

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA

September 5, 2017

6:30 p.m.

A Special Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 6:34 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located at 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, California.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Buddingh (arrived at 6:49 p.m.), Garcia-Lopez, German, Gregorio, Zarem, Chair Fernandez

ABSENT: Commissioner Doyle

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy City Manager Bacon, Assistant Director of Public Works Quilantan, Principal Recreation Manager Contreras, Principal Recreation Manager Farmer, Pros Consulting Vice-President Bhatt, Landscape Architect Radley, Spurlock Landscape Prime Consultant Principal-In-Charge Lents, Spurlock Landscape Prime Consultant Project Manager Formeller, Meridian Development Executive Vice-President Galarneau

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Twohey, with the Youth Sports Council, spoke regarding concerns with the City's budget issues. He stated that in years past, the City has cut the recreation and public works departments and there is not enough staff to maintain the increasing number of City parks and buildings. He is concerned that this will have a negative impact on the ongoing park irrigation review and Prop P. He also stated that the Youth Sports Council is concerned about upcoming budget deficit of \$3-\$8 million facing the City next year and asked for the Commission's support moving forward especially with sustainability and ongoing maintenance. Mr. Twohey also asked that the cost recovery report provide comparisons to other neighboring cities and not cities in North County.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF JULY 20, 2017, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the July 20, 2017, Regular Meeting were reviewed.

Staff recommendation: Commission approve the minutes

2. APPROVAL COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ ABSENCE FROM July 20, 2017, REGULAR MEETING

Staff recommendation: Commission excuse the absence

ACTION: Commissioner German moved to approve staff's recommendations and offered Consent Calendar Items 1 through 2. Commissioner Zarem seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 – Fernandez, Garcia-Lopez, German, Gregorio, Zarem

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

There were none.

ACTION ITEMS

3. MILLENIA PARK P-5 STRATA PARK PROJECT

Landscape Architect Radley, Spurlock Landscape Prime Consultant Principal-In-Charge Lents, Spurlock Landscape Prime Consultant Project Manager Formeller, Meridian Development Executive Vice-President Galarneau presented the Strata Park master plan. Background on the development of the master plan by Spurlock Landscape Architects and City staff was provided. The master plan was developed with a special emphasis on park maintainability. The current proposed ribbon cutting is estimated to be in the third quarter 2019. Commissioner German suggested having plants on the trellis or other elevated areas of the park to provide more shade. Commissioner German asked that developers consider installing a urinal in one of the restrooms. Commissioner Zarem suggested that more than one hydration station or water fountain be installed in case one station is vandalized or broken. Commissioner Gregorio asked that demarcation of trail distance be created in order to promote healthy activity. Commissioner Buddingh suggested that containers, bike parking areas, trashcans, and barbeques be moved away from the grass areas to avoid people accidentally running into them and getting hurt. Commissioner Buddingh suggested that bougainvillea not be used because of thorns. Chair Fernandez asked that Public Works and Recreation look into unpermitted pop up fitness classes that may set up in the park.

ACTION: Commissioner German moved to approve the draft master plan for the 1.9 acre turnkey public neighborhood and that the park name, "Strata Park," be approved subject to commissioner's comments. Commissioner Buddingh seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 – Buddingh, Fernandez (arrived at 6:49 p.m., heard the presentation and participated in this and all following votes), Garcia-Lopez, German, Gregorio, Zarem

4. COST RECOVERY, RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND REVENUE ENHANCEMENT STUDY

Principal Recreation Managers Farmer and Contreras along with Pros Consulting Vice-President Bhatt presented the Recreation Department's Cost Recovery, Resource Allocation and Revenue Enhancement Study. Community outreach meetings will be held prior to the report going to City Council. Implementation is expected January 2018. Commissioner Buddingh suggested that ticket fees for conducting unpermitted fitness classes in parks be more than the \$25/day permit fee. Principal Recreation Manager Farmer stated that the Recreation Department will present budget to the Commission on an annual basis.

ACTION: Commissioner Buddingh moved to recommend to City Council approval of the Cost Recovery, Resource Allocation and Revenue Enhancement Study, subject to getting input from Norman Park about proposed gym membership cost increases. Commissioner Gregorio seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 – Buddingh, Fernandez, Garcia-Lopez, German, Gregorio, Zarem

5. ARTICLE REGARDING SHOWERING BEFORE USING SWIMMING POOLS

A discussion about showering before swimming in pools occurred. Commissioners German and Buddingh suggested that signage about the State Law on showering be displayed. Principal Recreation Manager will distribute the article to Aquatic Supervisors and will have the Supervisors discuss implementation and return to the Commission with a report.

ACTION: Commissioner German moved that the Wall Street Journal article be distributed to aquatic staff and that aquatic staff return to the commission with a report on how the City is enforcing the law and recommendations for enforcement. Commissioner Buddingh seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 – Buddingh, Fernandez, Garcia-Lopez, German, Gregorio, Zarem

OTHER BUSINESS

1. STAFF COMMENTS

Principal Recreation Manager Farmer discussed upcoming recreation events. Assistant Director Quilantan discussed that status of basketball and tennis court resurfacing bids closed. She stated that the work should be completed by the end of December. The pond at Heritage Park was drained and sludge, litter, and a variety of animals were removed from the pond.

2. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Fernandez stated that he was pleased to see the cost recovery report and it moving forward. Strata Park is coming together and he is looking forward to seeing its completion.

3. COMMISSIONERS'/BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Zarem thanked Director Hopkins and Assistant Director Quilantan for the open space tour. Commissioner Buddingh apologized for being late. He also stated that they are in need of referees. Commissioner German stated that he was pleased to see fields being used by playing children.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:34 p.m., Chair Fernandez adjourned the meeting to the next Regular Meeting on November 16, 2017, at Monteville Recreation Center, 840 Duncan Ranch Road, Chula Vista, California.

Tiffany Kellbach, Administrative Secretary