

APPROVED MINUTES

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

June 2, 2009
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission was called to order at 7:07 P.M.

Present: Chair Anita Shapiro
Vice Chair Vicki Daly Redholtz
Commissioner Jeffrey Cooper*
Commissioner Rick Hudson
Commissioner Marianne Kim

* arrived at 7:09 P.M. and left at 8:07 P.M.

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kyra Phillips.

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Presentations

Item P-1

Culver City Afterschool Recreation Program (CCARP) Spring Recycling Project

Stafford Hamlin, Afterschool Coordinator and Recreation Coordinator, provided a presentation on the Spring Recycling Project.

David Escovedo, Lindbergh Park Site Director, introduced students and presented awards.

Serena Gonzalez encouraged everyone to recycle.

Bill LaPointe, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, presented certificates to Commissioners for their work on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Responding to Chair Shapiro, Stafford Hamlin, Afterschool Coordinator and Recreation Coordinator, reported that the recycling program had ended but everyone was encouraged to continue recycling on their own.

Commissioners commended staff on the program.

Bill LaPointe, Parks and Recreation Director, noted that many City parks had blue boxes that accept recycling.

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Public Comment Not on the Agenda

Chair Shapiro invited public participation.

No speakers came forward.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Item C-1

Agenda Posting

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR DALY REDHOLTZ, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COOPER, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO 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 5, 2009

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER KIM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HUDSON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2009.

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Item C-3

**Review of 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 a suggestion to set up a tour and clarification that new Commissioners had been notified.

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

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Action Items

Item A-1

**Consideration of a recommendation to the City Council
regarding City participation in the Mayors' Action
Challenge for Children and Families**

Staff provided a summary of the material of record.

Commissioner Hudson moved to adopt the staff recommendation that the City not participate at this time but reconsider when City finances are better.

Discussion between the Commissioners and staff included: options at different levels of participation; keeping open the possibility of participating at another time; concern with current financial resources; whether there is a deadline for participation; participating by meeting the goal to involve more youth; concern with staff time and resources; the benefit of working with the League of Cities and other jurisdictions toward a common goal; clarification regarding requirements and impacts to City programs; tangible performance measures; and creating programs to fit the required model.

Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Daly Redholtz proposed an amendment to the motion to support the spirit and goals of the program and recommend to the City Council that the City not participate

at this time but bring back the item in January for further review.

Commissioners Hudson and Cooper accepted the amendment.

Commissioner Kim received clarification regarding accountability measures for already existing programs and what would be required.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HUDSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COOPER, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION SUPPORTS THE SPIRIT AND GOALS OF THE MAYOR'S ACTION CHALLENGE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, HOWEVER AT THIS TIME RECOMMENDS TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT CULVER CITY NOT COMMIT TO PARTICIPATION BUT BRING BACK THE ITEM FOR REVIEW IN JANUARY, 2010.

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Item A-2

**Consideration of a Recommendation to the City Council
Regarding the Development of a 501(c)(3) Foundation as a
Resource for Funding City Parks and Open Space Enhancements**

Bill LaPointe, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion between staff and the Commission included clarification regarding the differences between the proposed foundation and the Culver City Parks and Services Foundation.

Chair Shapiro invited public participation.

The following members of the audience addressed the Commission:

Laura Stewart expressed support for the formation of a 501(c)(3) foundation.

Hannah Dershowitz, Culver City Great Parks Association (CCGP), reported that the organization stood ready to participate and was willing to consider changing their charter to serve the function for what is being considered.

A discussion ensued between the Commission, staff and the speaker regarding: whether existing 501(c)(3)s might not be ready to accept donations in excess of \$20,000; donation thresholds that require an organization to file a tax return; a suggestion that staff be directed to work on the item with CCGP; a suggestion that the groups work together; and clarification that the proposed group could serve as an additional resource for funding and would not be limited to parks.

Moved by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to support the development of a 501(c)(3) corporation.

