

City of Richmond - RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
Community Services Building, Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018, 6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order by Chair Hurlbut at 6:01 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

ABSENT: Sohelia Bana

C. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

- No changes

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS THROUGH THE CHAIR

Chair made several announcements

- Outstanding Items
 1. There has been continued progress with outstanding items.
 2. Round Table Work Session, with all commissioners present, has been moved to 2nd Tuesday of each month. Next meeting is February 13, 2018
 3. Plunge closure for repairs will begin in late Spring.
 4. Request to have drinking fountain restoration is being investigated and will be addressed by Greg Hardesty or Comm. Schwartz
 5. To resolve discrepancies of park names and ensure official lists are complete and correct, Chair Hurlbut has asked city clerk to review that particular item and all of the previous three year's consent calendars for council which is where they are officially changed, added, or approved. We will be meeting with persons from the clerk's office, community services department, parks and landscaping, Commission and a representative from the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Commission within the month to complete the finalization of that list.
 6. Current trust balance is \$512.62
 7. There is an issue at hand about the fees at community centers and how they are being addressed. Chair Hurlbut asked if the issue can be addressed by CSD to have an ADHOC meeting on this topic might be appropriate.
 8. Community center suggestions are being identified and addressed. A lot of them have to do with the items for the pools and The Plunge and will be addressed during its closing for repairs in the Spring.
- Membership Changes
No changes

E. OPEN FORUM

- Cordell Hindler, Richmond Resident – Passed out flyers for the commissioners. There will be a presentation from ONS at next month's meeting to inform new commissioners what ONS is about. The City Attorney's office would be helpful because there are new commissioners who have not had training on ethics. Future agenda items: Having someone from engineering to come and talk about the projects they are working on.
- Garry Hurlbut, Richmond resident and President of Richmond Tennis Association –We had a great year with 136 playing adult playing tennis, but our program is not just about playing tennis, but being an ambassador for Richmond. Youth tennis is also about nutrition, life skills and education. We are planning to establish a Hurlbut scholarship in the amount of \$5000 at next year's Snow Ball.

- Johnathan Knudsen (pronounced Kanudsen), Oakland, CA. Member of the all-volunteer network called Share International USA announced that they will be hosting an event at the Point Richmond Community Center on February 24, 2018 at 2 p.m. The event is entitled “*The World in Transition Age of Pisces Now: Giving Way to the Age of Aquarius.*” Hoping to offer understanding of the basis, chaos and the division in the United States and the world, and explain our view as to why we believe the planet has a bright and extraordinary future.
- Jeanine Strickland, Berkeley, CA – Update on Dirt World. Presented postcards to commissioners. Currently have 4000 yards of soil that has been donated and is sitting in a pile waiting to be applied. The fundraising goal of \$30,000 has almost been met. Hoping to have the park constructed in the next couple of months.
- David Schoenthal, Richmond Resident – Proposes to have a Town Hall Meeting where the community can come and talk about what changes they want to see made. The idea is getting people from the community into a room and have a target or plan; and look at those things as a priority. Hopes to have a professional facilitator to come in and help facilitate the discussion. Had one meeting already and the rental cost for 3 hours was \$393, insurance was an additional \$155. Would like to come up with ways that we can get the community utilizing the centers without it costing an arm and a leg. Dir. Monk added that a master fee scheduling will go before council to revise and reduce fees.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

- APPROVED – Vice Chair Patel motioned to approve minutes once this correction has been made: It was noted she was glad to be part of the grant panel when in actuality it was the interview panel.
- December minutes unanimously approved with the noted change that Vice Chair Patel mentioned.

G. STAFF REPORTS

- Parks Division –
 1. Provided oral report
- Community Services Department –
 1. Provided oral report

H. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

Following discussion of each item, the Commission may vote to make recommendations to staff or to the City Council.

1. Judge George D Carroll Park – Dave Bleckinger, Team Manager for Richmond Little League. Some of the concerns he wanted to be bring forth have been addressed by Greg Hardesty and his team. There are still holes in the field that need to be filled as they are potential hazards. Would like signs asking that people don’t bring their dogs to the park during practice and game times.
2. 65th Annual Snow Ball report – Sharolyn Babb, CSD Recreation Program Coordinator - The Snow Ball was a great success. 650 students attended and there were no issues. We were able to give two \$2500 scholarships to students. The mayor attended, as well as Director Monk and Comm. Smith. We would love to have any of you be involved in the judging or have you come to the coronation in the upcoming years.
3. Renaming of the Disabled Peoples Recreation Center – Sharolyn Babb, CSD Recreation Program Coordinator Requested Commission will approve renaming the Disabled People’s Recreation Center (DPRC) to Developing Personal Resources Center, keeping the acronym. She received signatures from community members and businesses, and have not met with any opposition. Steven Paskowitz moved to have commission recommend to city council to approve on the consent calendar to change the name. Comm. Patel seconded the motion and the rest of the commission unanimously voted to recommend the name change. Per Chair Hurlbut, the motion will go to city council to be approved at next available opening.

I. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

- Vice Chair Patel – Happy new year. Visited staff of May Valley Rec Center. There have been coyote sightings in the area. Lighting is good in evenings, but there are concerns about behaviors in the park after hours. There are requests to rent the park frequently, but people don't rent because of the lack of restroom access.
- Comm. Paskowitz – I got to participate with Rochelle and Payel on interviewing panel, reviewing grant applications, met with Rochelle to discuss the homeless issue, etc. City attorney should do a study session on the Brown Act. Went to city council meeting for budget session. There's a \$3.2 million surplus. We should put our projects on the table.
- Comm. Saini – Illegal dumping and homelessness MLK, Nicholl BTA park continues. There was furniture by the dumpster at BTA. Staff reports it happens almost every two weeks. Last week found Crescent Park, passed there a thousand times on Carlson and never knew it was there.
- Comm. Schwartz - There was garbage and dumping on the bike trail a couple of months ago Between Marina Bay and Park Pinole. The trail is fairly littered with glass and trash. Would be nice if we could somehow address that in the future. Greg Hardesty replied that they do clean it, but almost daily there's more trash and they don't have the resources to do it daily. There's an area by Rosie the Riveter Museum that is just dirt, wondered if there was a plan to put some greenery or mini park there.
- Comm. Smith – Was asked to ask the rest of the commissioners to attend more events. At Nevin there are still issues with transients, more so because they're not using the portable toilets. Would like to follow up on commission online presence and set a meeting to do so with Dir. Monk. Also asked Dir. Monk for an update on the Tool Library. Dir. Monk gave a brief report but will have staff report next month
- Chair Hurlbut – Looking to have a Plunge West grand opening. At last round table we talked about things that are out of the mission of the commission, like homelessness and planning of properties to be used as housing for homeless or subsidized housing for teachers. If you have a passion for something that isn't in our mission statement, I suggest that you be a volunteer.

J. ACTION ITEMS RECAP

- Recommendation to city council on renaming DPRC
- Proposed presentations for the next meeting

K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM RECOMMENDATIONS

- Found in outstanding items spreadsheet. Email Maryn what you think your priorities are for those topics from last year.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

M. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Commission Meeting – Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Community Services Building, Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: _____
Delana Elarms-Andrews – Office Clerk