

MEETING DATE: June 11, 2007

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of the Parks and Recreation Commission's Recommendation to the City Council Regarding the Allocation of Park Enhancement Program (PEP) Grants.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

May 1, 2007
6:15 p.m.

CHAIR VICKI DALY REDHOLTZ

Call to Order

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Daly Redholtz at 6:25 p.m. in the Dan Patacchia Conference Room, City Hall.

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Roll Call

Members Present: Chair Vicki Daly Redholtz
Vice Chair Jeffrey Cooper
Commissioner Jeanette James (arrived after roll call)
Commissioner Anita Shapiro

Members Absent: Commissioner Charles A. Deen (excused)

Staff Present: William La Pointe, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director
Heather Iker, Deputy City Attorney
Patricia A. Mooney, Senior Management Analyst
Marty Nicholson, Recreation Manager
Pam Robinson, Veterans Memorial Complex Manager
Todd Tipton, Redevelopment Administrator (Acting Community Development Director?)
Thomas Gorham, Deputy CDD/Planning Manager

Others Present: Alan Corlin, Mayor
Carol Gross, Vice Mayor
Gary Silbiger, Councilmember
D. Scott Malsin, Councilmember
Jim Pickel, Principal, MIG, Inc.
Margery Morris, Deputy Principal, MIG, Inc.
Marta Zaragoza, Culver City Parks and Service Foundation
Don Marquardt, Consultant
Neil and Toby Rubenstein, Culver City
Dale Jensen, Culver City

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(Excerpt)

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Item A-2.
(8:14 p.m.)

Consideration of Recommendation to the City Council of Allocating Two Park Enhancement Program (PEP) Grants Specifically for Projects on Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD) Property.

Bill La Pointe gave the staff report.

Responding to Chair Daly Redholtz, staff reported:

- A total of five (5) applications have been received, reviewed, and/or approved to date, with two (2) applications forthcoming. This would leave three (3) grants available for the current fiscal year.
- Community outreach including advertising the grant program in the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PR&CS) Department's *Forward Focus*, articles in the last two publications of *Culver City Living*, and through various homeowner associations.

At this time, the following written comments submitted by Marta Zaragoza, Culver City resident and President of the Culver City Parks and Service Foundation, were read into the record:

I commend our Council for their two \$500 grants for Culver City Unified School District property. I recommend our Council begin by approving a \$500 grant to Linwood E. Howe Elementary School. The enhancement would be to the termite damaged eating area next to the Parks and Recreation "Hut." On a yearly basis 92,500 students are exposed to an environment on City and District property that endangers their lives if and when the shelter collapses. My concern is NOT the liability to our Council or our School District but my complete concern is for the health, welfare and safety of our school children. The 92,500 student total is based on the minimum of 500 student body, times 185 school days.

Discussion ensued.

There was general concern expressed by Commissioners regarding the legal implications and additional staff costs that would be associated with use of City funds for projects on School District property, as well as the rights and responsibilities to maintain said projects.

At this time, Commissioner Cooper made a motion to recommend the current funding for ten (10) PEP grants remain earmarked specifically for neighborhood park improvements and public rights-of-way, and not to be used for school district property; and encouraging the City Council to set aside two additional PEP grants of \$500 each to be used for the Culver City Unified School District property. The motion was seconded by Commissioner James.

Chair Daly Redholtz said she would support part of the motion and asked if the maker of the motion would be willing to separate the motion.

Commissioner Cooper concurred with Chair Daly Redholtz's request.

Commissioner James withdrew her second to the motion.

The following actions were taken:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER COOPER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO, THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL NOT TO ALLOCATE UP TO TWO (2) CULVER CITY PARK ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (PEP) GRANTS SPECIFICALLY FOR PROJECTS ON CULVER

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CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY; AND THAT THE TEN (10) PEP GRANTS OF UP TO \$500 PER PROJECT REMAIN EARMARKED SPECIFICALLY FOR PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2006-07.

Ayes: Commissioners Cooper, Daly Redholtz, James, Shapiro
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Commissioner Deen

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER COOPER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JAMES, THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO CREATE TWO (2) NEW CULVER CITY PARK ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (PEP) GRANTS (NOT TO EXCEED \$500 EACH) TO BE USED SPECIFICALLY FOR PROJECTS ON CULVER CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY IN FISCAL YEAR 2008-09.

Ayes: Commissioners Cooper, Daly Redholtz, James
Noes: Commissioner Shapiro
Abstain: None
Absent: Commissioner Deen

Chair Daly Redholtz asked to be agendaized for discussion at the June meeting, consideration of a request to the City Council to increase the original number of PEP grants to be funded in Fiscal Year 2008-09.

Mr. La Pointe pointed out the issue can be addressed during the budget process as funding for the PEP grants is included as part of the proposed enhancements for the two-year budget. He also reminded the Commission that the request from the City Council was for consideration of allocating grant funding for school district projects and not for increasing the number/funding for the PEP grants.

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