



**PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**January 17, 2007
6:00 p.m.
Burgess Recreation Center
700 Alma Street**

Chair Watkins called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Watkins, Commissioners Blythe arrived at 6:25 p.m., Maurano, Naclerio and Silano

OTHERS PRESENT: Barbara Santos George, Community Services Director, Mike Taylor, Senior Recreation Supervisor, Richard Cline, Councilmember and Linda Munguia, Secretary

ABSENT: None

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

None

B. COMMISSION VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS:

Chair Watkins announced the two vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission are scheduled for action on January 23, 2007.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1:

None

D. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of the Minutes Dated December 20, 2006:

- **Motion by Commissioner Silano to approve the meeting minutes dated December 20, 2006; seconded by Commissioner Maurano and unanimously carried.**

E. REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Choose a new Chair and Vice Chair for 2007

The choosing of a new Chair and Vice Chair for 2007 was postponed for the February 21, 2007 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.

2. Create and approve an Annual Commission Calendar for 2007

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3. Nealon Dog Park – Schel Reyes

Schel Reyes, DOGMA, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Dog Park at Nealon Park. She mentioned that DOGMA is requesting the City put a double gate at the dugout at Nealon Park for the safety of the dogs and a double gate in the outfield for the safety of the senior citizens arriving at Little House. DOGMA is also concerned with the drainage problem at Willow Oaks Park and is willing to work with the City and the Commission to find a solution. She also mentioned that DOGMA would like to request that the Dog Park hours be extended for Nealon Park from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and evening and weekend hours

be added. DOGMA would like the Dog Park hours for Willow Oaks Park to be extended from dawn to dusk. She mentioned financial resources and personnel are available to help the Commission with these projects. Following discussion, Barbara Santos George, Community Services Director, mentioned she would have an update for the next Commission Meeting on the status of the Dog Parks.

F. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Measure T Community Meeting

Mike Taylor, Senior Recreation Supervisor, gave a brief presentation on phase one of the Measure T bond. Art Morimoto, Engineering Services Manager, gave a brief presentation on the preliminary recommendations for the next phase of bonds.

Public Comments:

Leslie Wombach – Portola Valley, mentioned she feels Measure T should be used on playing fields.

Ann Stoner – Menlo Park, mentioned she feels Measure T should be used on playing fields.

Cedy Fisher – Menlo Park mentioned she feels Measure T should be used on the gymnasium. The gym gets very hot during the summer, enrollment drops and it is miserable for the employees.

Bill Weseloh – Menlo Park mentioned it would be a great idea for the City to lease property in Stanford. He mentioned there is a lot of land in Stanford and they are willing to lease.

Nancy Borgenson – Menlo Park mentioned Measure T should be used to make Burgess Park a full size playing field. Art Morimoto, Engineering Services Manager, mentioned Staff will be writing a project priority for the Council to consider looking into reconfiguring Burgess Park and Kelly Park.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Silano mentioned he would like the City Attorney to look into the Stanford lease option. Following discussion, the public was able to place six dots on what they feel Measure T should be used on.

G. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

H. PUBLIC COMMENT #2: None

I. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.