



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

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Wiscomb

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners & Staff Present

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb
Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall
Commissioner W. Scott Burns
Commissioner Chris Casebeer
Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara
Commissioner Rocky Jacobson
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Commission Intern Diego Torres-Santos
Parks & Recreation Director Nancy Rapp
Asst. Parks & Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Urban Forest Superintendent Timothy Downey
Executive Assistant Karla Megill
Recreation Program Manager Judith McCaffrey
Parks Manager Santos Escobar, Jr.
Recreation Programs Manager Sarah Hanna
Recreation Supervisor Terry Brown
Neighborhood and Outreach Sr. Supervisor Antonio Velasquez
Neighborhood and Outreach Services Supervisor Susan Young
Neighborhood and Outreach Coordinator I Pete Leyva
Associate Planner Kathy Frye
Recreation Coordinator Kimmie Coley

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one wished to speak.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

AGENDA ITEM _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION:

1. Recognition of Community Volunteers Supporting Neighborhood and Outreach Services Programs - For Action

Document(s):

- Staff Report

Speaker(s):

- Staff: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director; Susan Young, Neighborhood and Outreach Services Supervisor; Pete Leyva, Neighborhood and Outreach Services Coordinator; Chloe Hunt, Santa Barbara Youth Council
- Members of the Public: Susana Madueno Gonzalez, Janice Rorick, Melissa Wilkins, and Officer Carl W. Kamin

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Recognize Susana Susana Madrueno Gonzalez for volunteering for projects in the Lower Westside neighborhood; and
- B. Recognize Tara Haaland-Ford, Jorge Fulco, Christy Haynes, Officer Carl Kamin, Janice Rorick, and Melissa Wilkins, for volunteering and supporting Parks and Recreation youth and teen programming.

The Commission recognized these individuals and presented them with certificates of appreciation for their efforts.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

Commissioner Jacobson reported on the activities of the Youth Council.

Commissioner Longstreet encouraged the community to respond to the Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation's annual appeal for funding.

Commissioner Burns reported on the activities of the Front Council Trail Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force.

Commissioner Ferrara reported on the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee.

Chair Wiscomb reported on the activities of the Street Tree Advisory Committee.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Rapp reminded the Commission that City employees would be on furlough December 20 through December 31st. She said some facilities will be open to serve the public.

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT:

The Commission recognized Intern Diego Torres-Santos for his service on the Commission and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

Intern Torres-Santos provided the Youth Council report. He introduced the 2011 Youth Council Chair, Pepe Gil. Pepe Gil addressed the Commission and introduced the Youth Council members who were present at the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Summary of Council Actions - For Information

Ms. Rapp briefed that City Council approved the long-term lease agreement with Elings Park to take over the maintenance and operation of the Las Positas Tennis Facility.

3. Approval of Minutes - For Action

A. Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2010.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Chris Casebeer, and passed 6/0 to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2010.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall Abstained.

STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS

4. Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations - For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission:

Document(s):

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speaker(s):

- Staff: Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

A. Conditionally approve the following Street Tree removal request.

1. 300 block of W. Ortega St. - (2) Eucalyptus ficifolia, Red Flowering Gum, (1) Quercus agrifolia, Coast Live Oak - Lisa Arroyo, Public Works Engineering

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara, and passed 7/0 to Concur with the

Street Tree Advisory Committee and approve the removal of the trees at 300 block of W. Ortega Street.

