

**CITY OF SAN LEANDRO  
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 7:00 P.M.  
MEETING MINUTES  
SISTER CITIES GALLERY ROOM**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Chair Hutchison, Commissioners Azevedo, Bolar, Borton, Fox, Shapiro, Udemezue, Wagner, Zuber and Secretary Donnelly

**ABSENT**

None

**GUESTS**

Dena Justice, Recreation and Human Services  
Evelyn Gonzalez

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF APRIL 1, 2015, MEETING**

MSC (Wagner/Fox) to approve the agenda moving item 10A. up to Guest Presentations. (9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2015, MEETING**

MSC (Wagner/Azevedo) to approve Minutes as submitted. (9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**GUEST PRESENTATION**

None

**REPORTS**

A. Commissioner Park Visit Reports

- Commissioner Bolar reported that all of his assigned parks are looking good. Commissioner Azevedo reported that while at Halcyon he noticed a significant amount of trash on the East side of the park, so he picked up the litter. Fox visited Memorial Park and said it looks fine. Borton noticed no changes at the dog park and reported Floresta looks nice. Wagner visited Washington Manor Park, commenting on how nice the park looks; including the elm trees he previously thought were dead. He thanked Public Works for filling the holes in the parking lot at Bonaire Park. PAC looks great, but he noticed significant weeds in the turf. Parks Supervisor McKee shared some of the remedies being used on the issue. Commissioner Hutchison reported Bonaire looks clean and nice. He mentioned he received an email inquiring about the lack of a pool lift at the San Leandro Family Aquatic Center. Parks Supervisor McKee said a lift is not needed for ADA compliance due to the beach entry into the pool.
- Parks Supervisor McKee reported the dugouts at Thrasher are going to be expanded. They will also receive shade and new benches will be installed. Stenzel Field #2 has been expanded. Stenzel Field #1 is still in process and the bleachers are still a work in progress. Supervisor McKee updated the Commission on the drought and the City's plan for conservation.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

MSC (Wagner/Bolar) to approve the consent items as submitted. (9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent)

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **REPORT OF SECRETARY**

#### **Recreation and Human Services Calendar of Meetings and Events:**

- Secretary Donnelly reported the Cinco de Mayo event was well attended and an overall success. She also reported that Bike to Work/School Day is May 14<sup>th</sup> and the Family Aquatic Center will open on May 23<sup>rd</sup> for weekend recreational swim.
- Secretary Donnelly gave an update of the planning of the Cherry Festival on Saturday, June 6, 2015. The layout is being finalized, vendors are being confirmed, and posters are being distributed. She also mentioned that arts and crafts vendors are still being accepted.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Cherry Festival Parade  
Evelyn Gonzalez checked in with Commissioners on assignments for the parade. Commissioners are expected to arrive to the staging area at the Boy's and Girl's Club at 7:30am on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> for their day-of assignments. Evelyn Gonzalez proceeded to give an update on the applications received for parade participants.
- Community Gardens  
Commissioner Fox shared with the Commission how a community garden would work in San Leandro. He is currently looking for an empty lot within the City to use for the project. Winston McKee recommended that Commissioner Fox reach out to the project organizer of the community gardens in San Jose to get some information about what it took to develop and operate the program. A discussion ensued regarding how to develop a plan.
- Siempre Verde Park Master Plan Project  
Secretary Donnelly reported the Siempre Verde Park Master Plan Project was at the 100% design stage. Donnelly shared the conceptual designs of the play apparatuses with the Commission, as well as the general park layout. Scheduling a community meeting was discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- San Leandro Bike Party  
The San Leandro Bike Party is scheduled for September 13, 2015 at 1:00pm. The route will take riders from Roosevelt School to Memorial Park to Toyon Park, and back to Roosevelt School/Farrelly Pool for a family swim. Dena Justice spoke to commissioners about the route and past activities at the event. Commissioners discussed activity ideas and marketing ideas for the 2015 event.

**REPORT OF CHAIR**

None

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

MSC (Wagner/Azevedo) to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. (9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent)

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmine Donnelly, Secretary