschool program. She said the loss of \$40,000 would significantly impact what can be done with that program.

Ms. Rapp talked discussed Cost Shift Adjustments identified by the City Administrator.

Ms. Rapp highlighted projects and other items that will be accomplished during Fiscal Year 2010.

Commissioner Burns commented that somewhere in the City there is a document that outlines what level of maintenance or how well the buildings are maintained, He suggested the need for a slide that reflects the current conditions of the buildings. Mr. Burns stated there is a slide that outlines capital improvements, but the buildings the Department are responsible for probably have approximately \$12 or \$14 million dollars in deferred maintenance in them, and that needs to be made known.

Commissioner Hochman added that it also identify an indication as to how many of those facilities are being actively used by Parks and Recreation programs and how many are being maintained for the sake of being maintained or for the benefit of another department.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall ask regarding the Creeks Program how much thought has been given to how there can be synergy between the public outreach program and recreation and education programs throughout the Department.

Mr. Benson said staff tries to coordinate as much as possible wherever there is overlap, not just within the Department and the City, but Regionally with other municipalities and special districts throughout the area. He said coordination is done with other City departments, for example, for Earth day. Ms. Zachary interjected that the Creeks

Division works with the Recreation Division Afterschool Program. Mr. Benson said that the Creeks Division also works with the Recreation Division Summer Camp program at Skofield Park. Mr. Benson further stated that many of the capital projects are tied in with City Parks; there are a lot of City parks with creeks running through them. He said that staff also looked for opportunities such as the Creeks Division picking up ten percent of the Assistant Director's salary and benefits. Mr. Benson said that is not unreasonable, as it reflects the reality of how the Assistant Director's time is spent. He further said that the Creeks Division is expanding its capital program and does not have adequate staff to accomplish those projects. Mr. Benson said the Creeks Division will compensate the Project Manager in Department Administration for 25 percent of his time to work on those projects.

Chair Longstreet commented on the use of Youth apprenticeship in the Creeks Division. Mr. Benson said yes, the Creeks Division runs a successful internship program as well.

Commissioner Burns suggested the Department show a slide that reflects what the potential \$11 million capital projects could be if we obtain grant funding.

Mr. Benson said that the projects staff is seeking grant funding for are projects that are part of the existing capital program, and there is a significant amount of money available through the stimulus bill for water quality related projects.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall stated that he would like a hand out regarding the policy considerations identifying loans between City funds and when interest is charged.

Ms. Rapp asked Mr. Larimore-Hall to send her an email with the specific information he is interested in and she would get that information from the Finance Department, saying it could possibly be provided in written form. She further said that if it would be helpful to have someone from the Finance Department attend the Commission Work Session, which could be arranged.

Commissioner Burns asked a question about the New Davis Center monthly parking permit in 26 spaces (\$130/mo.) He suggested staff identify the current fee and what the fee will be to provide a perspective. Ms. Hanna said that when the Granada Garage was being built, an additional strip of parking was created on City property adjacent to the Downtown Lawn Bowls Club. She said it consisted of 26 spaces with a couple of handicap spaces. Ms. Hanna said it has been a 90-minute zone since the Granada Garage has opened. She said that staff proposed to take the 26 spaces, charge \$130 per month per space and have the revenue come to the Department. Ms. Hanna said staff has discussed the matter with Downtown Parking about it, and they are going to work with staff to implement the program. Ms. Hanna indicated that staff estimates the revenue at \$35,000 to \$40,000 per year.

Commissioner Hochman asked whether significant thought went into lowering a significant number of fees in order to gain participation. Ms. Rapp said staff has done a great deal of research which shows changes in participation both in facility rentals and

in registrations. She said in 2004 and 2006 there were significant increases to the Fees and Charges which resulted in a drop in participation levels. Ms. Rapp said that consequently, staff has taken the approach of not mandating fee increases, and in fact, staff has reduced a good portion of fees over the last couple of years to bring them back into the market rate.

Ms. McCaffrey discussed how staff go about setting fees and charges.

Commissioner Burns suggested a slide "things that need to be replaced, but we are not planning to replace".

Commissioner Hochman asked why the FY 2010 Projected Miscellaneous Grants fund is lower than the FY 2009 Adopted amount.

Ms. Hanna explained that in previous years, a Miscellaneous Grants budget was not adopted during the budget adoption process. She said that for Fiscal Year 2010, the Department was asked to do a full budget that included a budget with Miscellaneous Grants for the first time. Ms. Hanna said that Afterschool programs have gone back and forth between General Fund and Miscellaneous Grants, but now they will be all Miscellaneous Grants, so Youth Activities budget is large because of the three large Afterschool Programs.

