



## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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# SYNOPSIS

### GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday, March 5, 2008  
5:00 P.M.**

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

MELANIE RICHARDSON, CHAIR

MARY ANN RUIZ, VICE CHAIR

MIKE FLAUGHER

LESLEE HAMILTON

G.M. HARDING

JAMES KIM

JULIE MATSUSHIMA

ERIK KARSTAN SMITH

### **1 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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Without a Quorum, the meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Present: Vice-Chair Ruiz, Commissioners Harding, Flaughner and Hamilton

Late: None

Excused Absence: Chair Richardson

Absent: Commissioners Kim, Matsushima and Smith

### **2 ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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Items were taken out of order. Information Items were heard first followed by the Council Liason Reports and the Director's Report. Due to a lack of a quorum, no actions were taken on Consent Items or Action Items.

### **3 CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

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### **4 ORAL COMMUNICATION**

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## **5 CONSENT CALENDAR**

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- 5.1 Approval of February 13, 2008 Synopsis
- 5.2 Approval of March 19, 2008 Synopsis
- 5.3 Update on Greenprint Status
- 5.4 Review of Planning Applications

**Due to a lack of a Quorum, no action was taken on Consent Items. Consent Items will be deferred to the Parks and Recreation Commission's Development and Study Session meeting on March 19, 2008**

## **6 ACTION ITEMS**

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- 6.1 Willow Glen Spur (Three Rivers) Trail:
  - a. Opportunities and Constraints
  - b. Approval to Draft a Letter to Council in Support of Three Creek Trail and Direct Chair to Sign on Behalf of Commission

Yves Zsutty, Trail Network Program Manager, presented on 6.1a of this item. 6.1b was deferred to a future Commission meeting.

Helen Chapman, CALSJ spoke in support of this item.

- 6.2 Review of Liaison Report List
- 6.3 Discussion of Replacement for Commissioner Swineford
- 6.4 Approval of Secondary Unit Parkland In-Lieu Fee Recommendation
- 6.5 Future Meeting Dates:

- Planning Commission meeting on 3/12/08  
Topic: North San Jose
- Planning Commission meeting on 4/9/08  
Topic: Riparian Corridor

Direct Staff to Coordinate with the Planning Department

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## **7 PUBLIC HEARING**

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## **8 DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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Julie Edmonds-Mares, Assistant Director noted that current Parks and Recreation Commission vacancies are being recruited by the City Clerks office. Please send any recommendations to Nora Pimentel.

Matt Cano, Division Manager reported that Management Partners produced a report which is on the City Manager's website. The recommendation in the report is to shift a portion of the Construction & Conveyance (C&C) Tax funding over to the General Fund for the structural budget deficit. One option that was included in the report but not recommended by Management Partners is similar to the Parks and Planning sub-committee recommendation to not only shift money to the general fund, but to also increase the C&C tax. This would result in an increase capital and maintenance funds. Since this option was not recommended, staff is working with the City Manager's Office to determine the pros and cons, as well as the impacts, of each scenario and will report back to the Parks and Recreation Commission and to City Council.

Assistant Director Edmonds-Mares reported the proposed Railroad Museum issue went to the Rules Committee meeting that afternoon (3/5/08) and that Director Balagso attended. The Economic Development Director spoke on potential uses for the land, which is currently zoned as industrial. Director Balagso was asked about agendizing procedures for this item and he explained that Brown Act requirements were followed and proper noticing was done. The Rules Committee agreed to Note & File the Parks and Recreation Commissions letter with no further direction. Assistant Director Edmonds-Mares noted the meeting could be viewed on the City's website.

## **9 LIAISON REPORTS**

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### 9.1 Council Liaison

No report.

### 9.2 Coyote Valley Task Force

Helen Chapman, Coyote Valley Task Force member noted that this months meeting has been cancelled. There are two main areas of concern: the first is the environmental aspect (specifically, the wildlife corridor) and how it will be addressed in the plan. Currently it is not addressed at all. The other major concern is the recirculation of the EIR. She also noted some that some entitlements were brought before the Task Force which is changing the configuration of the plan slightly. Five new proposals were brought before the Task Force for a vote and proposal 1C was approved. This decreases the size of the lake but allows for the entitlement to move forward. Ms. Chapman stated that the Gavilan College EIR is now in circulation. The impacts are similar to the Coyote Valley EIR and she encouraged the Commissioners to review it.

