

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

JANUARY 21, 2009

INITIATION:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Pursuant to the agenda posted on January 15, 2009, Chairman Fish called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2009

2. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioners Chavez, Goad, Sternquist, Yugar and Fish

ALSO PRESENT: Director Burroughs and Parks & Recreation Coordinator Manzo-Pimentel

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chairman Fish

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA: None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Sternquist moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Commissioner Goad and unanimously approved.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting of December 17, 2008

Commission approved the minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 2008

B. MONTHLY ATTENDANCE/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Commission received the Attendance/Activity Reports for the month of December 2008

C. MONTHLY REPORT ON SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACTIONS AT LIVE OAK PARK AND TEMPLE CITY PARK

Commission received reports from the Parks & Recreation Department regarding Sheriff's Department actions at Live Oak Park and Temple City Park for the month of December 2008

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON REQUEST FROM TEMPLE CITY ASA FOR RESERVED USE OF THE SOFTBALL FIELD AND CONCESSION STAND AT LIVE OAK PARK FOR ASA GAMES AND PRACTICES IN 2009

Director Burroughs stated Commissioner Chavez has elected to excuse himself from agenda item 6A to eliminate any perceived conflict of interest.

Commissioner Chavez left the Council Chambers at 7:40 p.m.

Director Burroughs provided the Commission with a supplemental staff report with updated registration information for TCALL and TCASA and stated the Commission will not review or discuss the pros or cons of either organization. She reviewed registration information for both leagues adding that TCALL and TCASA meet the 51% residency requirement. Director Burroughs reviewed the softball field-sharing proposal submitted by each league. She said TCALL will be playing more as a travel league with only two teams which does not warrant the requested field usage. She suggested both organizations consider practicing on the grass areas and stated both AYSO and TCYF have coexisted on the fields. She reviewed the concession stand proposal and stated if applicable the fee for TCASA would be determined by the City Council.

Michael Wintercorn, TCASA Treasurer, reviewed league status to date reporting registered players at 81 with 64% residents, they also have additional registered players, not yet paid, providing 8 teams with 11 players per team. TCASA's draft is scheduled on January 30 and 31 with practice beginning on February 2. He stated the proposed shared field use allows six slots for TCALL and 10 slots for each TCASA team under an 11 week season. He stated they hope to work out logistics and schedules with TCALL.

Commissioner Yugar asked if TCALL and TCASA have met.

Mr. Wintercorn replied no.

Chairman Fish asked if players can join both leagues.

Mr. Wintercorn replied yes. ASA rules do allow play in more than one league, however one team must be chosen during All Stars.

Joe Lopez, TCASA President said TCALL may not need all originally proposed slots based on their registration numbers. He requested the ad hoc committee meet to discuss snack bar use, fine tune a workable schedule, score booth use and review the slots based on the start of each season prior to January 27, 2009.

Nick Stratis, TCALL President said both organizations met prior to TCASA forming with no results. Currently TCALL will have two softball teams and 60 t-ball players. Mr. Stratis stated they feel they should have half the time on the diamond and are asking for 2 ½ nights in the middle of the week.

Chairman Fish asked how many hardball teams are set.

Mr. Stratis replied ten.

Mr. Stratis stated concession stand option #3 would be the least disruptive for both leagues regarding equipment and supplies. He stated TCALL built and have maintained the score booth, scoreboard and equipment shed for years and feels it would be unfair to allow use by other leagues. If allowed, he would like to have past costs and repairs considered for possible compensation collected by additional users.

Director Burroughs stated applicants are always made aware that any equipment placed at the park becomes public property prior to consideration of equipment purchases etc. She commended the TCALL for their efforts in maintaining the park and equipment.

Commissioner Sternquist provided a brief comparison of improvements made to a rental home and those improvements made to equipment on City property. She suggested that reviewing past improvements or maintenance costs should not be considered for new joint use.

Mr. Stratis stated TCALL and TCASA are competing organizations and TCALL would have not have considered improvements to the equipment if other users would have access. He asked that TCALL have control of said equipment to avoid non support or nonpayment by other users.

Director Burroughs stated although the structures are considered public property, consideration would need to be given regarding the equipment inside (i.e. PA system) the structures.

Rachel Conger representing TCALL asked for consideration of the softball diamond and a time slot conducive for the t-ball players. She said an item for ad hoc discussion should be the electric bill paid by TCALL for the

score booth. Ms. Conger provided a TCALL informational sheet for each Commissioner.

Christine Price representing TCALL said both organizations did meet prior to TCASA pursuing a new league with no results. She asked the Commission to consider diamond use for the t-ball players and field safety.

