



City of Arts & Innovation

**MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Monday, March 19, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
Art Pick Council Chambers – City Hall
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522

Commissioners Present: Rounds, Cardullo, Feola, Johnson, Negron, Elliot, Whatley and Humphreys

Staff Present: Adolfo Cruz, Director
Mario Lara, Deputy Director
Andy Emery, Park Superintendent
Randy McDaniel, Principal Park Planner/Project Manager
Ron Profeta, Special Transportation Manager
Mayra Ocampo, Administrative Analyst

Economic Development Department: Joyce Jong, Coordinator; Agriculture & Grow Riverside Lead

Guest Speaker: Dr. Georgios Vidalakis, University of California Riverside

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rounds called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments during the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission approved the minutes for the January 29, 2018, meeting as presented.

Motion: Johnson
Second: Elliot
Ayes: All except Rounds
Abstain: Rounds

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT – OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2017

The Commission received and approved the consent calendar item.

Motion: Cardullo
Second: Johnson
Ayes: All

PRESENTATION

4. UPDATE ON PROTECTION OF THE PARENT NAVEL ORANGE TREE FROM THE ASIAN CITRUS PSYLLID AND HUANGLONGBING CITRUS GREENING DISEASE

Director Cruz invited Park Superintendent Emery to present.

Park Superintendent Emery presented the report and explained the importance and significance of the Parent Navel Tree to the City, State and Nationally.

Commissioner Whatley entered the meeting at this time (6:37 p.m.).

Commissioner Negron entered the meeting at this time (6:38 p.m.).

Commissioner Elliot asked who maintains the tree and Commissioner Humphreys asked when the last inspection took place.

Park Superintendent Emery confirmed that a contractor performs the pesticides and University of California Riverside Team does the trimming and inspection of diseases. The last inspection took place about three months ago.

Chair Rounds inquired about community outreach in regards to the disease at residential trees.

Economic Development Department representative, Joyce Jong, informed the Commission about the continuous community outreach her teams has completed.

Chair Rounds asked if there's a kit for residents whose trees have become endangered with the disease.

Dr. Georgios Vidalakis informed the Commission about the "trickiness" in regards to the disease. Technically all citrus trees are at risk in both public and private areas. He confirmed that if a tree is infected, state-law requires the tree be removed. Dr. Georgios Vidalakis spoke about the importance about protecting the Parent Navel Tree with the proposed fabric. He also mentioned that the tree has survived for 140+ years and it can last for another half century if it's protected.

After discussion, a motion was made to accept the report for file.

Motion: Elliot
Second: Feola
Ayes: All

DISCUSSION

5. RECOMMEND NAMING OF BASEBALL FIELD AT ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SPORTS PARK

Director Cruz presented the request from Arlington Little League.

After discussion, a motion was made to accept the naming request.

Motion: Johnson
Second: Feola
Ayes: All

6. CHAIRPERSON M. TODD ROUNDS' ABSENCE FROM THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING ON JANUARY 29, 2018

After discussion, a motion was made to excuse Chair Rounds from the January 29, 2018 meeting.

Motion: Whatley
Second: Johnson
Ayes: All

7. COMMISSIONER REBECCA WHATLEY'S ABSENCE FROM THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING ON JANUARY 29, 2018

After discussion, a motion was made to excuse Commissioner Whatley from the January 29, 2018 meeting.

Motion: Negron
Second: Elliot
Ayes: All

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

A motion was made to appoint Vice Chair Cardullo to Chair from April 2018 - March 2019; and she accepted.

Motion: Whatley
Second: Johnson
Ayes: All

A motion was made to appoint Commissioner Elliot to Vice Chair from April 2018 - March 2019; and he accepted.

Motion: Johnson
Second: Whatley
Ayes: All

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETING DATES, AND COMMISSION REQUESTS

Commissioners Rounds, Elliot, Cardullo and Negrón confirmed they will not be attendance at the April 16, Park and Recreation Commission Meeting.

Principal Park Planner/Project Manager McDaniel distributed the Park Master Plan Community Ward Meetings flyer and encouraged Commissioners to attend.

- Commissioner Negrón suggested youth be invited to the meetings
- Director Cruz confirmed youth have been invited and encouraged to attend

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rounds adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 21, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., at Art Pick Council Chambers, 3900 Main Street; the April 16, 2018, will be cancelled due to lack of quorum.