APPROVED

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2010
City Hall
250 Hamilton Ave

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

Commissioners Absent:

Others Present: Council Liaison Holman

Staff Present: Daren Anderson, Catherine Bourquin, Rob de Geus

I. ROLL CALL CONDUCTED BY: Catherine Bourquin

II. AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, and DELETIONS:

II. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

IV. BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the July 27, 2010 Regular Meeting –** The Draft Minutes of the July 27, 2010 regular meeting were approved as amended. **Approved 5:2(Commissioner Dykwel arrived late), abstention (Walsh)**

2. **Presentation on 2010 Summer Camps and Aquatics** – Staff de Geus introduced Khash Alaee, Supervisor Recreation Programs who gave a presentation on the 2010 Summer Camps and Aquatics. The Public and the Commission were informed that the PowerPoint presentation was available for download on the City's website at http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=24918. The presentation was followed by questions from the Commission.

3. **Update on the Request for Proposals to contract out Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course Maintenance –** Staff de Geus introduced Daren Anderson the new Open Space, Parks and Golf Division Manager**.** Staff de Geus informed the Commission on the status of contracting out the Golf Course and the next steps involved in the process. The bids were due on August 13 and four bids were received. Out of the four bids two were chosen and were

interviewed, Brad Lozares and Valley Crest. They were asked to give their best and final offer and Valley Crest was chosen as the best company to maintain the Golf Course. The contract will go to Council for approval on October 18, 2010. It was mentioned that the golf community will be very interested in how this will work out, as well as the Golf Advisory Committee. Commissioner Walsh suggested that the Commissioners try to attend one of the Golf Advisory meetings. Council member Holman also reiterated that it would be very beneficial to attend their meetings.

4. **Recommendation to City Council to consider El Camino Park design improvements related to the El Camino Park Reservoir Project –** Commissioner Walsh went over the purpose for the draft memo that was included in the Commissioners' packets on the El Camino Park design improvements. She advised the Commission that if they wanted to move forward on the suggestions that were discussed at the special PARC tour meetings, then some action would need to take place this evening. Staff de Geus gave a brief explanation of how Proposition 218 played a part in the design improvements for El Camino Park. He informed the Commission that some of the improvements suggested by the Commission have been included in the current park design. He told the Commission that the design consultant will be coming to the PARC next month and the Architectural Board will be meeting on October 7th at 8:30am in the Council Chambers to hear the suggested design for the El Camino Park Reservoir. It was asked of the Commission how they wanted to proceed. Oral Communications were taken before continuing with the discussion.

Oral Communications

Herb Borock spoke on this item and expressed his opinion on the draft memo that the Commission was taken action on tonight. His main concern was the area adjacent to the park where the red cross building and McArthur park restaurant connected which is not mentioned in the memo.

Commissioner Walsh led the discussion on what the Commission wanted to do with this project. After much discussion and input from Council member Holman, the Commission decided to prioritize the list included in the memo. The Commission voted and agreed to have Chair Walsh attend the ARB meeting on October 7th to present the concerns discussed tonight. Commissioner Lauing moved and seconded by Commissioner Losch the motion.

Motion: The Parks and Recreation Commission made the motion to approve the memo to Council with the suggested modifications and to send Commissioner Walsh to the ARB meeting on October 7, 2010 to represent the Commission's concerns. Approved 6:0 (Commissioner Dykwel left early and did not vote)

5. **Subcommittee and Liaison Reports** – Commissioner Walsh requested updates from the Commissioners subcommittees. Commissioner Losch the Youth Council Liaison representative met with Adam Howard, Supervisor of Recreation Youth and Teen Programs.

The first meeting with the Youth Council is scheduled for October. Commissioner Hetterly updated the Commission on a public meeting she attended on the Palo Alto Bicycle/Pedestrian over crossing. The feasibility study identified five potential locations; two at the Matadero Creek, one at Colorado Avenue, one at the Loma Verde overpass, and one at Adobe Creek. The Adobe Creek location was the most popular choice.

V. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. MSA program registration started on August 30th. It was a first come process, online was in high demand and was hard to connect to which was frustrating for those trying to register.
2. Staff de Geus informed the Commission of an event that Commissioner Dykwel put together on September 22 for the PTA Council about the 41 Developmental Assets.
3. The Black and White Ball is on October 2nd put on by the Recreation Foundation.
4. The Moonlight Run was a success with 3,000 participates. Spot pizza supplied all the pizza.
5. The Bay trail just opened on September 20th.
6. Bicycle event
7. Sierra club is putting on a CEQA training on October 16th.
8. Meeting on the eucalyptus trees at Eleanor Park was attended by Commissioner Walsh, some of them have been removed and a local arborist Tory Young completed a study determining that the trees are not safe and they all should be removed. Staff will be working with Friends of the Park and Canopy to determine the acceptable type of trees to replace these trees with.

VI. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 26, 2010

1. Update on the bike/pedestrian overpass
2. Joint Council preparation for November 1st, 6pm
3. Subcommittee discussion
4. Discussion on CIP list for parks and the use of impact fees.
5. El Camino Park Reservoir project update

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at approximately 9:40pm