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**MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
May 25, 2010
City Hall
250 Hamilton Ave**

Commissioners Present: Deidre Crommie, Sunny Dykwel, Jennifer Hetterly, Ed Lauing, Pat Markevitch, Daria Walsh

Commissioners Absent: Paul Losch

Others Present: Council Liaison Holman

Staff Present: Catherine Bourquin, Shia Geminder

I. ROLL CALL CONDUCTED BY: Catherine Bourquin

II. AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, and DELETIONS: None

II. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

IV. BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the April 27, 2010 Regular Meeting** – The Draft Minutes of the April 27, 2010 regular meeting were approved as amended. **Approved 6:0**
2. **Selection of a Commissioner to be the Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison for the Palo Alto Youth Council** – Chair Walsh asked the Commissioners if anyone was interested in the position. Commissioner Markevitch expressed interest if no one else would like to. It was agreed since Commissioner Losch had a previous interest, that the item would be tabled until he could be present to vote on it.
3. **Preparation for the Joint Council Meeting and check in on the Commissioners 2010 priorities** – The Commissioners reviewed their existing priorities with their Agenda planning worksheet and discussed if the items listed were accurate and up to date. Council Liaison Holman suggested that when reviewing these tonight, they put them in ranking order of importance this would be helpful when meeting with City Council. Items were

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removed that were already completed and responsibility and timelines were updated for existing agenda items. The following items were discussed:

- The composting item was discussed and Council Liaison Holman suggested that the Commissioners review the feasibility study which is available online. Update recommended for June
- The Field Use Policy was added – October
- El Camino Park – Well Project an update again in July
- Review Gym Use Policy – multi purpose space was added to the description – The newly renovated Ventura Activity Center Multi-purpose room was brought up by Commissioner Dykwel. It was agreed to review in September
- Informational Presentations – Areas of interest: Free Ranger discussions (Open Space Rangers), Friends of Palo Alto Parks, Sports groups, Park Policies
- Add under Creeks and urban trails – Access Baylands Gayle Liken was supposed to send report on magical bridge. Provide Commissioners with Maps. Add Commissioner Hetterly
- Add “Bicycle Master Plan” as a separate Agenda item
- Community Gardens – review existing policy – Catherine will update – November
- Open Space Vision Statement will be reviewed in December
- Public Art in Parks – put under Information Presentation set for Jan 2011
- Water Way’s opportunities – presentation
- Teens/Youth (Dykwel interest)
- Mitchell Park renovation what will happen with the activities that were held there. (Hetterly) Possible informational presentation in June/July
- Byxbee Park – what is happening with the closure of the landfill.
- Tours for Commissioner at the Baylands (Daren)

The Commissioners made the necessary changes they discussed and the staff will update and provide a new copy at next meeting. The Joint Council meeting is scheduled for September, the Commission will discuss again at a future regular meeting before that meeting. **ATTACHMENT**

Item 2 was discussed again. It was motioned by Commissioner Markevitch to delay the action until next month’s regular scheduled meeting. **Approved 6:0**

V. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Staff Geminder reported briefly on the El Camino Emergency Well project. The project has been delayed it is in the preliminary design stage at this time. Report will be available. The dog opportunities will be considered as part of this as well as artificial turf. Completion is slated for Spring of 2012.

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2. Commissioner Walsh spoke about the Budget meeting and noted that the proposed entrance fees for Baylands and Foothill were unchanged. The funding for the concert series was returned to the budget. The funding for the Art Center support staff was restored. The funding for HSRAP reduction restored. The Commissioners felt that if they felt strongly about the items related to budget cuts that they go forward to the Council meeting and speak as a resident.
3. Upcoming meetings scheduled, June 21st Public Hearing, June 28th the budget will be adopted. June 14th the Municipal Fee schedule will be reviewed by City Council.
4. June 12th ground breaking ceremony for the Mitchell Park Library/Community Center Project.
5. There was some discussion on changing the next meeting date ahead to discuss the budget cuts before Council's meeting on June 21st. It was agreed to keep the regular meeting date.

VI. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 22, 2010

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:55 pm