

City of Richmond - RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

Richmond Recreation Complex
3230 Macdonald Ave.

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2013, 6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Portero called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

B. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

Comm. Garcia motioned to accept the Agenda. Comm. Torres seconded. Passed unanimously.

C. OPEN FORUM

- Jackie Thompson, Richmond resident – asked about JFK park, spoke about Marina Bay park, and Karaoke
- Paul Rodgers, Richmond resident – spoke about BTA park and soccer
- Cheryl Maier – made several announcements of upcoming events
- Thomas Gary, Richmond resident – gave thanks for support of Nicholl Park proposed rehab project in collaboration with Lefty O'Douls.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

- APPROVE – May 1, 2013 minutes

Comm. Torres motioned to approve Consent Calendar. Comm. Garcia seconded. Passed unanimously.

E. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

- Nevin Community Center, Elm Playlot area summer program collaborative ideas – Toody Maher, POGO Park, spoke about upcoming closure of Elm Playlot and the possibility of alternatives.
 1. Chair Portero motioned a recommendation that the Recreation Department accommodates the overflow of youth, from the closing of Elm Playlot, at no or low cost to families during the summer. Garcia seconded. Passed unanimously.
 2. Staff discussed setting a meeting with other collaborative partners, and Toody Maher, to discuss options.
- Shields-Reid Park rehab plan review – Chris Chamberlain and consultant, John Ikes, Design Community Environment, the Planning Center, provided an updated report of the Shields-Reid Park rehab project with the changes as previously proposed by the Commission.
 1. Chair Portero motioned for the City of Richmond to provide all of the necessary funds, during the budget meeting, to complete the project at Shields-Reid park. Torres seconded. Passed unanimously.

Chair Portero motioned to move item 8.c to follow 8.d.

- Nicholl Park baseball field rehab project – Mark Torres, Commissioner, City of Richmond staff, and Little League representatives presented information regarding plans and funding opportunities, originated in collaboration with Lefty O'Doul's, to redevelop Nicholl Park as Nicholl Park Lefty O'Doul's Field of Opportunity.
 1. Comm. Torres motioned for the Recreation & Parks Commission to establish a sub-committee or planning committee to re-visit the Nicholl Park plans developed in 2008 and to begin a fundraising committee. Comm. Garcia seconded. Passed unanimously.
- Trust for Public Land project proposal for the Greenway segment from Harbour Way to 8th Street – Chris Chamberlain and staff from the Trust for Public Land presented information regarding the activation project to renovate a portion of the Greenway, thereby initiating funding for other projects.
 1. Comm. Garcia motioned to start an ad-hoc committee to support the project. Chair Portero made a friendly amendment to meet with the City Manager and discuss a city match for the funding. Comm. Torres seconded. Passed unanimously.
 2. Comm. Saini and Comm. Torres volunteered for the committee.

F. STAFF REPORTS

- Recreation Department – provided oral and written report
Commission discussed Karaoke program and soccer usage at BTA.

- Parks Division –
Commission discussed issues at JFK park in response to public speaker, and the equipment at Lucas Park.

G. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

I. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

J. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Commission Meeting – Wednesday, September 4, 2013, 6:00 p.m., Community Services Building, Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Johann Frazier, Executive Secretary