



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SYNOPSIS

GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday, February 4, 2009
5:00 P.M.**

**City Hall
Room W-120
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113**

MELANIE RICHARDSON, CHAIR

WINSTON CHEW

JAMES KIM

LESLEE HAMILTON

PAUL KRAMER

MIKE FLAUGHER, VICE CHAIR

ERIK KARSTAN SMITH

JULIE MATSUSHIMA

(a) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Vice-Chair Flaughner, Commissioners Smith,
Kim, Matsushima, Kramer, Chew and Hamilton

Excused Absence: Chair Richardson

Absent: Commissioner Kramer

(1) Attendance Report

(b) ORDERS OF THE DAY

None

(c) CEREMONIAL ITEMS

None

(d) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

(e) CONSENT CALENDAR

- (1) Approval of January 21, 2009 Synopsis
- (2) Review of Planning Applications
- (3) Set a Public Hearing for Naming of the Park at 1501 Almaden Road to March 4, 2009
- (4) Set a Public Hearing for Naming of the Plaza in Evergreen Park, located at the corner of San Felipe and Yerba Buena Road to March 4, 2009

It was moved by Commissioner Matsushima, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton, and voted unanimously that the Consent Calendar Items be Approved.

(f) COUNCIL AND COMMISSION REPORTS

- (1) Council Liaison
Stephanie Holm introduced herself as the new representative from Councilmember Pyle's Office.
- (2) Senior Citizens Commission
None
- (3) Youth Commission
None

(g) PUBLIC HEARING

None

(h) ACTION ITEMS

- (1) Discuss and authorize Chair to write a letter to City Council on the County Fairground Master Plan process

Mark Marney, Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services provided background information.

The Commissioners discussed their support of using the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds site as a potential sports field but acknowledged that this was County, not City property.

Laurie Alaimo, Public, spoke on behalf of Friends of the Fairgrounds and urged Commissioners to support their efforts at public outreach.

Kathryn Mathewson, Public, also spoke on behalf of Friends of the Fairgrounds

It was moved by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Chew, and voted unanimously to direct staff to draft a letter and authorize the Chair to sign.

(i) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deputy Director Marney spoke on the Pricing and Revenue Plan stakeholder meeting schedule and encouraged Commissioners to participate.

Deputy Director Marney noted that the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on March 4, 2009 could be held at the newly opened Mayfair Community Center.

(j) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

(1) Citywide Trails Update

Yves Zsutty, Trails Program Manager, provided background information and an update on the trails program.

(2) Presentation on Therapeutic Programs & Capital Design Accessibility

Laurie Yarwaski, Therapeutic Supervisor, provided background information and an overview of the therapeutic programs.

Gary Okazaki, Superintendent, PRNS, gave a presentation on the City's Barrier Free Capital Projects.

Kathryn Mathewson, Public, spoke on the benefits of Horticulture Therapy programs.

(3) Commissioner News Items

Vice-Chair Flaughter noted that Chair Richardson was interviewed on the television Program California Gold.

(4) Future Agenda Items

None

(5) Review of Draft Agenda for Joint Planning/PRC Meeting on February 25

Matt Cano, Division Manager, PRNS, briefly reviewed the agenda.

(6) Review Draft Agenda for March

The Commission reviewed the agenda and discussed their preference of meeting at Mayfair Community Center in April rather than March.

(k) LIAISON REPORTS

(1) General Plan Task Force Report

Commissioner Hamilton stated the next Task Force meeting will be on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at the Mexican Heritage Plaza. She noted that more information could be found on the City of San Jose Planning Department website.

(2) Greenprint Ad-hoc Subcommittee

None

(4) Martial-Cottle Project Ad-hoc Committee

Commissioner Smith stated the last Task Force meeting will be on February 23, 2009. He added that he will share the final design with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

(l) CORRESPONDENCE

None

(m) ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m. The next general Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2009.