



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

Regular Meeting
March 18, 2009
6:30 p.m.
Burgess Recreation Center
700 Alma Street

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL – 6:40 pm

Present: Chair Kirkpatrick, Vice Chair Tooley, Breisch, Maurano, Naclerio

Absent: Blythe

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. Kirkpatrick handed out a plaque to Naclerio, in recognition of engagement with the Commission.

B. COMMISSION VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Commissioner Breisch reported on the El Camino Real / Downtown Specific Plan Oversight and Outreach committee meeting outcome.
2. A. Kirkpatrick gave an update on the Field Study.
3. Tooley and Naclerio informed that they will have more updates after they receive expecting reports from the Planning Department.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

None.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. *Approval of the minutes dated February 18, 2009.*
Motion Maurano/Tooley to approve Minutes dated February 18, with amendment to Robinson's introduction: "five years of work with commissions" instead of "10 years of work with commissions", unanimously approved.

E. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

F. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. *City Council Direction to Park and Recreation Commission regarding Menlo Park Child Care - Barbara George*
B. George informed the commission of the Council's decision to direct the MCC subject to the Commission, also proposed to move the April Agenda to the following matter. She mentioned that the Commission is given a decision making role, and that Adela Alvarado is hired as a consultant to gather the data and research the matter. Alvarado will work in accordance with the management staff as well as with the commission. The meetings will be held at the Burgess Recreation Center and she presented the meetings schedule. Maurano and Kirkpatrick agreed that it is important to study the background of the project.
2. *Bedwell Bayfront Park Update and Dedication Sunday, April 26 – Barbara George*
B. George informed that the park renaming event will take place on April 26 at noon.
3. *Junior Commissioners Update – A report back from Jim Tooley and Kristi Breisch*
J. Tooley mentioned that it is important to get the community outreach and children involvement. He presented an idea of developing a youth cancellers. K. Breisch mentioned that City of Mountain View and Palo Alto have teen advisors.
4. *Project Priorities Update – Barbara George*
Jack Lyle Memorial Park and Willow Oaks Park Restrooms Project are on hold due to budget constraints.
Tennis courts resurfacing projects: Willow Oaks is still being considered for next fiscal year, but Burgess is not.
Onetta Harris Gym floor resurfacing Project is on hold until the end of this fiscal year, but may be able to be done in next fiscal year.

G. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

H. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

1. Osnat Dallal of Menlo Park mentioned that she has two children enrolled in MCC program. She expressed concern that there will not be enough affordable options for Menlo Park parents if the child care is to be privatized. She also suggested that the City staff consider more options to put the program on more profitable level.
2. Sue of Menlo Park mentioned that she is a parent of an MCC student, and expressed that it is important to look into the MCC parents' backgrounds and to keep the children's center affordable. She mentioned that MCC is a great daycare program and that from her experience private childcare quality is questionable.

J. ADJOURNMENT 7:20 pm

ATTACHMENTS