

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

MARCH 18, 2009

INITIATION:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Pursuant to the agenda posted on March 12, 2009, Chairman Fish called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2009

2. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioners Goad, Sternquist, Yugar and Fish

ALSO PRESENT: Director Burroughs

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 February 18, 2009

Commission approved the minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 2009

B. MONTHLY ATTENDANCE/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Commission received the Attendance/Activity Reports for the month of February 2009

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 February 2009

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. UPDATE ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT LIVE OAK PARK

Director Burroughs stated the grand re-opening ribbon cutting ceremony for the Live Oak Park Concession Stand is set for Monday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. and encouraged the Commissioners attendance. The sport organizations have been notified.

Director Burroughs provided a brief update and status report for the ongoing projects at Live Oak Park.

She stated abatement of asbestos at the multipurpose teen center site has been completed and construction is again underway.

The RFP for the new fitness center area has been accepted from Dave Bang Associates.

Commissioner Sternquist moved to receive and file Item 6A, seconded by Commissioner Yugar and unanimously approved.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. REQUEST FROM RIO HONDO PREPARATORY SCHOOL TO WAIVE THE 51% RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR RESERVED USE OF THE HARDBALL AND SOFTBALL DIAMONDS AND ATHLETIC FIELDS AT LIVE OAK PARK

Director Burroughs presented the information as outlined in the staff report dated March 18, 2009. She stated Rio Hondo's sports program is under the Kare Youth League, however they do not meet the 51% residency requirement. If the request is approved, the security deposit is required and staff recommends use be given until 3:30 p.m. only. Staff is recommending the request be denied. No representative from Rio Hondo Preparatory School is present.

Chairman Fish stated she would have liked to have addressed questions to a Rio Hondo representative. She asked staff if current roster numbers have fluctuated or declined from previously approved requests, adding they should be able to find another location to practice.

Director Burroughs reviewed previously approved requests by Rio Hondo and recalled the nearest available field for their use was in Covina.

Vice-Chairman Sternquist moved to deny the request from Rio Hondo Preparatory School to waive the 51% residency requirement for reserved use of the hardball and softball diamonds and the athletic fields at Live Oak Park due to not meeting the 51% residency requirement, seconded by Commissioner Goad and unanimously approved.

8. COMMUNICATIONS: None

9. ADDITIONAL ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Angelica Gonzalez, Dial-A-Ride user explained health issues related to her use of the Dial-A-Ride service and her inability to walk long distances. She stated her only means of transportation is Dial-A-Ride. Ms. Gonzalez referred to a section in the Dial-A-Ride brochure that indicates car seat requirements for children and felt her 8 year old daughter would be able to use the service with her. She said she is being denied ridership when her daughter is with her.

Commissioner Sternquist asked staff if the brochure states children are allowed to use the service.

Director Burroughs stated since Ms. Gonzalez's request to have her daughter ride with her, the statement regarding car seat use in the Dial-A-Ride Service Guide has been expanded to clarify the requirements that must be met. She added the policies for the service are established by the City Council and are limited to qualified individuals. Staff cannot change the policy and must adhere to the policy as established.

Director Burroughs stated Ms. Gonzalez may submit a request to the City Clerk for City Council consideration.

Tom Chavez, former Parks & Recreation Commissioner thanked the Parks & Recreation staff and the Commission for his service as a Commissioner.

10. MATTERS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

A. PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Burroughs thanked Mr. Chavez for serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission for six years and wished him success on the City Council.

Director Burroughs reviewed upcoming department events including the Grand Re-Opening and Ribbon Cutting for the Concession Stand at Live Oak Park, Spring Fling, Easter Egg Hunt and the Volunteer Luncheon.

Director Burroughs reviewed the details on the new fitness course.

Director Burroughs provided a brief report on the CPRS Conference seminars and workshops.

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

11. COMMISSION ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA:

- A. COMMISSIONER GOAD congratulated Council member Chavez on his election to the City Council.
- B. COMMISSIONER STERNQUIST concurred with Commissioner Goad. She stated the CPRS Conference was beneficial and reviewed highlights of a value systems seminar. She stated she would be willing to train department staff using the value system technique.
- C. COMMISSIONER YUGAR asked if Dial-A-Ride drivers are allowed to accept tips from service users.

Director Burroughs stated although not encouraged, drivers are allowed to accept tips.

- D. CHAIRMAN FISH thanked staff and commissioners for assistance with the Camellia Festival. She commended Administrative Coordinator Ingram on the recent Volunteer Newsletter noting the tribute to former Volunteer Coordinator, Karen Koch and long time City volunteer Roland Short.

She thanked newly elected Council member Chavez for his time and service to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, it was moved by Chairman Fish and seconded by Commissioner Sternquist that the meeting be adjourned to the next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission to be held on April 15, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 5938 North Kauffman Avenue, Temple City. Chairman Fish adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Chairman Fish

ATTEST:

Secretary