Commissioner Cooper indicated that he would have to leave the meeting.

Vice Chair Daly Redholtz thanked Commissioner Cooper for his mentorship and hard work on the Commission.

Chair Shapiro also thanked Commissioner Cooper for his service.

Commissioner Cooper left Council Chambers at 8:07 P.M.

Additional discussion between the Commission and staff included: appreciation to CCGP for their offer; clarification that the proposed 501(c)(3) could apply for grants and the sole purpose of the group would be to serve the City; a request that the financial resource subcommittee of the Commission be involved; structures for specific donations to reduce paperwork; questions regarding the need for the 501(c)(3) since there are other non-profits in the community available; details including who would serve and what the bylaws would be; acknowledgement of the need to include the community; concern with previous failed efforts to work with the Parks and Services Foundation; and support for moving forward to explore the proposed organization further with the possibility of working with existing organizations.

Commissioner Kim proposed an amendment to recommend that the City Council work with existing community organizations and support the development of a 501(c)(3) foundation as an additional resource for funding City parks and open space

enhancements; and refer the issue back to staff and the
PRCS commission for further recommendation.

Further discussion ensued regarding: how to proceed with an
amendment to a motion made by an absent Commissioner;
concern that the amendment would limit the Commission; and
a suggestion to hold the item to the next Commission
meeting.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER COOPER AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
HUDSON THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMISSION: RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT THE
DEVELOPMENT OF A 501(C)(3) FOUNDATION AS AN ADDITIONAL
RESOURCE FOR FUNDING CITY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE
ENHANCEMENTS; AND REFER THE ISSUE BACK TO STAFF AND THE
PRCS COMMISSION FOR FURTHER RECOMMENDATION.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Daly Redholtz, Hudson and Shapiro
NOES: None
ABSENT: Cooper
ABSTAIN: Kim

Commissioner Kim clarified that she was abstaining due to a
lack of information.

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Item A-3

**Recommendations for Future Discussions Regarding the Duties
and Responsibilities of the Parks, Recreation and Community
Services Commission**

Bill LaPointe, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community
Services provided a summary of the material of record.

Vice Chair Daly Redholtz reported on the subcommittee
meeting noting that the Commission would not be involved
with the fees and that there would be nothing to report
until after the subcommittee meets with the new City
Manager.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR DALY REDHOLTZ, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
KIM, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT COMMISSIONER COOPER)

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

Bill LaPointe, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, provided a summary of materials distributed to the Commission, he reported that the budget would be considered at the June 11, 2009 City Council meeting, and he provided an update regarding the skatepark.

Discussion between the Commission and staff ensued regarding: the skatepark fence; permits for filming and renting out the skatepark facility; the recent Temple Akiva tree planting at Blanco Park; PEP grants; compliance at the skatepark; class space for residents vs. non-residents; and ways to honor outstanding staff.

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Items From Commissioners

Commissioner Hudson asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Dr. O'Neill; he reported that the carpet by home plate had been stolen at McManus Park; he reminded everyone about the 4th of July event at the high school; and he suggested that the new Aquatics Coordinator, Diego Cevallos, come and meet the Commission.

Commissioner Kim asked staff for a report on the anticipated effects of the state budget on City programs.

Vice Chair Daly Redholtz complimented staff follow-up on Culver City Living, she seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting in memory of Dr. O'Neill, and she complimented Chair Shapiro on her leadership

Chair Shapiro questioned when Culver Boulevard would be addressed.

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, asked that the Commission adjourn to 6:00 P.M. on the Patacchia Room for a small celebration with the regular meeting in Council Chambers at 7:00 P.M.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:50 P.M., the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission adjourned its meeting in memory of Dr. O'Neill to a Regular Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on July 7, 2009 in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers with a pre-meeting celebration at 6:00 P.M. in the Patacchia Room.

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ANITA SHAPIRO
CHAIR of the Culver City Parks, Recreation and Community
Services Commission

Minutes Preparation: Kristi Callan