



City of Arts & Innovation

**MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Monday, December 18, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Art Pick Council Chambers – City Hall
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92522

Commissioners Present: Rounds, Whatley, Feola, Johnson, Negron, Cardullo, Elliott, and Humphries

Staff Present: Adolfo Cruz, Director
Robin Metz, Recreation Superintendent
Randy McDaniel, Principal Park Planner
Angie Lara, Senior Administrative Assistant

Public Works Staff Present: Robert Filiar, Urban Forester Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rounds called the meeting to order at approximately 6:31 p.m.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Resident Mary Humboldt, from the Arlington Heights neighborhood, expressed strong opposition to park development at 1739 Bradley Street.

Resident Michelle Sheehe, from the Greenbelt neighborhood, expressed her objection to any park development at 1739 Bradley Street.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission approved the minutes for the November 21, 2017, meeting as presented.

Motion: Cardullo
Second: Feola
Ayes: All

PRESENTATION

3. RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE EL DORADO PARK MASTER PLAN

Principal Park Planner Randy McDaniel presented a PowerPoint to the Commission on the proposed El Dorado Park Master Plan and invited questions from the Commission. Commission

members raised several relevant question. Mr. McDaniel answered these questions and after discussion, a motion was made to accept the report for file.

Motion: Whatley
Second: Johnson
Ayes: All

DISCUSSION

4. UPDATE REGARDING AGRICULTURAL LEASE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE UNDEVELOPED PARK PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1739 BRADLEY STREET – GOLDEN STAR PARK

Principal Park Planner Randy McDaniel presented the Commission with an oral update regarding the Request for Agricultural Lease Proposals for Golden Star Park. He then introduced The Toro Company's Product Evaluation Manager Ronald Eichten who invited questions from the public and Commission.

The Commission received public comment from members in the audience. There were approximately 12 residents in the audience and seven speaker cards were completed (1 was marked in opposition of the issue, 1 was marked in support of the issue, and 1 was marked as neutral).

At approximately 6:47 p.m. Commissioner Humphries entered.

Commission members asked several relevant questions all of which Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Eichten answered.

Staff indicated that they will meet with the neighbors, listen to their concerns, and work to find solutions.

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

Motion: Whatley
Second: Elliott
Ayes: All

5. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARMENT OF URBAN FORESTRY/LANDSCAPE DIVISION REQUEST FROM CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY TO REMOVE SIXTY-EIGHT CITY STREET TREES ALONG DIANA AVENUE BETWEEN ADAMS STREET AND MONROE STREET

Director Cruz invited Public Works Urban Forester Manager Robert Filiar to present.

Mr. Filiar informed the Commission that the Public Works Department received a request from California Baptist University (CBU) to remove sixty-eight street trees along Diana Avenue between Adams Street and Monroe Street. CBU will remove the trees at no cost to the City. He presented CBU Director of Facilities and Planning Services Steve Smith who invited questions from the Commission.

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

Motion: Cardullo
Second: Johnson
Ayes: All except Negrón and Humphries
Abstain: Negrón and Humphries

6. PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2018

Director Cruz informed the Commission that the regularly scheduled Park and Recreation Commission meeting dates in January 2018 and February 2018 fall on City observed holidays.

After discussion, a motion was made to accept that the next Park and Recreation Commission meeting be held on Monday, January 29, 2018.

Motion: Feola
Second: Johnson
Ayes: All

7. DETERMINE WHETHER COMMISSIONER M. TODD ROUNDS ABSENCE FROM THE REGULAR PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING ON NOVEMBER 20, 2017, SHOULD BE RECORDED AS AN EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED ABSENCE

After discussion, a motion was made to excuse Chair Rounds.

Motion: Johnson
Second: Humphries
Ayes: All

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETING DATES, AND COMMISSION REQUESTS

Commissioner Whatley asked that the Commission be informed on developments related Item 4.

Director Cruz informed the Commission about the Park, Recreation, and Community Services 2018 calendar fundraiser.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rounds adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 29, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., at Art Pick Council Chambers, 3900 Main Street.