

**CITY OF SAN LEANDRO  
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 7:00 P.M.  
MEETING MINUTES  
SISTER CITIES GALLERY ROOM**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Commissioners Bolar and Zuber

**GUESTS**

Evelyn Gonzalez, San Leandro School Board

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

MSC (Shapiro/Fox) to approve the agenda moving item 10A. to follow Public Comments. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2015, MEETING**

MSC (Shapiro/Wagner) to approve Minutes as submitted. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Evelyn Gonzales, San Leandro Unified School District Board of Education, shared information regarding fencing of school sites, including those directly impacting Floresta Park and McCartney Park. Community meetings are scheduled for the week of July 13, with the proposal being presented at the July 20 City Council meeting. These fences will provide the ability to lock down a school site if there is an issue. The funding from the project comes from Measure M funds.

**GUEST PRESENTATION**

None

**REPORTS**

A. Commissioner Park Visit Reports

- Commissioner Udemezue noticed there has been more trash at Washington Manor Park now that the Aquatic Center has opened and the grass is browning near the pathways. He also said Marina Park looks gorgeous. Commissioner Azevedo reported that Halcyon looks good and the new trees are a nice touch. He also mentioned Toyon is in good shape. Shapiro noticed graffiti on the overpass at Root Park, and expressed frustration that his dog was the only dog at the dog park. Fox visited Memorial Park and McCartney Park and said they both look fine. Borton reported Floresta looks lovely. Hutchison noticed that the trees in the outfield at the Ball Park had been removed. He also noticed the restroom walls were still open. Hutchinson was approached while at Washington Manor Park regarding a designated Tai Chi space. He requested this item be agenized for a subsequent meeting and the Commission agreed MCS (Hutchinson/Azevedo). (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent)

B. Park and Open Space Operations and Maintenance Update

- Parks Supervisor McKee reported there had been a main line break at Washington Manor Park and the water had been shut off at Washington Manor Middle School resulting in the turf not getting proper water. He was hoping to do seeding at Washington Manor Middle School to help the turf, but cannot do so successfully with the current water restrictions. Supervisor McKee also informed Commissioners about the progress at the Ball Park and the new trees they will notice planted in various parks.
- The written quarterly report prepared by Debbie Pollart, Public Works Director was distributed for review.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

MSC (Wagner/Fox) to approve the consent items as submitted. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent)

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Secretary Donnelly distributed certificates from the AB 1234 Ethics Training to Commissioners who attended.

### **REPORT OF SECRETARY**

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

- Secretary Donnelly reported that summer programs have begun, including Summer Adventures and many specialty camps. Summer movie nights will begin on July 8<sup>th</sup> and the first Teen Takeover was held June 24. There were about 50 teenagers in attendance at the first event and the response was positive.
- Secretary Donnelly provided a final Cherry Festival recap. The event attendance was over 25,000 people. Commissioners then discussed their thoughts about the event. An expanded Kid Zone and more entertainment for children were recommended.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **A. Cherry Festival Parade**

Evelyn Gonzalez provided a recap on the Cherry Festival Parade and thanked Commissioners for their assistance. There were 53 entries. Commissioners discussed what went well and what areas need improvement for the 2016 parade.

#### **B. Community Gardens**

Commissioner Shapiro shared he had mentioned community gardens to the school district. The superintendent has experience and there might be existing sites that can be used, but there are restrictions.

MSC (Udemezue/Fox) to form a subcommittee to work on community gardens. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent) Committee will be made up of Commissioners Azevedo, Fox and Shapiro.

#### **C. Siempre Verde Park Master Plan Project**

Secretary Donnelly reported the Siempre Verde Park Master Plan Project was at the 100% design stage and a community meeting would be held on July 9 to share the final design and construction plan. Information regarding the meeting was mailed to residents and posted to NextDoor.

#### **D. San Leandro Bike Party**

The San Leandro Bike Party will be held on September 13, 2015. Commissioners discussed some general ideas.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. MSC (Wagner/Borton) to align with City Council meeting schedule and a regular RAPC meeting will not be held in August (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent)

**REPORT OF CHAIR**

Chair Hutchison shared he was invited to sit on the interview panel for the Recreation and Human Services Director position.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Udemezue recommended discussing how to better market the parks to young families at a future meeting. Commissioner Shapiro shared that July was Parks and Recreation Month. Commissioner Borton expressed disappointment regarding the news of the proposed fences around school sites. Commissioner Wagner requested copies of the updated Board and Commission Directory.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MSC (Wagner/Fox) to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent)

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmine Donnelly, Secretary