

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

June 1, 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 7:02 P.M.

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

Excused: Commissioner Marianne Kim

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerry Chabola.

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PRESENTATIONS

Item P-1

Overview of the Culver City Animal Services Program

Sergeant Mike Webb provided an overview of the Culver City Animal Services Program.

Corolla Fleeger, Animal Services Officer, reported on day-to-day activities of the program.

Discussion between the speakers and the Commission included: dog park calls; licensing requirements; maximizing the hours the Animal Services Officer is available; addressing bird issues; addressing feral cat issues; scheduling a neighborhood meeting; skunk issues; strict rules regarding wildlife; and Pet Data licensing.

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Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Eugene Paulish, Administrative Secretary, read a written comment from:

Ronnie Jayne

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR HUDSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GREENE, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT COMMISSIONER KIM) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING IN MEMORY OF FORMER MAYOR ALBERT VERA.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STUART, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GREENE, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT COMMISSIONER KIM) TO APPROVE ITEMS C-1 THROUGH 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-2

Approval of Meeting Minutes - May 4, 2010

THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2010.

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Item C-3

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

THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMISSION: RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Consideration of Issuing a Statement to the City Council Regarding Developing Additional Community Gardens within Culver City

Pam Robinson, Acting Director of Parks, Recreation and
Community Services, provided a summary of the material of
record.

Chair Daly Redholtz invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the
Commission:

Meghan Sahli-Wells, Downtown Neighborhood Association,
suggested locating a community garden on City Hall property
and proposed forming mutually beneficial partnerships with
restaurants.

Bernadette Dollard expressed support for expanding
community gardens in the City.

Elizabeth Flottman expressed support for expanding
community gardens in the City as a way to bring people
together and educate children about the environment, nature
and where food comes from.

Sandra Lozano expressed support for community gardens.

Ken Browning provided background on himself, suggested
locating community gardens in empty lots, discussed
benefits of community gardens in cities, and asserted that
community gardens can be a nexus for urban learning.

Eugene Paulish, Administrative Secretary, read written
comments from:

Lisa English
Wena Dows

Responding to Chair Daly Redholtz, Pam Robinson, Acting Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, clarified that any community garden use of vacant properties would be temporary until the property was developed.

Commissioner Greene read an email in support of community gardens that questioned why park space was not being considered and asking about needs in the community.

Pam Robinson, Acting Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, reported a shortage of park space for community use and she discussed additional staff time required to administer community gardens.

Discussion between staff and the Commission included: the Quimby Act; use of school land; properties along Ballona Creek; Land for the Public Trust; eligibility qualifications; empty Caltrans properties; vacant lots in the City and partnerships with private owners; buy-in from community members to cover maintenance and reduce impact to staff; the Culver City Great Parks organization; donations of supplies from Home Depot; clarification regarding who controls the area by Bill Botts Field; the AQMD grant; joint gardening efforts with schools; Community Development Block Grants; encouragement to the community to find the space and funding for the gardens; and wording suggestions for the recommendation.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STUART, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR HUDSON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT COMMISSIONER KIM) THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION: ISSUE A STATEMENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL, THROUGH THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE, EMPHASIZING THE NEED FOR DEVELOPING ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY GARDENS WITHIN CULVER CITY.

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Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Wendy Silvers expressed concern with the prohibition of bicycles in Carlson Park.

Chair Daly Redholtz clarified that the issue could not be discussed as it was not on the agenda but she noted that ordinances would be reevaluated in August or September.

Pam Robinson, Acting Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, noted that the ordinance had been part of the municipal code since 1965.

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Receipt of Correspondence

None.

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Items From Staff

Pam Robinson, Acting Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, reported that the Parks, Recreation and Community Services budget would be presented to the City Council on June 8 and she discussed the possible rental of the skate park and grant constraints.

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, clarified that five grants built the skate park.

Chair Daly Redholtz suggested that the Recreational Activity subcommittee discuss the issue of whether the goal is to raise revenue or serve the community.

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, received clarification that the Commission wanted to elect the Chair and Vice Chair at the July meeting as in customary, but due to the absence of Commissioner Greene, hold the subcommittee appointments until the August meeting.

Pam Robinson, Acting Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, reported being elected to the California Parks and Recreation Society Board and she excused herself from the meeting as she had to attend an early morning meeting in Sacramento tomorrow.

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Items From Commissioners

Commissioner Greene reported speaking at the State Senate Committee on Environmental Oversight meeting regarding the impact of oil drilling in the community and noted that the State Department of Gas and Oil had issued permits to PXP for drilling at the boundary of Culver Park near Blair Hills. She suggested that the Commission invite PXP's Community Liaison to make a presentation and explain where the oil wells would be and what their plans were to mitigate the negative effects of the oil wells on parks.

Commissioner Stuart suggested making the item an agenda item rather than a presentation so the Commission would be able to discuss it.

Chair Daly Redholtz noted that the Commission would have to find out whether that would be allowable.

Vice Chair Hudson asked that Commissioners receive a copy of the joint use powers agreement between the schools and the parks; he reported the opening of a new skate park on Stoner Avenue in West Los Angeles; he received clarification regarding different grants and Bill Botts lighting; and he suggested using the area proposed for archery as a community garden site.

Chair Daly Redholtz requested a presentation on the Veterans Memorial Playground; she announced a Culver City Great Parks Fundraiser at Kay and Dave's on June 10th; and she encouraged everyone to attend the Exchange Club's Fourth of July celebration at the High School.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:49 P.M., the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission adjourned its meeting in memory of Albert Vera to a Regular Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 8, 2010 in the Mike Balkman Chambers.

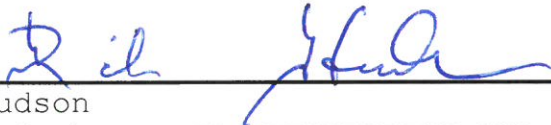
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Eugene Paulish

SECRETARY of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Commission

APPROVED

8.04.10

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

By:

Ela Valladares
Deputy City Clerk