

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: March 14, 2006

Location: Centennial Park – Live Oak Room 600 Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Nash called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Secretary O'Neal took roll as follows:

Members present: Robert Nash, Robin Fairbairn, Robert Gibson, Amie Hammond, Heidi Hostetter-Wicka, Barbra Partridge, David Steaffens and Kevin Will
City staff present: Doug Monn, Charles Lorenzen, Ann Robb and Judy O'Neal
Absent: Charlotte Gorton and Freda Berman
City Council present: Jim App, City Manager and Gary Nemeth, City Councilman
Absent: Frank Mecham, Mayor
Planning Commissioner: Christie Withers
Guests: Ann Quinn, Paso Robles Press and numerous representatives of Parks for Pups and Orr David

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Chairman Nash asked the public to limit their presentations to three minutes, announce their name, address and phone number for city record.
- Speaking on behalf of Parks for Pups against City Ordinance prohibiting dogs in Paso Robles parks were Paula O'Farrell, Paso Robles, Roberta Filadelfia, Paso Robles, Ben Cohen, Paso Robles and Kathy Kropp, Paso Robles.
- Paula O'Farrell said she had a petition with over 800 signatures in favor of dogs in city parks. She also stated she has talked to numerous Directors in the San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties that allow dogs on leashes in city parks. Paula is asking the City of Paso to amend the City Ordinance to allow dogs in certain parks on a leash. A volunteer group will maintain these parks and supply mutt-mitts for dog owners in one or more parks.
- Paula also said Parks for Pups would like to build a park and gift to the City in the future.
- Ann Robb, Interim-Director, passed out two additional pieces of correspondence to the Advisory members from Bob Lata and Beth Gier, regarding dogs in city parks.
- Member Fairbairn e-mailed Paula O'Farrell that he would be happy to put this item on a future Advisory Committee Agenda. Chairman Nash gave O'Farrell a copy of the Proposal Process information after the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine, and, therefore do not require separate discussion. However, if discussion is necessary, or if a member of the public wishes to comment on any item, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately. Questions of clarification may be made by the Advisory members without removal from the Agenda.

1. A motion was made by Member Will, seconded by Gibson, to approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2005 meeting – motion passed.
- 1-a. The January 10 and February 14, 2006 meetings were cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Proposal Process Diagram**
 - After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Fairbairn, seconded by Steaffens, to approve the Proposal Process Diagram – motion passed.
3. **Pioneer Skate Park**
(see Skate Park Ad Hoc Committee Update)

AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

a) Parks and Recreation Standards - no report

b) Master Plan Parks

Master planning the parks is postponed until Economic Strategy is adopted. Two public workshops have been held and copies of the draft document are available through the city manager's office and online. Specific interest to this committee is section F. City Manager expects Economic Strategy to be adopted by City Council in April and the master planning process, including City Park and Pioneer Park, to begin in the fall.

c) Skate Park

Ann Robb, Interim-Director, sent a draft, staff report to the City Manager for his review following the Police Department's three-month study of Pioneer Skate Park. Chairman Nash asked Robb if a copy of the skate park recommendations could be sent to the Skate Park ad hoc committee for review before going to City Council for action.

d) Billboards

Fairbairn and Will have contacted the Police Department regarding funding options for billboards. They have not had a response. Doug Monn offered to check with Officer Tatro.

CITY MANAGER / CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

1. Councilman Nemeth advised City Council is busy working on the Olsen Beechwood and Chandler Agreements.
2. He also had the Economic Strategy book and discussed various areas of interest in the book such as education, population, Section F, housing, etc. This book is on the website and copies will be available at City Hall soon.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS

- Ann Robb invited the Advisory Committee to attend the Salinas River Parkways walk on Thursday at 8:30 a.m. starting at Larry Moore Park. The City will be walking the trail to identify locations for amenities such as benches.
- Member Partridge attended a Planning Commission meeting and feels we should have an update from Commissioner Withers at our monthly meetings. Robb asked Secretary O'Neal to put this item on future agendas. Commissioner Withers feels it is very important for a committee member to be present at all Planning Commission meetings to give their input on parks. She would be happy to give an update at future meetings.
- Chairman Nash addressed Mr. Orr David who gave a brief public comment complaining the City is not complying with Federal laws when applying proper fertilizer on the grounds. He had pictures in his possession to turn over of the area behind Centennial Park to prove his complaint. Comments were referred to Doug Monn.

ADJOURN

A motion was made and passed to adjourn to the next regular meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, 4:00 p.m. at Centennial Park – Live Oak Room, 600 Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THEIR 4/11/06 MEETING.

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