



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

November 19, 2008

6:00 p.m.

Burgess Recreation Center

701 Laurel Street

Menlo Park

Call to order 6:07

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: (Vice Chair) Kirkpatrick, Commissioners Kelly Blythe (arrived at 6:27), Maurano, Breisch, Tooley and Watkins.

OTHERS PRESENT: Community Services Director, Barbara Santos George and Secretary, Linda Munguia

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Commissioner Breisch mentioned she went to the Halloween event at Onetta Harris Community Center and thought the Staff did a great job. Barbara George mentioned the Onetta Harris Community Center staff will be coming to the December 17, 2008 Commission meeting to talk about their summer.

B. COMMISSION VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. *Project Priorities October Meeting – Kristie Breisch and Jim Tooley*

Commissioner Breisch mentioned that during a meeting with the City Council and Commissioners Breisch and Tooley, the Council mentioned they would like to have better communication with the Commission. She mentioned they also discussed the project plans and where they are at. There will also be a change in the budget priorities. Commissioner Breisch mentioned she will bring the notes of the meeting for the Commission at the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on December 17, 2008.

Commissioner Maurano asked about having a Junior Commissioner for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Barbara George said she will have an answer at the December 17, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

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

Rich Ferrick – Menlo Park

Commented his concerns of turning Burgess into an all grass field. He feels the plan for Kelly Park is better. He also mentioned that an all grass field would impact all of the programs.

Lindsay Bowen – Portola Valley

Commented that Alpine and Menlo Atherton Baseball Leagues play at Burgess Park. He mentioned the little league field is not in playable condition; the dirt needs to be watered or it is too hard to play on. He also mentioned he feels artificial grass is better for Burgess Park because it causes fewer injuries to the players.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. *Approval of the Minutes dated October 15, 2008*

Motion Commissioner Watkins to approve the Minutes dated October 15, 2008 with the sentence "the commission will be presented the copy (of the User Fee Study) on November 18, 2008." removed since the Commission did not receive a copy of the User Fee Study; seconded by Commissioner Maurano and unanimously carried.

E. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

F. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. *Lyle and Willow Park Restrooms – Barbara George*

Barbara George, Director of Community Services, mentioned a community meeting has been scheduled in January to see if putting bathrooms is something they would be interested in. She mentioned the City will be sending postcard mailers to the community letting them know about the Community meeting.

2. *User Fee Study November 25th - Barbara George*

Barbara George, Director of Community Services, mentioned the User Fee Study will be going to City Council on Tuesday, November 25, 2008. She mentioned there are a few changes on some program fees.

3. *Buy-A-Brick – Barbara George*

Barbara George, Director of Community Services, mentioned an area has been determined for the bricks. She also mentioned the Public Works Department will be installing the bricks for free.

4. *Commission Retreat February 7, 2009 – Barbara George*

Barbara George gave the Commission an update on the Retreat which will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2009. She mentioned it will be held at Burgess in the Fireside Room. She explained that the purpose of the Retreat will be for the Commissioners to get to know each other better, go over the Brown Act, goals for City Council and goals for the Commission.

5. *Field Study to City Council Tuesday, December 16, 2008 – Barbara George*

Barbara George, Community Services Director, mentioned the Field Study is going to Council on Tuesday, December 16, 2008. There is a sub-committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2008. The Commission feels Kelly and Flood Park are the best options and not Burgess.

Motion Commissioner Blythe to authorize the sub-committee to take Burgess off the Field Study; seconded by Commissioner Maurano and unanimously carried.

G. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

H. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

None

J. ADJOURNMENT at 7:26 pm