



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.  
700 Alma Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025  
Arrillaga Family Recreation Center**

Meeting was called to order at 7:20pm.

**ROLL CALL** – J. Tooley, J. Cebrian, T. Cecil A. Kirkpatrick  
**Not Present** – C. Carlton, Nick Naclerio  
**Other Present** – Cherise Brandell, Community Services Director; Katrina Whiteaker, Community Services Manager; Noreen Bickel, Recreation Program Coordinator; Todd Zeo, Sports Program Coordinator

**A. TOUR OF FLOOD PARK**

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT #1**

1. **Rick Oldano** of Menlo Park spoke about bocce courts. Mr Oldano asked the commission to look into a possibility of having a bocce field in Menlo Park. Mr Oldano said that the sport is popular in the area but there are no open bocce courts available on the peninsula.

Commissioner Tooley suggested putting the issue on a future agenda.

2. **Dan Lindblom** of Menlo Park spoke about the Youth Basketball League Policy. Mr Lindblom thanked the Commission for doing their part in the process. Mr Lindblom said that diverse team is the most innovative and productive.

**C. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approval of the Minutes dated May 18, 2011  
**Motion/Second (Cebrian/Kirkpatrick) to approve the Minutes dated May 18. Motion passes with all present members in favor.**

**D. REGULAR BUSINESS**

1. Election of Vice Chair – Cherise Brandell Tom Cecil, a new Commission member who was selected by Menlo Park City Council to fill the vacant position. Tom enjoys the parks, and has children that use Menlo Park city facilities. Tom Cecil has lived in Menlo Park for 4 years.

**Motion/Second (Tooley/Blythe) to appoint James Cebrian Vice Chair. Motion passes with all members in favor.**

2. Review Gender Policy Process Results and Discuss Policy ([Attachment](#))

Katrina Whiteaker reviewed the past events and the policy process. Todd Zeo presented the analysis of the community survey results. Staff recommends that the commission support the second option (see attachment).

**Motion/Second (Kirkpatrick/Cecil) to approve the recommendation. Motion passes with all members in favor.**

3. Approve Aquatics User Group Process and Membership ([Attachment](#))

Staff asked that the Commission approve the presented process (see attached). The next step would be to identify sub-groups that would be willing to volunteer to communicate with aquatic users and provide feedback to the commission in December 2011. The Commission roughly identified 8 – 9 sub-groups.

**Motion/Second (Kirkpatrick/Cebrian) to adopt the recommended process. Motion passed with all members in favor.**

**E. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Program Presentation – Arrillaga Family Recreation Center

Noreen Bickel presented the Recreation Center's program. The present Staff and Commission members discussed the revenues. Noreen mentioned that the increase in facility rentals brought an increase in revenues. She also spoke about new marketing strategies.

**F. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Commission meeting calendar

December meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14.

2. Facilities Update

**Gymnastics Center** - foundations are poured for the new gymnastics building, the steel will come in next week.

**Flood Park** – budget analysis scheduled for October meeting.

**Belle Haven Pool** - the revenue was on target. Jump boards were removed.

**G. PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

There were no public comments.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Minutes submitted by Jelena Gaines.