- B. Approve the following Street Tree removal request.
1. 1637 Loma St. - Pinus halepensis, Aleppo Pine - Arbor Services
- Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall, and passed 7/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and approve the removal of the tree at 1637 Loma Street.**
- C. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request.
1. 1704 Mission Ridge Rd. - Phoenix canariensis, Canary Island Date Palm - Michael Cooper
- Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara, and passed 7/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and deny the removal of the tree at 1704 Mission Ridge Road.**
- D. Approve the requests to designate the following species to the Street Tree Master Plan
1. Loma St. (all) - add an alternate species
- Commissioner Chris Casebeer moved, seconded by Commissioner Rocky Jacobson, and passed 7/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to add the alternate species for Loma Street.**
2. 300 W. Calle Cesar Chavez - change the designated species
- Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara moved, seconded by Commissioner Beebe Longstreet, and passed 7/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee to change the designated species to Magnolia grandiflora Samuel Sommers for 300 W. Calle Cesar Chavez.**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

5. Advisory Committee Interviews and Appointments - For Action (Attachments)
- Recommendation: That the Commission:
- Document(s):
- Staff Report

Speaker(s):

- Staff: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director

- A. Conduct one interview, consider the applications of three incumbent applicants, and make three appointments to the Street Tree Advisory Committee;

Commissioner Chris Casebeer moved, seconded by Commissioner Beebe Longstreet, and passed 7/0 to re-appoint Carol Bornstein, Bob Cunningham, and Maury Treman, each representing the community at large, to the Street Tree Advisory Committee, for terms ending December 31, 2012.

- B. Conduct five interviews, consider the application of one incumbent applicant, and make one, community at-large appointment to the Golf Advisory Committee;

Ms. Rapp advised the Commission that four of the six applicants to the Golf Advisory Committee have withdrawn their applications, leaving two applicants for consideration.

Commissioner Larimore-Hall expressed concern about the interview and appointment process for advisory committee members. He suggested the applications be expanded to include more specific questions, and that the liaisons work with staff to help develop the questions. Mr. Larimore-Hall stated it would enable the applicant to be better prepared for the interview process. He said that at this time he does not feel he has enough information to make a decision between the two at-large applicants.

Commissioner Chris Casebeer moved, seconded by Commissioner Rocky Jacobson, and passed 4/2 to appoint Elaine Abercrombe, representing the community at large, to the Golf Advisory Committee, for a term ending December 31, 2012.

Commissioners Burns and Ferrara were opposed. Commissioner Larimore-Hall abstained.

- C. Consider the application of incumbent John Craig, and re-appoint him to the Golf Advisory Committee, representing the Los Paisanos Golf Club; and incumbent, Dominic Namnath, and re-appoint him to the Golf Advisory Committee representing the Santa Barbara Men's Club.
- D. Consider the application of incumbent Maureen Masson and re-appoint her to the Golf Advisory Committee, representing the Executive Women's Golf Club.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall, and passed 7/0 to re-appoint John Craig, representing the Los Paisanos Golf Club; Maureen Masson, representing the Executive Women's Club; and Dominic Namnath, representing the Men's Club, for terms ending December 31, 2012.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

6. Annual Contributions Report - Fiscal Year 2010 - For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report on the donations and grants received by the Parks and Recreation Department during Fiscal Year (FY) 2010.

Document(s):

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speaker(s):

- Staff: Jill E. Zachary, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

Commissioner Larimore-Hall requested that for future reports, staff provide a chart indicating the percentage of grants received by State, Federal, and local agencies.

7. Parma Park Capital Improvement Project Update Report - For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report on the Stanwood Entrance/Equestrian Staging Area project and the post-Tea Fire restoration of Parma Park.

Document (s):

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speaker(s):

- Staff: Jill E. Zachary Parks and Recreation Director; Kathy Frye, Associate Planner

8. Neighborhood and Outreach Services Report - For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a status report on the Neighborhood and Outreach Services section.

Document(s):

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers:

- Staff: Antonio Velasquez, Neighborhood and Outreach Services Sr. Supervisor; Susan Young, Neighborhood and Outreach Services Supervisor

9. Afterschool Recreation and Sports Program Report - For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receives a report on the current status of after school programs.

Document(s):

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers:

- Staff: Judith McCaffrey, Recreation Programs Manager; Terry Brown, Recreation Supervisor; Kimmie Coley, Recreation Coordinator

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:02 p.m., with no further business to be addressed by the Commission,

Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara, and passed 7/0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Rapp
Parks and Recreation Director