Director Burroughs recommended the Commission set general parameters for shared use of the fields and concession stand with details reserved for the ad hoc committee.

Vice-Chairman Sternquist said she favors splitting time equally between both leagues with details to be determined at the ad hoc meeting.

Commissioner Yugar stated through her experience, joint use of a concession stand is difficult and “almost never works” adding given the history of TCALL she supports that league having control of the concession stand.

Joe Lopez, TCASA President said he supports consideration of an ad hoc meeting and guarantees their support with joint use of the onsite equipment.

Commissioner Goad said a workable situation between both groups should already be in place and hopes that the ad hoc meeting will benefit both organizations.

Chairman Fish said she is disappointed that the groups have not been able work out shared use of the facilities. She recommends the groups each have 50-50 use of the fields with consideration for the t-ball players and recommends Concession Stand option #3 adding that TCASA should be able to fundraise through snack bar use.

Vice-Chairman Sternquist moved to approved shared use of the softball field (50-50) for TCALL and TCASA with use of the concession stand as TCASA during the first month and TCALL for the remainder of the “regular” season, seconded by Chairman Fish.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner Goad – yes

Commissioner Sternquist - yes

Commissioner Yugar – yes

Chairman Fish - yes

Vice-Chairman Sternquist nominated Commissioners Goad and Yugar for the ad hoc committee, seconded by Chairman Fish and unanimously approved.

Mr. Lopez asked that adjustments be considered with respect to final registration numbers for each league.

Chairman Fish asked that two representatives from each organization attend the ad hoc meeting.

Commissioner Chavez returned to the Council Chambers at 8:10 p.m.

B. UPDATE ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT LIVE OAK PARK

Director Burroughs said the concession stand project at Live Oak Park is moving forward with a projected completion date in March. The contract for the Teen Center was awarded by the City Council on January 20th.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. REQUEST FROM TEMPLE CITY AYSO FOR RESERVED USE OF THE ATHLETIC FIELDS AT LIVE OAK PARK FOR POST SEASON PRACTICES DECEMBER 22, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 15, 2009

Director Burroughs presented the information as outlined in the staff report dated January 21, 2009. She stated the athletic fields will be available beginning January 31 and use must be coordinated with TCALL and TCASA.

Commissioner Chavez moved to approve the request from Temple City AYSO for reserved use of the athletic fields at Live Oak Park for post season practices January 31 – March 15, 2009 with the following conditions 1) use will be restricted to the areas of the field that are determined to be “playable” by the maintenance staff 2) use to be coordinated with Temple City American Little League and Temple City Amateur Softball Association. Park Coordinator Koski and Park Maintenance Lead Worker Rutherford would assign locations to each organization based on the field condition, seconded by Commissioner Sternquist and unanimously approved.

- B. REQUEST FROM OAK AVENUE MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR RESERVED USE OF THE LIVE OAK PARK COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THEIR 8TH GRADE PROMOTION DINNER AND DANCE ON JUNE 17, 2009

Director Burroughs presented the information as outlined in the staff report dated January 21, 2009. The facility was used by Oak Avenue Middle School last year with no reported problems.

Commissioner Sternquist moved to approve the request from Oak Avenue Middle School for reserved use of the Live Oak Park Community Center for their 8th grade promotion dinner and dance on June 17, 2009, seconded by Commissioner Chavez and unanimously approved.

8. **COMMUNICATIONS:** None

9. **ADDITIONAL ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None

10. **MATTERS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:**

- A. PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Burroughs updated the Commission on ongoing and upcoming events including, Youth Basketball, Lunar New Year and the Shape Up TC Walking Club.

Director Burroughs asked the Commission for discussion items for the annual transportation review next month and if applicable items for the 2009/2010 budget.

Commissioner Sternquist requested an item be placed on an upcoming agenda regarding playground equipment replacement.

Commissioner Chavez moved to receive and file the Director's Report, seconded by Commissioner Goad and unanimously approved.

11. **COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA:**

- A. COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ wished Chairman Fish much success on the upcoming Camellia Festival and Parade.
- B. COMMISSIONER GOAD
- C. COMMISSIONER STERNQUIST

D. COMMISSIONER YUGAR

E. CHAIRMAN FISH thanked TCALL and TCASA for their efforts. She congratulated SHAPE UP TC and thanked staff for their support with the upcoming festival.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, it was moved by Chairman Fish and seconded by Commissioner Chavez that the meeting be adjourned to the next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission to be held on February 18, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 5938 North Kauffman Avenue, Temple City. Chairman Fish adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Chairman Fish

ATTEST:

Secretary