



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SYNOPSIS

GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday, March 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: Chair Richardson, Vice-Chair Flaughner, Commissioners Smith,
Kim, Matsushima, and Chew

Excused Absence: None

Absent: Commissioners Kramer and Hamilton

(1) Attendance Report

(b) ORDERS OF THE DAY

None

(c) CEREMONIAL ITEMS

None

(d) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

(e) CONSENT CALENDAR

(1) Approval of February 4, 2009 Synopsis

(2) Review of Planning Applications

It was moved by Vice-Chair Flaughter, seconded by Commissioner Matsushima, and voted unanimously that the Consent Calendar Items be Approved.

(f) COUNCIL AND COMMISSION REPORTS

(1) Council Liaison
None

(2) Senior Citizens Commission
None

(3) Youth Commission
None

(g) PUBLIC HEARING

(1) Naming of the Plaza in Evergreen Park located at the corner of San Felipe and Yerba Buena Road

Simeon Mercado, Parks Manager for the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department, presented background information on the monument located in Evergreen Park.

Steven Blomquist from County Supervisor Dave Cortese's office spoke in support of naming the plaza John J. Montgomery Plaza.

Gordon Lund, Public, also spoke in support of naming the plaza John J. Montgomery Plaza.

It was moved by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Matsushima, and voted unanimously to recommend to City Council that the plaza located in Evergreen Park be named John J. Montgomery Plaza.

(2) Naming of the Park at 1501 Almaden Road

Matt Cano, Division Manager for the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department presented background information on public outreach efforts and suggestions for park names.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Flaughter, seconded by Commissioner Kim, and voted unanimously to recommend to City Council that the park located at 1501 Almaden Road be named Ohlone Park and that staff should check on any possible sensitivity issues with regards to this name.

(h) ACTION ITEMS

None

(i) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mark Marney, Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department, stated the last of 11 discussions were held on the Pricing and Revenue project on Thursday, February 26. Staff will be presenting this at next month's Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Deputy Director Marney noted that San Jose Family Camp held their registration last weekend and the turnout was good. The new online registration system was utilized and will also be used at the major community centers this coming weekend for fee class registration. It will be used for aquatics and summer camp registration the following weekend.

Deputy Director Marney also noted the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) is holding their conference in San Jose now.

(j) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

(1) Greenprint Update

Rafael Gomez, Program Manager, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, gave a presentation. He noted that final comments from staff as well as the public are being incorporated into the document now. The target date for presenting the draft Greenprint to the Parks and Recreation Commission is June.

(2) Guadalupe River Park Update

Deputy Director Marney and Emily Wilcox, Redevelopment Agency, provided the update.

(3) Commissioner News Items

None

(4) Future Agenda Items

The Commission added an update on Happy Hollow Park and Zoo to the Workplan for May 2009.

(5) Review Draft Agenda for April

The Commission assigned a 6:30 time-certain start for the Citizen's Oversight Committee at next month's meeting. They also noted that the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting would start at 5:30 and the meeting would be held at Mayfair Community Center.

(k) LIAISON REPORTS

(1) General Plan Task Force Report

None

(2) Greenprint Ad-hoc Subcommittee

None

(4) Martial-Cottle Project Ad-hoc Committee

Commissioner Smith distributed copies of the preliminary draft of the preferred alternative for the Martial Cottle Park Master Plan as approved by the Ad-hoc Committee.

(l) CORRESPONDENCE

None

(m) ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The next general Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2009.