



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

**Regular Meeting
June 15, 2005**

In the absence of Chair Cline and Vice-Chair Watkins, Commissioner Whitaker called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Robinson, Maurano, Silano and Whittaker

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Taylor, Senior Recreation Supervisor

ABSENT: Chair Cline, Vice-Chair Watkins and Commissioner Luder

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: None

B. COMMISSION VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS: None

C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1:

Tim Sheepar, Menlo Park, addressed the Commission regarding the potential use of the new Burgess Aquatics Center. After some discussion on the scope of the program Tim was considering, the Commission and Staff gave him several ideas and recommendations. Staff agreed to respond to Tim with a timeline for the pool opening and Tim was asked to prepare a written proposal for consideration. He thanked them for their time and will address the Commission once he has more information. Commissioner Whitaker requested that the Commission be involved in the process of selecting facility use agreements and rentals of the new pool.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Minutes:

Approve the May 18, 2005 minutes

ACTION: Approve the minutes for May 18, 2005.

Motion Commissioner Silano, seconded by Commissioner Robinson and unanimously carried.

E. PUBLIC HEARING: None.

F. REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of Commission Work Plan for 2005 to Include the Commission's Five Priorities

- a. **Menlo Park Child Care** – Staff gave a brief update on the current childcare programs. Commissioner Robinson referred to the Cost Recovery Study prepared by Stanford students and the need to be included in the “Ground Up Budget Process.” Commissioner Maurano requested that the Commission be notified and invited to the advisory committee meetings. Staff reminded the Commission that all budget advisory committee meetings were open public meetings subject to the Brown Act and would be publicly announced.
- b. **Bayfront Park** – No update.

- c. **Measure T Re-Investment** – No update. Commissioner Silano referred to the Measure T report attached to the minutes and asked for clarification of the Measure T investments and the impact on the proposed expedited gymnasium project.
- d. **Teen Program** –Staff gave a brief description of current Teen activities including the collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club and a short history of Teen Services.
- e. **Community Services Scholarship Foundation** - Discussed as part of H1.

G. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

F. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Director's Update

a. Status of the Buy a Brick Program

Commissioner Whitaker provided some information on the program. He is still trying to set up central contact information including phone numbers. Commissioner Whittaker asked if the program could use the City credit card system to collect payments. He is also planning to recruit help and set up a table / booth at the 4th of July celebration in order to promote the sale of bricks.

b. Update on the Burgess Park Opening

Staff gave the Commission an overview of the grand opening for Burgess Park. The tentative schedule is as follows: Tuesday, June 28th, at 5:00 p.m. is the grand opening of the Skate Park. Wednesday, June 29th, is the first of the eight Summer Concerts, free ice cream, and a ribbon cutting ceremony. Thursday, June 30th, is a showcase of a variety of the Community Services activities and programs. Saturday, July 2nd, is a demonstration given by professional skaters at the Skate Park. Monday, July 4th, is the official grand opening with a parade and games. Staff asked the Commission for volunteer help in serving ice cream during the Wednesday concert event. All four Commissioners agreed to help and asked for an e-mail reminder prior to the activity.

c. Update on the Belle Haven Action Plan

Staff gave an update on the Belle Haven Action Plan. A Fun Day to showcase the activities at the Onetta Harris Community Center is scheduled for June 18th from 10am to 1pm. An interest survey will be sent to residents in the Belle Haven neighborhood for their input regarding future programs at Onetta Harris Community Center. An update will be given to the City Council at the June 14, 2005 meeting.

d. Off Leash Dog Areas

No update. Commissioner Silano shared the recent Menlo Park Almanac news article as an example of the positive feedback he has heard about the parks.

e. Summer Activity Guide

Staff reminded the Commissioners that the Summer Activity Guide is available and registrations are being accepted summer programs.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT #2: None.

J. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.