

- APPROVED MINUTES -
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS, RECREATION AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF CULVER CITY,
CALIFORNIA

October 5, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission was called to order at 7:03 P.M.

Present: Chair Rick Hudson
Vice Chair Marianne Kim
Commissioner Vicki Daly Redholtz
Commissioner Laura Stuart
Commissioner Mary Ann Greene

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Ford.

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Presentations

Item P-1

Certificate of Recognition to Gary Ford, Parks Maintenance Worker II, for his Years of Dedicated Service to the City

Chair Hudson presented the Certificate of Recognition to Gary Ford, Parks Maintenance Worker II.

Commissioners and staff congratulated Mr. Ford and thanked him for his dedicated service.

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Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER GREENE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALY REDHOLTZ AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT WHEN THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION ADJOURNS, THAT IT BE IN MEMORY OF LONGTIME SENIOR CENTER VOLUNTEER SELIEN STODAL, WIFE OF MAX.

Gil Mars announced that the Maymie Clayton Library and Museum was undergoing a lot of changes and working on 2011 programs; he discussed events and activities; reported that they were looking to extend their long-term lease and work on interior renovations; he encouraged everyone to visit the website; discussed plans to work with the Teen Center and other organizations in the future; and he indicated plans to be open to the public on an appointment basis for 2011 and fully open by 2012.

Monique Shelton provided an overview of Team Santa Monica which trains at The Plunge; she discussed merging with a local swim team; she expressed support for the leadership of Diego Cevallos; and she provided an update on team activities and the success of the program.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER DALY REDHOLTZ, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STUART, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1 AND C-3.

Item C-1

Agenda Posting

THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION RECEIVE AND FILE THE SECRETARY'S REPORT ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA.

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Item C-3
(Out of Sequence)

Approval of Minutes for Meeting/Parks Tour of September 25, 2010

THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING/PARKS TOUR OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2010.

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Item C-2
(Out of Sequence)

Approval of Meeting Minutes - September 7, 2010

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STUART, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALY REDHOLTZ, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COMMISSIONER KIM WHO ABSTAINED DUE TO HER ABSENCE FROM THAT MEETING) THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2010.

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Item C-4

Upcoming Agenda Items to be Considered by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission and its Subcommittees

Discussion between staff and the Commission included: review of Dog Park ordinances and the Special Projects Subcommittee; the Human Services aspect of the Commission; a desire to set up a Human Services Subcommittee on October 14; clarification that upcoming agenda items are listed, not upcoming subcommittee meetings; setting up future subcommittee meetings; and adding an update on youth advisory projects to the agenda.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER DALY REDHOLTZ, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GREENE, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION: REVIEW THE LIST OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE PRCS COMMISSION AND ITS SUBCOMMITTEES WITH AMENDMENTS.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Update from the Public Works Director/City Engineer on the Status of the AQMD Grant Projects in Culver City Park and other PRCS-Related Projects and Issues

Charles Herbertson, Director of Public Works, provided an

update and background the AQMD grant.

Discussion between the Commission and staff included: the Commission's willingness to meet for special meetings on short notice; concern with being a rubber stamp; the Commission's desire to provide input; a feeling that if there is time to meet with staff there is time to meet with the Commission; the hill behind the dog park; difficulties with trees in the dog park; Commission meetings before actions are taken on things that are the responsibilities of the Commission; the role of Public Works; decisions regarding the placement of trees; constraints of the grant; AQMD grant application requirements; City Council approval on grants; a request for staff updates when action is taken without the involvement of the Commission; communication between City staff and the Commission; community outreach; consistency with the Parks Master Plan; conceptual plans; trees; passive use areas; and a suggestion to hold a Commission and community workshop.

Charles Herbertson, Director of Public Works, provided a presentation on the state park and City efforts to address parking issues created by the popularity of the trail.

A discussion followed between staff and the Commission regarding reasons the lot is underutilized; working with the Conservancy to reduce parking costs; working with the state to address the issue; state budget issues; capacity of the lot; keeping relationships friendly; outreach and communication with David McNeill and the Parks Director; working in partnership with the state; and parking issues with Bill Botts Field.

Charles Herbertson, Director of Public Works, discussed the temporary closure of the Dog Park; the State Department of Oil and Gas; and communication with the owner of the well.

Commissioner Daly Redholtz thanked Mr. Herbertson for visiting the Commission and invited him back in the future.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER DALY REDHOLTZ, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GREENE, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT.

Item A-3
(Out of Sequence)

**Report from the Commission Representatives on their
Presentation to the City Council of the Parks, Recreation
and Community Services Commission's Ideas on the
Development of Additional Community Gardens within Culver
City**

Chair Hudson invited public participation.

The following member of the audience addressed the
Commission:

Michelle Winer discussed different models for community
gardens in the City and suggested establishing an ad hoc
committee around the topic.

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, read written
comments submitted by:

Bernadette Dollard
Brandi Schwiesow
Sandra Lozano
Jim Lamm

Patrick Reynolds, Parks Division Manager, provided a
summary of the material of record.

