City of Arts & Innovation

MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Monday, June 17, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Art Pick Council Chambers – City Hall
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522

Commissioners Present: Cardullo, Fairfax, Feola, Whatley, and Humphreys

Commissioner Absent: Johnson and Rounds

Staff Present: Adolfo Cruz, Director
Mario Lara, Deputy Director
Robin Metz, Deputy Director
Randy McDaniel, Principal Project Manager
Jordan Maus, Project Manager
Gabriella Garcia, Senior Management Analyst
Fabiola Contreras, Senior Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Humphreys called meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Robert Mease, expressed his concerns with Proposition 68 conceptual plan for Low Park. He commented on historic trees being removed and affecting the history of the park.

Noell Avila Garcia, Community Outreach Specialist for the Eastside HEAL Zone, expressed support and gratitude with the Proposition 68 reimagining of Patterson Park.

Lisa C. Diggs, HEAL Zone volunteer, expressed gratitude with the opportunity of the Proposition 68 grant.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After discussion, the Commission approved the minutes for the May 20, 2019, meeting.

Motion: Whatley
Second: Feola
Ayes: All

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following matters, presented to the Park and Recreation Commission on the consent calendar for consideration, were approved by a motion affirming the action appropriate to the items:

3. **CALENDAR OF SUMMER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT**

4. **UPDATE ON THE PARKS MASTER PLAN PROJECT**

5. **UPDATES ON THE YOUTH INNOVATION CENTER AT ARLINGTON PARK**

6. **PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT, FISCAL YEAR 2018/19 JANUARY – MARCH 2019**

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

Motion: Whatley
Second: Feola
Ayes: All

PRESENTATIONS

7. **UPDATE ON THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 68 FUNDS**

Director Cruz introduced Gabriella Garcia, Senior Management Analyst, and Jordan Maus, Project Manager; they have been leading the Department on grants available through Proposition 68. They will be providing an update on the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program.

Senior Management Analyst Garcia presented on the application process and partnerships developed.

Project Manager Maus presented on the community input process and the conceptual designs created for Low, Myra Linn, and Patterson Parks.

Commissioner Whatley inquired on acres for each park, asked if the grant will cover the cost of all the improvements, and when will the report be taken to City Council.

Project Manager Maus confirmed the grant will cover all costs for the improvements and report will be taken to City Council July 2, 2019. Application will be submitted by August 5 for each park.

Commissioner Cardullo inquired when the City will hear on status of the application process.

Senior Management Analyst Garcia mentioned Department will hear back by late winter 2019

on park selection.

Commissioner Cardullo inquired if there are other alternatives is grants are not provided.

Senior Management Analyst Garcia mentioned there will be alternate grants that will be released in the future where we will have the opportunity to apply for.

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

Motion: Cardullo
Second: Whatley
Ayes: All

8. RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY FOR THE RIVER-SIDE GATEWAY PROJECT SUITE, INCLUDING PARKLAND ACQUISITION, PLANNING, CONCEPTUAL DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE FOR MULTIPLE PARK PROJECTS ALONG THE SANTA ANA RIVER

Principal Project Manager McDaniel presented an update regarding the filing of a grant application from the California State Coastal Conservancy for the River-Side Gateway Project, including parkland acquisition, planning, conceptual design and environmental compliance.

Chair Humphreys inquired if the private property owners are in agreement with the project.

Principal Project Manager McDaniel mentioned that we has a letter of support from each of the owners.

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

Motion: Cardullo
Second: Whatley
Ayes: All

DISCUSSION

9. CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT ANNUAL REVIEW

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

Motion: Feola
Second: Fairfax
Ayes: All

10. DETERMINE WHETHER COMMISSIONER WALTER ELLIOT'S ABSENCE FROM THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING ON MAY 20, 2019, SHOULD BE RECORDED AS AN EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED ABSENCE

After discussion, a motion was made to excuse Commissioner Elliot's absence.

Motion: Whatley
Second: Fairfax
Ayes: All

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETING DATES, AND COMMISSION REQUESTS

Director Cruz reminded all Commissioners of Deputy Director Robin Metz' retirement event on Thursday, June 20 at 4 p.m. at Dales Senior Center.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Humphreys adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:33 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 15, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., at Art Pick Council Chambers, 3900 Main Street.