



**PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**March 12, 2008  
Menlo Park City Hall  
701 Laurel Street  
Menlo Park**

Chair Naclerio called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Nick Naclerio Paula Maurano, Patricia M. Watkins, Andy Kirkpatrick, Kelly Blythe, and Kristi Breisch.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Community Services Director Barbara Santos George, Councilman Richard Cline, Jessica Lewis, Senior Civil Engineer Larry Johmann

**A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:**

NONE

**B. COMMISSION VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS**

**SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Green Ribbon Citizen Committee - Climate Action Plan (GRCC) – Kristi Breisch

Andy sent Kristi articles on artificial turf verses grass. She will review those articles and create a summary for the commission.

2. El Camino Real Downtown/Visioning Committee (ECR) - Kristi Breisch

The first community workshop had a good turn out of about 100 people and things seem to be progressing well. There were discussions about new parks and keeping the commitment to a “green” Menlo Park. There was interest to keep more green space in the civic square. Revenue is an issue and creative solutions will need to be explored to finance these projects.

3. Sports Fields – Andy Kirkpatrick

Since the last Park and Recreation commission meeting there has been a sub committee meeting that reaffirmed the need to reexamine the plans for Kelly Park sports field. The suggestion of the sub committee was that the baseball field can be sacrificed to accommodate the priorities of the community that include a track and field component. Commissioner Kirkpatrick will have an update next meeting.

4. Commission Priority projects

Council took a look at the priority projects and council gave direction to staff. They recommended putting bathrooms in Willow Oaks and Lyle parks as well as looking at improving the weight room at Onetta Harris Community Center and painting new lines on the gym floor.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1 (*Limited to 30 minutes*)**

NONE

**D. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Commissioner Kirkpatrick motions to approve the minutes of the February 27th meeting. Commissioner Watkins seconds and minutes for the February 27th minutes are unanimously approved.

**E. PUBLIC HEARING**

NONE

## **F. REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **1. Measure T Presentation for Burgess Gymnasium and Gymnastics Center**

Representatives from Field Peoli presented the plans for Burgess Gymnasium and Gymnastics Center. All of the plans can be found on the Menlo Park website for more in-depth evaluation. The basis of these plans came from numerous focus groups, staff meetings, and Park and Recreation sub-committee meetings. Out of these meetings four schemes were selected as potential designs for this project.

#### **Scheme #1**

This design is a renovation and expansion of the existing Gymnastics building. The Gymnasium would be attached to the Burgess Recreation Center. There is no net loss of field space or parking. This design would be adding 32,000 square feet. The Gymnasium would be very close to the street so there is little room for landscaping and the curb appeal is less than desirable. The approximate cost of Scheme one is 26 million dollars.

#### **Scheme #2**

This design is a complete reconstruction of the Gymnastic Center and Gymnasium using the existing site. The building would be entirely new and would include more parking and bigger bathrooms. There would be a loss of trees and a potential impact on the field. Scheme two would create a synergy by having everything centrally located in one location. The approximate cost of Scheme two is 26 million dollars.

#### **Scheme #3**

In scheme three a new Gymnasium would be built at the existing site and the Gymnastics center would be adjacent to Burgess Recreation center. The down time for each program in the building transition would be less in scheme three. The commissioners thought there was a nice balance in scheme three and the scale of the Gymnastics Center is appropriate for the recreation center. The commissioners thought this was the strongest plan. The approximate cost of scheme three is 31-32 million dollars.

#### **Scheme #4**

The commissioners decide not to consider scheme four because of the exorbitant cost of 42 million dollars.

### **2. Naming of the new park on Hamilton Avenue**

The naming was deferred until next meeting

## **G. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

NONE

## **H. PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

NONE

## **J. ADJOURNMENT at 8:51pm**