Commissioner Burns asked to talk about how the Department relates versus how other City's do with respect to these grants. Ms. Rapp said that at this point the numbers are markers. She said the Department is simply saying staff anticipates it will raise that amount of money; if that money is not brought in, it cannot be spent.

Commissioner Burns - suggested a discussion of what underutilized facilities could be leased to other organizations.

Chair Longstreet asked whether CDBG funded the rent for the LWC, and if so, would the Department be able to apply those CDBG funds to the programming. Ms. Rapp said she does not believe the Department has had funding to support the lease operation of the Lower Westside Center for a while. She said the Human Services Commission moved towards funding non-City programs with their funds; the Department has had more success with capital funding.

Commissioner Burns asked whether the Department could consider asking the Friends of the Tennis fundraiser for tennis court resurfacing.

Commissioner Hochman asked whether thought was given to reducing position or freezing salary levels. Ms. Rapp said there has been a lot of discussion about that.

Ms. Kent said that is a City-wide effort. She said that many employees who recognized there could potentially be layoffs and cuts in services, expressed interest in a furlough. Ms. Kent said that there are active negotiations with SEIU Local 620, who represents the General Employees, in consideration of a furlough and also freezing the vacation

cash-out program, which is a hard cost to budgets. She further said the Managers and Supervisors have already agreed to a 5% furlough, so beginning for the period July 2009 through June 2010, there will be a one year, and possible two year, furlough of 5% in reduction in salary for Managers and Supervisors, frozen vacation cash-out, and also frozen benefit levels. Ms. Kent said that in the incorporation of the entire budget, it was anticipated that there would be approximately \$1.5 million in concessions through furlough, vacation cash-out, etc. She said with the Managers and Supervisors leading, the City has about \$850,000, and the City is still working with the employee bargaining groups to achieve the \$1.5 million already considered in the overall budget.

Commissioner Hochman asked how it translates to Parks and Recreation, was there a talk of freezes or reduction so layoffs would not occur or to reduce impacts.

Ms. Kent advised that because the City is a unionized environment, the City must deal with the issue of salary concessions or benefit freezes on a global basis; individual departments cannot deal with their employees. She said there can be choices in organizations where people might voluntarily chose to work part-time or to make some other choices that might be helpful to the organization, but things that related to actual salary concessions, benefits, or furlough have to be dealt with in the City-wide environment.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall thanked Ms. Kent for her comments and for clarifying the information because there is a great deal of misunderstanding in the community particularly in the media. He further said from a Commissioner's standpoint that he takes the City and the workers representatives at their word that everyone is serious about working together to make sure the City keeps its fiscal house in order with as little pain as possible. He encouraged the City to take seriously proposals that might look painful from the City's standpoint in order to avoid layoffs, because the more layoffs there are, the harder it will be to dig ourselves out of the recession in general.

Ms. Kent expressed appreciation for the effort that all of the Departments have put forth in preparing their budgets, particularly Parks and Recreation. She said it has been very painful for the City organization, but the City is working to try to place the employees who potentially are going to be laid-off and to mitigate the impact, both on services to the community and to the employees' family.

Ms. Rapp asked Ms. Kent to respond to a question by a Commissioner about manager and supervisor salary studies.

Ms. Kent said that most of the employees of the City of Santa Barbara are represented by a Union. She said that the City's managers are an unrepresented group, and the way their salaries are determined is that there is a periodic salary survey. She said the City is compared agencies such as Ventura City, Oxnard, etc. and the goal is that the City is to have its salaries at the median salary. Ms. Kent stressed that the City focuses on being the middle of the pack with respect to manager salaries.

Commissioner Hochman asked how large the comparison group is. Ms. Kent said the comparison group consists of 15 agencies.

Chair Longstreet commented on the contract dollars being cut, and said that it is money not being spent, work not being done, and it affects everyone.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall asked why the public desk is not being opened later instead of being closed earlier. Ms. Rapp said the City starts work at 7:30 a.m. in the morning and the Department wanted to be consistent with City schedule. She said this is an elimination of hourly staff, and is operating the reception desk with permanent staff, so there is less flexibility with the hours. Ms. Rapp indicated, however, that the Department could revisit it. Commissioner Larimore-Hall said he appreciates the constraints, but it seems like an easy thing that would have a big impact on customer service and suggested staff re-think it.

Commissioner Burns suggested the reception desk could stay open later one day per week.

