



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 6:30 PM
Belle Haven Neighborhood Services Center and Substation
871 Hamilton Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Palefsky at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Cebrian, Harris, Palefsky (Vice-Chair), Stanwood arrived at 7:15PM

Absent: Cox (Chair), Cecil, Tafoya

Staff: Cherise Brandell, Community Services Director; Todd Zeo, Recreation Coordinator

A. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 30 minutes)

Meda Okelo of East Palo Alto, shared his view on the City programs. Mr. Okelo is interested in programs offered in Menlo Park and their availability to residents of unincorporated areas.

B. REGULAR BUSINESS

B1. Approval of minutes for the October 22, 2014 meeting

ACTION: Motion/Second (Cebrian/Harris) to approve the minutes with amendment to item C2 to add: future funding for the park. Motion passed with all present members in favor.

B2. Review and approve staff recommendations for the Field User Groups for FY 2014-15

ACTION: Motion/Second (Cebrian/Stanwood) to approve the existing user groups and exclude the San Mateo Stars from the schedule for FY 2014-15.

B3. Review and discuss City Council feedback on Commission goals

The Commission agreed to discuss Willow Park Dog Park in a future agenda to specifically address requests to extend hours of operation and lighting.

C. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

C1. Presentation by the Belle Haven Community Development Fund on the Mini-Grant Program

There was no discussion on this item.

C2. Review and consider proposal from the Menlo Park Historical Association for a Fremont Park Storyboard

Jim Lewis, with the Menlo Park Historical Association, spoke about the history of Fremont Park and proposed placement of informational boards. The cost estimate of production and installation of two story boards is \$4000.

ACTION: Motion/Second (Cebrian/Stamwood) to approve the proposal along with the discussed cost-estimate. Motion passed with all present members in favor.

C3. Presentation of the Community Services Department Operation Review Highlights

The Commission members received the Director's presentation for future discussion.

D. INFORMATION ITEMS

D1. Community Services Department Director's Update and Announcements

There was no discussion on this item.

E. ADJOURNMENT – 8:10 P.M.

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Minutes were approved by the Commission at the meeting of Wednesday, December 17, 2014.