



City of Arts & Innovation

**MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Monday, December 12, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Dales Senior Center – White Park
3936 Chestnut Street
Riverside, CA 92501
951-826-2000

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

Commissioners Absent: Venegas, Feola

Staff Present: Adolfo Cruz, Director
Mario Lara, Deputy Director
Andrew Emery, Park Superintendent
Patricia Solano, Community Services Superintendent
Robin Metz,
Randy McDaniel, Principal Park Planner

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

One member of the public filled out a speaker card and expressed concern about rotation of staff.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission approved the minutes for the November 7, 2016, meeting.

Motion: Cardullo
Second: Whatley
Ayes: All

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following matters, presented to the Park and Recreation Commission on the consent calendar for consideration was removed from consent without a motion, and taken up for discussion:

3. RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING POSTIN OF AGRICULTURAL LEASE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE UNDERDEVELOPED PARK SITES LOCATED AT 1739 BRADLEY STREET (GOLDEN STAR PARK) AND 10881 VICTORIA AVENUE (VICTORIA CROSS PARK).

DISCUSSION**1. RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGRICULTURAL LEASE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR THE UNDERDEVELOPED PARK SITES LOCATED AT 1739 BRADLEY STREET (GOLDEN STAR PARK) AND 10881 VICTORIA AVENUE (VICTORIA CROSS PARK).**

Director Cruz introduced Principal Park Planner Randy McDaniel who gave a presentation on the positing of an RFP for the undeveloped park sites. The commission also received public comment from members in the audience.

There were approximately 15 residents in the audience, five speaker cards were completed (3 were marked as neutral and 2 were not marked in reference to support or opposition of issue). A discussion ensued during which some residents were opposed to doing anything and others expressed concern about dust, visual, environmental, and traffic impacts. Below is a summary itemization of the concerns/comments that were made by residents:

1. Commercial Use/Nursery - concerned that the Agricultural use would be similar to some of the other Nurseries in the area that have compost piles that smell, attract mosquitos because of standing water in pots, etc. Also, concerned about having on site sales which would cause additional traffic, dust, noise, etc.
2. Dust
3. Access - Golden Star Site has one unpaved road (Summit). A suggestion/preference to limit access from the paved road (Bradley) was made.
4. Traffic – Concerned about the traffic generated by a commercial operation (nursery, fruit stand, or anything in general)
5. Environmental – Chemical spraying, pesticides, etc.
6. Visual – a suggestion to install three rows of citrus to screen any operation was made.
7. Citrus - concern about planting citrus due to plant disease was made.
8. Term of Lease – a suggestion that ten years is a long time to not have a park was made.
9. No leasing of public land. Minimal revenue isn't worth the impact.
10. Hours of Operations

Staff indicated that the selected proposals would be brought before the Commission for the Commission's review and input before moving forward.

After the presentations, a motion was made to receive the report for file.

Motion: Whatley
Second: Elliot
Ayes: All

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETING DATES, AND COMMISSION REQUESTS

1. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2017, at Dales Senior Center – White Park, 3936 Chestnut Street, Riverside, CA 92501.