Commissioner Hochman commented that when irrigation systems are not working correctly water is used inefficiently and it could cost more by waste or in replacement costs in the future. Mr. Escobar said the Department uses a Central Control Irrigation System, where staff is able to monitor water usage. He said regarding no new systems, the Willow Glen Park system would not be installed in Fiscal Year 2010, and it is currently functioning properly. He said the other services that could be delayed will be taken care of by the Senior Grounds Maintenance Worker during the summer months.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall asked whether only the hardscape aspects of the IPM Improvement Projects will be suspended. He further asked if the Department will have to increase the use of pesticide. Mr. Escobar said that the Department will still comply with the PHAER Zone and work with the IPM Advisory Committee and will need to apply for an exemption if pesticides need to be applied. Mr. Escobar put out a call for volunteers. He said volunteers are critical for the success of the IPM Program.

Commissioner Hochman asked for clarification on the State Street Maintenance Contract asking whether the two areas discussed are the same contract. Ms. Rapp said yes, it is the same contract, two different actions being proposed. She said it is proposed that their funding be reduced at the same level City departments is being reduced. She said Ms. Zachary worked with the Downtown Organization and identified the service impacts, which are reflected on the slide.

Commissioner Hochman commented that State Street is a major corridor and expressed concern about the decrease in maintenance. He said it is conceivable that if the downtown corridor dirties up, people may not come back as much. Mr. Hochman said he would like the downtown corridor to stay beautiful.

Ms. Zachary said that when staff met with the Downtown Organization they identified

the service reductions, and some of the reduced funding will be offset by the fact that they have some lower costs than anticipated. She said that while staff shares Commissioner Hochman's concern about maintenance of State Street, staff believes that what the Downtown Organization is proposing really minimizes the service impacts, due the fact that they have determined ways to save in other ways of their budget in order to continue to provide services. Ms. Zachary further said that Department staff meet with the Downtown Organization on a quarterly basis and conduct a walkthrough. She said that in addition to the work that the Downtown Organization is paid to do on State Street, the Forestry Section of the Parks Division and the Streets Division of Public Works provides services on State Street. Ms. Zachary said staff has discussed the need to monitor the work and address problems as they arise. She said that despite the current budget considerations, when the Department is faced with a situation that needs to be addressed, the Department will address it to the best of our ability. Ms. Zachary stated that how the City appears to both its residents and its visitors is absolutely critical.

Intern Torres-Santos asked for more details regarding the combining of Teen Programs and Community Services. Ms. Hanna reviewed the proposal in detail.

Commissioner Hochman asked with the mandatory adjustments, when we get to the contingency adjustments, they are specified in priority order. He asked who determines which Departments get hit, or is it divided evenly amongst the departments. Ms. Rapp said that from her experience contingency lists are dealt with in a couple of ways. She said sometimes it is handed back to the Department, and if the Department has proposed a reduction in service that the Commission has a different opinion on, the Commission might ask for an alternate proposal. Ms. Rapp said she also has experience where it gets turned back at the Council level as well. She said that last year, there were discussions on the Dias with the Council and the Finance Committee looking at the items listed on the contingency list. Ms. Rapp said there could also be a reduction proposed in a different department that Council might not want to make, so they could look to another department.

Commissioner Hochman asked whether it is primarily City Council who makes the decision. Ms. Rapp said yes, and that is basically what occurred last year.

Chair Longstreet said that is what is so difficult looking at the next two months. She said it is very important that users and supporters of Parks and Recreation come forward and make their voices heard and their opinions be known.

Ms. Rapp talked about a comment Councilmember Falcone made yesterday regarding the possibility of creating a Park and Recreation District or a Recreation District.

Commissioner Burns said it is a good concept, but there isn't any money to fund programs at the County or the City of Goleta to fund programs. He said that in the long-run, it is something the City should look at, but now is not the right time. Commissioner Burns further said that forming a new organization during a budget cycle is the right thing to do.

Commissioner Burns commented that the Department is proposing to cut the Free Summer Fun program to half day, and it was mention that last summer it served 450 children. He said if that were the case, he would like the parents to come to City Hall to speak in favor of the program.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall said he would like to hear about forming a Park and Recreation District, but concurred with Commissioner Burns' overall concerns. Commissioner Larimore-Hall commented that one person's vital City service is someone else's "pork". He said that if there is a service or a program the City provides that a resident feels is important, he urged citizens to write a letter or come down and let their voice heard.

Chair Longstreet concurred with Commissioner Larimore-Hall's comment about the Park and Recreation District, but suggested we wait until the budget it adopted. Ms. Rapp clarified that the format for the Park and Recreation District format is based on a parcel tax.

Commissioner Burns asked staff to provide a historical perspective of the Fees and Charges for the past ten years.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Daniel Hochman moved, seconded by Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall, and passed 4/0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Rapp
Parks and Recreation Director