Commissioner Stuart offered highlights of the City Council
discussion on the matter and expressed support for the
establishment of an ad hoc subcommittee.

A discussion ensued between staff and the Commission
regarding ad hoc subcommittees; concern with appointments
and voting; authority of the Commission vs. authority of
the City Council; encouraging interested members of the
community to present themselves to the City Council with a
plan; the Master Plan subcommittee; important research to
be done; the Weeds to Wonder Program; benefits of community
gardens; identifying alternate locations; concerns with
process; expanding the Park Comprehensive Plan subcommittee
to include the community gardens program; concern with
communication between the subcommittees; defining community
gardens; a feeling that community gardens will not happen

unless there is a community group that does the work with a Commission providing support; the need to rely on the community; and whether the public is organizing and having meetings.

Sandra Lozano reported that residents had been meeting regularly.

Additional discussion between staff and the Commission included: appointing Commissioners to attend the monthly meetings; the role of the ad hoc committee in visiting the community; and support for the purpose of the subcommittee.

Commissioner Daly Redholtz moved to establish an ad hoc subcommittee that goes to the community meetings and acts as a liaison and mentor to the Community regarding Community gardens. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion.

Further discussion between staff and the Commission ensued regarding the ability of the ad hoc committee to meet with staff for additional information; keeping the issue of community gardens active on the agenda; being cognizant of staff time; and the role of the ad hoc subcommittee to meet with the community and bring back comments and program plans to the Commission.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER GREENE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALY REDHOLTZ, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT AN AD HOC COMMUNITY GARDENS SUBCOMMITTEE BE FORMED THAT GOES TO THE COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND ACTS AS A LIAISON AND MENTOR TO THE COMMUNITY REGARDING COMMUNITY GARDENS, WITH COMMISSIONERS STUART AND GREENE AS THE DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC COMMUNITY GARDEN SUBCOMMITTEE.

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Item A-2

**Discussion of Annual Tour of City Parks and Facilities,
Including the Parks Manager's Presentation on Priorities
and Upcoming Projects**

Patrick Reynolds, Parks Division Manager, introduced the item.

Discussion between staff and the Commission included praise

to staff for their hard work on the tour; the time put in by staff to properly maintain the parks; supporting Parks in a different way; regret that School Board members did not attend; appreciation that the Superintendent was present; the importance of inviting the City Council and School Board; appreciation that there was a press release when the Dog Park was closed; a request for press releases regarding PEP grants; the importance of promoting the parks; appreciation for slow employee turnover; special recognition for employees who go above and beyond; a suggestion to contact SONY volunteer projects to help in the parks; exploring bond issues; the Senior Center; appreciation for the dedication and hard work of staff; and acknowledgement of the coordination of all departments.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER DALY REDHOLTZ, SECONDED BY CHAIR HUDSON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT.

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Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

None.

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Receipt of Correspondence

None.

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Items From Staff

None.

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Items From Commissioners

Commissioner Greene discussed a state-wide branding campaign for parks; getting additional support for Culver City parks; increasing the importance of parks in the City; making information available; community efforts to look at

bonds for the City; and a community bond with the support of County Supervisors and state senators.

Commissioner Daly Redholtz reported that the Financial Resources subcommittee had met.

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, reported that many creative ideas were discussed at the Financial Resources subcommittee meeting; a sponsorship book was discussed along with different opportunities for people to support the City including amenities; and she noted a lack of budgetary support.

Commissioner Daly Redholtz discussed other cities' sponsorship programs and reported on City Council action regarding the Dog Park lighting.

Commissioner Kim expressed a desire to work with Pam Robinson to schedule meetings for other subcommittees; she reminded everyone about Fox Hills Park Pride Day on October 16; and she thanked Armando Abrego for the human relations articles he provided highlighting the importance of teaching tolerance and self esteem to kids.

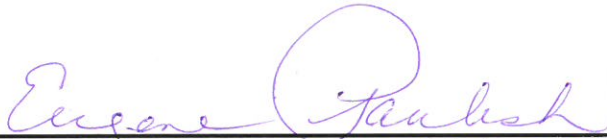
Chair Hudson invited everyone to Fox Hills Park Pride Day on October 16; reported that the Culver City Senior Citizens Association was accepting food donations for the Annual Holiday Food Certificate Program; and he announced the Disability Carnival on October 23.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:24 P.M., the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission adjourned in memory of Selien Stodal to a meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 4, 2010 in the Mike Balkman Chambers.

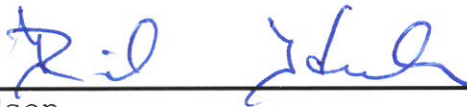
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Eugene Paulish
SECRETARY of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Commission

APPROVED

12-07-10



Rick Hudson
CHAIR of the PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMISSION
City of Culver City, California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, City of Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Martin R. Cole
CITY CLERK

Date

12-30-10

By:



Ela Valladares
Deputy City Clerk