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**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
May 23, 2006
Council Conference Room
250 Hamilton Avenue**

Commissioners Present: Jeanette Marquess, Anne Warner Cribbs, Paul Losch, Judith Steiner, Beth Trailer, David Charleson, Pat Markevitch

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Liaison Peter Drekmeier

Staff Present: Greg Betts, Virginia Gibbons, Paul Dias

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chair Marquess at 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Catherine Bourquin

AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, and DELETIONS: Commissioner Cribbs requested that item #6 be moved to the June meeting for discussion.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Allan Berkowiz Requested Commission's ideas and input and look forward to on-going relationship with the PARC as the Lucie Stern Maritime Center project moves forward.

BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of Draft Minutes of April 25, 2006** The Commissioners unanimously approved the April Minutes with two corrections. *7:0 approved*
2. **Golf Feasibility Study-Fields referral from Council**
Steve Emslie, Planning Director gave a presentation of the golf feasibility study to the Commission. The presentation included preliminary Layouts (A, B, C, and D) and the amount of golf course invasiveness by each layout. Joe Teresi, Senior Public Works Engineer provided the commission with information on the San Francisquito Creek flood control project and approximate completion timelines for this project. He

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recommended that work on the golf course be put on hold until completion of the flood control project, as the project would have an impact on any golf course changes.

Public Comment: Craig Allen spoke on behalf of the PA Golf Club stating their opposition to going ahead with the feasibility study recommended in CMR 168:06. Mr. Allen presented the commission with a 4-page presentation that summarizes their reasons for the opposition and requesting that the Commission review the presentation before making any final recommendations.

The Commission began a question and answer session, moving on to an in-depth discussion, with the intent to make a recommendation to Council. After extensive discussion, the Commission decided that the project is too complicated to make a recommendation at this time and that more information is required. The Commission decided to go back and review the matrix, look into selecting or soliciting community members to take on in-depth tasks to obtain more information, and to work on getting answers to the Commission's many underlying questions.

This subject will be kept on the agenda as a work-in-progress and the Commission will make a recommendation to Council on the subject by September 2006, after the information is obtained that is required to make a more informed decision.

3. **Impact Fees- Criteria/priorization for use of funding**

Staff Dias briefed the Commission on the uses of the impact fees and the present project priorities:

- Pay for part of Mayfield
- Install park restrooms
- Artificial turf
- Completing Greer Park
- Other projects including lighting at Cubberley, more pools, and covered picnic areas in the Baylands.

Public Comments:

Jack Metz, tenant at Cubberley and representing other tenants, stated that he was the victim of attack in the Cubberley parking lot and that for the safety of all the tenants fees should be used for lighting at Cubberley.

Chris Masters, Cardiac Therapy Foundation, tenant at Cubberley, was recently the victim of an armed robbery in his office at Cubberley. He stated that all members of Cardiac Therapy are elderly PA residents that are concerned about their safety. He asked the Commission to consider the safety of the citizens and upgrade the lighting at Cubberley.



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Lynn Torin, prior member of the PARC, encouraged the Commission to visit Cubberley, that it's not safe in the dark. She stated that Cubberley is very busy during the day and night, and that key places need to be lighted for public safety.

Rachel Samoff, Cubberley tenant, runs school for young children, has 50 staff and 150 families enrolled. She stated that there have been attacks and requested that Commission put Cubberley safety at the top of the priority list.

Paul Goldstein: Bike Advisory Committee, requested that the Commission consider using fees to create access for bikers to the Baylands via Oregon Expressway or upgrade the Adobe Creek underground access so that it is usable during the winter.

Stanford Forte: suggested that the Commission consider installing cameras for security, citing that installing cameras could reduce crime up to 85% within a few weeks.

Herb Borock: complained about lack of information on agenda items being available to the public referring to the Brown Act, provided information that the City is paying rent for Cubberley to PAUSD when the City owns Cubberley causing a deficit for the City, and that completion of Greer Park should be made a priority.

After discussion of the priority list, public safety, and on-going CIP projects, the Commission decided to review the CIP matrix and set new priorities for impact fees. Staff Dias is to send the Commission additional information to review and this item will be placed on the agenda for the June meeting.

4. **Mitchell Park Library long term plan**

Library Commissioners Sanford Forte, Vice Chair of the LAC, and Lenore Jones presented the PARC commission with an update on the needs additional library space. The Library requested that ways for joint use of MPCC and the library be explored.

There was a short discussion regarding the Library's space needs and requests by the Commission for more information (i.e., aerial photos, existing diagrams, and criteria for MPCC and Library plans from the PARC minutes from past meetings). As there is no time for in-depth analysis, Commissioners Steiner and Trainer volunteered to act as Liaisons and work with Recreation and the Library to explore options for sharing space.

5. **Commission Priorities/Strategies**

Continue as an agenda item work in progress. Communications: Commissioner Cribbs challenged City Council to baseline walking, taking 10,000 steps per

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day. Agree to wear pedometer, post daily results on Stanford website, and follow-up every 2-3 months. She will work out details and notify Paul to prepare challenge for Council.

6. **Neighborhood Adopt-A-Park**

Moved to next month

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

AGENDA FOR JUNE 20, 2006 MEETING

1. Golf Feasibility Study/Fields – matrix/work in progress
2. Impact Fees – prioritization and use/discussion
3. Priorities and Strategies – update discussion
4. Library Advisory Commission (LAC) Mitchell Park Library – update
5. Meeting in August

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:20pm

