



**PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION MINUTES**

May 17, 2006

6:00 pm.

**Burgess Recreation Center
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park**

Chair Watkins called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Watkins, Vice Chair Cline, Commissioners Maurano, Robinson, and Whittaker arrived at 6:10 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Taylor, Acting Community Services Director and Linda Munguia, Secretary

ABSENT: Commissioners Luder and Silano

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

None

B. COMMISSION VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS:

None

C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1:

None

D. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of the Minutes Dated April 26, 2006:

- **Motion by Commissioner Robinson to approve the April 26, 2006 meeting minutes; seconded by Vice Chair Cline and unanimously carried.**

E. PUBLIC HEARING:

None

F. REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Sports Field Task Force Report

Mike Taylor, Acting Community Services Director, gave the Commission an update on the Sports Field Task Force Report. He reported that the Staff Report would be presented to City Council on May 23, 2006.

2. Child Care RFP (Request for Proposal)

Mike Taylor, Acting Community Services Director, gave the Commission an update on the Child Care RFP. He reported that at the May 16, 2006 City Council Meeting Audrey Seymour, Assistant City Manager, gave a timeline from the Staff Report for the Request for Proposals. He also reported that the City Council would like to have a Parks & Recreation Commission member on the Selection Committee. Vice Chair Cline volunteered due to his past history on Selection Committees. Commissioner Robinson was selected as an alternate.

Public Comments

Elizabeth Lasensky – Menlo Park, commented on the City Council May 16, 2006 meeting. She mentioned that the data that was used when discussing Child Care was out of date. She mentioned that the City should wait until there is more data in January. She also mentioned that a big concern for parents is that this is becoming political and that they do not feel as if they got a fair hearing at the City Council meeting.

3. Hamilton Avenue Park/Housing

Mike Taylor, Acting Community Services Director, updated the Commission on the Hamilton Avenue Park/Housing. He mentioned that the grading would begin in 2-4 weeks as well as the construction. Arlinda Heineck, Director of Community Development, is willing to meet with the Commission to answer any questions.

Motion Commissioner Maurano requesting a presentation by Arlinda Heineck, Director of Community Development, on redevelopment money and projects. Seconded by Commissioner Robinson and unanimously carried.

4. Arts Program

Mike, Taylor, Acting Community Services Director, updated the Commission on the Arts Program. He mentioned that the Summer Concert Series is ready. The Commission discussed several art projects and ideas. Commissioner Robinson suggested that the Commission brainstorm between now and next months Commission meeting on art projects and that the discussion be tabled until the June 21, 2006 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting. The Commission would like to see the agendas of public works projects and review historical activities.

G. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

H. PUBLIC COMMENT #2:

None

I. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:

The Acting Community Services Director, Michael Taylor, gave the Commissioners additional updates. He mentioned that July is Parks & Recreation month and there will be a Presentation and Proclamation at the June 27, 2006 City Council meeting. Chair Watkins will accept the Proclamation from the Mayor. He also mentioned that the Burgess Pool is scheduled to open on May 20, 2006 at noon. He also thanked Chair Watkins and Vice Chair Cline for attending the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Menlo Children's Center building. He also reminded the Commission that there would not be a meeting in the month of August.

j. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.