



City of Arts & Innovation

**MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Monday, March 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Dales Senior Center – White Park
3936 Chestnut Street
Riverside, CA 92501
951-826-2000

Commissioners Present: Johnson, Rounds, Whatley, Cardullo, Feola, Elliot, Venegas and Negrón

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Johnson read the eComment from Daphne Fairbairn regarding adding a dog park area to Andulka Park.

Resident Theresa Newham, from the Grand neighborhoods, spoke about the March 5, 2017, newspaper article regarding Hole Lake and expressed her opposition to develop a park and/or lake in the Rutland Park area.

Resident Marilyn Whitney, from Ward 7, provided the Commission with history regarding Camp Anza, now known as De Anza Park; she expressed her vigorous opposition to develop anything on that land.

Commissioner Negrón walked in during this item at approximately 6:40 p.m.

2. PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCES

The Commission received and read the email from participant Ann Dale regarding employee Jake Rosenberger and the aquatics program.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission approved the minutes for the February 13, 2017 meeting.

Motion: Cardullo
Second: Feola
Ayes: All

PRESENTATION

4. UPDATE ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PARK MASTER PLAN AND THE DEPARTMENT'S VISION FOR 2030

Director Cruz invited Principal Park Planner McDaniel to present the PowerPoint.

Principal Park Planner McDaniel presented the PowerPoint, informed the Commission that community input will be requested. Principal Park Planner McDaniel also informed the Commission that the Community Development Department is undergoing the City Wide General Master Plan so the timing is perfect for the Department's update.

Director Cruz emphasized on the importance of community input because this will be the time to improve the City's Park system.

Commissioner Cardullo asked how many consultants applied for the job.

Principal Park Planner McDaniel confirmed five companies applied, three were interviewed, and one company had the majority vote from the panel. An agreement still has to be made and accepted before their name can be released.

Commissioner Negron asked that all presentations and flyers/brochures/invites be both in English and Spanish; and asked that Commissioners be invited to all meetings.

Director Cruz informed the Commission that consultant is aware of request to have interactive community meetings and to include as much Spanish language as possible.

Commissioner Whatley requested monthly updates at Commission meetings.

Commissioner Elliot asked if the maintenance refurbishment list will go hand-in-hand with the master plan.

Director Cruz mentioned that consultant will help prioritize the list.

Resident Giorgio Cerboni, from Ward 4, requested more soccer fields be added to the City.

Resident Marilyn Whitney, from Ward 7, insisted that all stakeholders be listened to and not just those who make decisions for the City. She focused on keeping families and animals safe.

Resident Theresa Newham, from the Grand neighborhoods, focused on the residents near Ag Park who need to be heard during the master plan update.

Resident Michele Sheehe, from the Greenbelt neighborhoods, expressed her opposition regarding

the recommended Golden Star Park site.

Resident Vikki Roberts, Ward 2 resident, shared her opinion about having a senior center in the Eastside of Riverside.

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

Motion: Elliot
Second: Cardullo
Ayes: All

DISCUSSION

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

Chair Johnson informed the Commission that officers are typically chosen by seniority, individuals may decline, and appointments will be made if the selected Commissioner desires to accept the position.

After discussion, a motion was made appoint Commissioner Rounds as Chair from March 2017 – February 2018, and he accepted.

Motion: Whatley
Second: Cardullo
Ayes: All

After discussion, a motion was made appoint Commissioner Cardullo as Vice Chair from March 2017 – February 2018, and she accepted.

Motion: Whatley
Second: Rounds
Ayes: All

6. DETERMINE WHETHER COMMISSIONER JOHN VENEGAS' ABSENCE FROM THE REGULAR PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING ON FEBRUARY 13, 2017, SHOULD BE RECORDED AS AN EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED ABSENCE

Commissioner Venegas stated he had last minute school commitments and couldn't notify the Chair that he wouldn't be in attendance.

After discussion, a motion was made to excuse Commissioner Venegas.

Motion: Cardullo
Second: Whatley
Ayes: All

7. BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION REQUEST

Chair Johnson read the recommendation and asked for volunteers as well as volunteering himself.

After discussion, a motion was made designate Commissioner Johnson as the Commission representative at the Budget Engagement Commission meetings.

Motion: Rounds
Second: Negron
Ayes: All

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETING DATES, AND COMMISSION REQUESTS

Commissioner Negron encouraged everyone to visit Riverside Community College's Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties center.

Commissioner Cardullo attended the ceremony for Riverside Arts Academy and Collette Lee recognition on Tuesday, March 7, and mentioned it was a great event.

Chair Johnson informed the Commission he received a letter from the City Clerk's Office inviting him to speak at the April 25, 2017, Council meeting regarding Park and Recreation Commission activities; he asked for Commissioners' input.

Director Cruz thanked Chair Johnson for his one year dedication as Chair to the Commission.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 10, 2017, at Dales Senior Center – White Park, 3936 Chestnut Street, Riverside, CA 92501.