### 9.3 Senior Citizens Commission

No report.

### 9.4 Parks Maintenance Sub-Committee Report

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- 9.5 Land Use Policy Sub-Committee Report  
Commissioner Harding stated that a final draft will be presented at the next meeting.
- 9.6 Youth Commission  
No report.
- 9.7 Community Sports Fields Study Committee  
Matt Cano, Division Manager stated that the last community meeting was held on Monday, March 3, 2008 and was well attended. The Committee is incorporating community input into a report and will present it to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- 9.8 General Plan Task Force Report  
Commissioner Hamilton stated the last meeting was dedicated to Housing issues.
- 9.9 Sunshine Reform Task Force  
Vice-Chair Ruiz reported the Task Force is nearing the end of Phase II. A final report is being prepared. The focus has been on technology and user accessibility issues as well as length of time that information should be retained.
- 9.10 Greenprint Subcommittee  
Commissioner Hamilton noted that the next Parks and Recreation Commission Development and Study Session meeting on March 19, 2008 will be devoted to the Greenprint.
- 9.11 North San Jose Task Force  
Commissioner Flaughner stated that the meeting held last week was over 6 hours long and all recommendations made at the meeting are currently being compiled. The Task Force will take a final vote on the recommendations on March 6, 2008. The three areas of focus are schools, parks and retail areas.
- 9.12 Martial-Cottle Project  
No report.

## **10 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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### 10.1 Presentation on Vista Montana Park Sites Conceptual Plans

Matt Cano, Division Manager, stated the North San Jose Task Force has identified one of the two park sites on this project as a soccer facility with a possible dual use as a Cricket Field. Mr. Cano then introduced Eric Schoenauer, the land use consultant representing the Vista Montana townhomes and equity Tasman LLC who gave an overview of the Plan. The developer is providing a 5 acre community park, a 1 acre neighborhood park and contributing an additional \$4.5 million in parkland.

Marie Mai, Callender and Associates, gave a presentation on the conceptual plans. She stated that both parks would be ADA accessible.

Commissioner Flaughter asked if the two soccer fields could be used at the same time.

Mr. Cano replied that it would be a tight fit but could be done.

Commissioner Harding asked what phase the soccer fields would be completed in.

Mr. Cano responded that City staff are still in discussion with the Developer.

The Commission discussed potential alternative lighting designs and other amenities.

Mr. Schoenauer stated that the Developer is contributing an additional \$4.5 million in parkland above their required dedication and noted that any extra design projects would be under the City's funding obligation.

The Commission expressed their satisfaction with the current plan and directed that this return to the Commission for formal approval. Vice-Chair Ruiz also suggested the Commission write a letter acknowledging the Developer, Councilmember Chu and Mayor Reed for their efforts.

#### 10.2 Commissioner News Items

No report

#### 10.3 Future Agenda Items

The Commission added the following Future Agenda Items:

- Further discussion of the Railroad Museum
- Reschedule current action items
- Status of compliance with O&P Funding Requirements (Commissioner Harding requested an informational report from staff)

The following items were mentioned but have been previously scheduled:

- Support of competition cricket/exploration of possible site options (this will be included in the Sportsfield Feasibility report which is on the Parks and Recreation Commission Development/Study Session Agenda for April 16, 2008)
- Failure of Commission to take action on an item and how to prevent this in the future (Attorney Barbara Jordan is scheduled to conduct a review of Brown Act, Conflict of Interest and Parliamentary Procedures at the Parks and Recreation Commission Development/Study Session Agenda for April 16, 2008)

Dave Mitchell, Parks Planning Manager requested the following be added to the Parks and Recreation Commission Executive Committee meeting on March 10, 2008:

- Recommendation to Council and Planning Commission Regarding Spring 2008 General Plan Amendments

## **11 CORRESPONDENCE**

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- 11.1 Follow-Up Letter to Planning Commission Regarding North San Jose Proposed Projects (FYI only)

## **12 ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting was adjourned at 6.30 p.m. The next general Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2008.