



## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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# SYNOPSIS

### GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday, September 3, 2008  
5:00 P.M.**

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

MELANIE RICHARDSON, CHAIR

MIKE FLAUGHER, VICE CHAIR

WINSTON CHEW

LESLEE HAMILTON

G.M HARDING

JAMES KIM

PAUL KRAMER

JULIE MATSUSHIMA

ERIK KARSTAN SMITH

**(a) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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

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

Late: None

Excused Absence: None

Absent: Commissioner Matsushima

**(b) ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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**(c) CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

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**(d) OPEN FORUM**

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Dale Warner, Public spoke on problems with a children's play structure at a park on Messina Drive and Isadora Drive.

Maria Neeleman, Public spoke in support of a new boxing club called Dreamland Boxing, which introduces youth to boxing as a prevention program.

**(e) CONSENT CALENDAR**

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- (1) Approval of August 6, 2008 Synopsis
- (2) Review of Planning Applications
- (3) Approval to set date to hear naming of Irvine Park on River Oaks to October 1, 2008
- (4) Approval to set date to hear naming of Wyse Park along Guadalupe River to October 1, 2008
- (5) Approval to set date to hear naming of Almaden Road Park to October 1, 2008

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

**(f) COUNCIL AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

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- (1) Council Liaison  
None
- (2) Senior Citizens Commission  
Frances Jones stated that the Senior Citizens Commission has a workshop planned and she will have more to report at next month's Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.
- (3) Youth Commission  
None

**(g) PUBLIC HEARING**

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- (1) Naming of Piercy/Tennant Park

**It was moved by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton, and voted unanimously that the park located at the northeasterly corner of Piercy Road and Tennant Avenue be named Piercy Park.**

(2) Naming of King/Dobbin Park

**It was moved by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and voted unanimously that the park located at North King Road and Dobbin Drive be named Newbury Park.**

**(h) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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(1) Irvine Park on River Oaks Conceptual Design

Evelyn Velez-Rosario, Parks Manager, introduced Don Bragg from the Irvine Company and Cindy Gilliland with SWA Architects who gave a presentation on the conceptual plan for the park located at the Irvine Apartments site.

The Commissioners discussed shade issues, oak tree preservation and ADA equipment.

Pat Pizzo, public spoke in support of using drought resistant, native plants in this project.

(2) Wyse Park along Guadalupe River Conceptual Design

Evelyn Velez-Rosario, Parks Manager, introduced Eric Schoenauer, representing the WTI Corporation and Thompson Dorfman. He gave an introduction of the proposed development at the Wyse property/Riverview turnkey park site and noted that this will be a wooded, shady park.

Albert Cruz, Roma Design gave the presentation.

The Commissioners discussed shade issues, storm water management and flood control as well as the connection to the Guadalupe Park River Trail. The Commissioners requested that staff correct the CEQA status portion of the memo which states that this project is exempt.

(3) Almaden Apartments Park Design

Evelyn Velez-Rosario, Parks Manager, gave a presentation of the Almaden Road Park design.

The Commissioners discussed signage and ADA issues. The Commissioners requested that staff correct the storm water portion of the memo which is incorrect.

(4) Commissioner News Items

None

(5) Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Harding requested a staff report on surveillance in parks and suggested the possibility of developing a policy.

Commissioner Kim requested an update on the City's reuse policy.

(i) **ACTION ITEMS**

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(1) Approval of a Letter of Support to City Council Regarding Parkland Dedication and Park Impact Ordinances In-Lieu Fees Adjustments

**It was moved by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and voted unanimously to approve the letter of support and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Commission.**

(2) Acceptance of Progress Report on Sports Field Study

Cynthia Bojorquez, Deputy Director introduced Suzanne Wolf, Superintendent and Rob McDonald, Community Chairperson who gave a presentation on the Sports Field Study. Ms. Bojorquez noted the timeline: This presentation will go to the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee next, and then will be brought back to the Parks and Recreation Commission on October 1 for final approval and recommendation to Council. It is scheduled to go before City Council.

The following members of the community spoke on this item:

Pat Pizzo spoke in support of County/City cooperation to develop a sports complex at the County Fair Grounds property.

Cindy Weintraum spoke in support of improving existing fields as well as developing new fields.

Peter Chen supports development of softball fields.

Richard Wallace expressed his concern over the use of artificial turf and high levels of lead on the City's sports fields.

Ms. Bojorquez noted the concern and stated that staff is following this issue closely.

The Commission congratulated staff on the report and discussed premiere use of fields and peak time rates, the importance of having community needs quantified, outreach and diversity concerns, partnerships, their interest in having an economic analysis (to support a sustainable model), the Disability Advisory Commission, possible participation in the Adopt-a-Park program, lighting restrictions and including Operation and Maintenance in future RFP's.

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

**(j) DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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Albert Balagso, Director reviewed the attendance issue, Bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order. He noted that the City Clerk's Office is revising the City's policy and it will go before the Rules Committee in approximately 2 to 3 weeks. In order to assist the Commissioners with tracking of their own attendance, an attendance matrix will be included in future agenda packets.

The Commission discussed these issues and ways to improve the efficiency of future meetings.

Julie Edmonds-Mares, Assistant Director noted that the California Association of Parks and Recreation Commissioners and Board Members (CAPRCBM) is accepting nominations for awards. If Commissioners are interested in submitting a nomination, the deadline is November 1, 2008.

Ms. Mares then shared the Parks and Recreation Commission Annual Report. This is a summary of all actions taken last year, separated into categories based on the mission of the Commission itself. She noted that the report will be posted on the Department website.

**(k) LIAISON REPORTS**

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(1) General Plan Task Force Report

Commissioner Hamilton reported that she will be attending Michael Brilliot's workshop.

(2) Community Sports Fields Ad-hoc Study Committee

None

(3) Greenprint Ad-hoc Subcommittee

Vice-Chair Flaughter reported that the August meeting was cancelled.

(4) Martial-Cottle Project Ad-hoc Committee

Commissioner Smith stated that the project is on hold until a new Landscape Architect is hired.

**(l) CORRESPONDENCE**

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(1) Email from Michael Brilliot re: Envision San Jose 2040

**(m) ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next general Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2008