

MINUTES



**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

October 24, 2006

City Hall

250 Hamilton Ave

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

Commissioners Absent:

Others Present: Liaison Peter Drekmeier

Staff Present: Catherine Bourquin, Rob de Geus, Paul Dias

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Jeanette Marquess

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Catherine Bourquin

AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, and DELETIONS: Postpone Item 2 from Comments and Announcements. Move Item 3 – Halloween Haunt to beginning of meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

ANNOUNCEMENT: Rich Bicknell made an announcement on the 14th Annual Halloween Haunt happening out at Foothills Park. It will be held on October 27, 28, and 29th from 6 – 9pm. Tickets are sold in advance for \$7 for residents and \$8 for non-residents. At the door the tickets will be \$10 and \$12(non residents)

BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Draft Minutes of July 25, 2006

Unanimously approved the Draft Minutes for the July 25, 2006 meeting **7:0**

2. **Mitchell Park Library/Community Center Presentation**

The Group 4 Architect made a presentation on the Project Overview of the Mitchell Park Library recommendations. The Commissioners were provided with a printout of the slide presentation. There was a question and answer session immediately following the presentation. The PARC Commission produced a list of nine concerns/comments they wanted expressed to the Library Advisory Commission in their consideration of the proposal the Group 4 Architect was submitting.

1. Joint use – site option 3A preferred
2. Potential to expand facility due to the possible future loss of space at Cubberley Community Center.
3. Limit parking at facility
4. Seek joint space with school district facilities, i.e. parking
5. Park further away and walk or utilize alternative transportation
6. Share space/programs with library
7. Pay attention to school children's access from school to library/community center.
8. Preserve trees
9. Create civic presence

The Library Advisory Commission will be meeting this Thursday to hear the presentation. The PARC commission would like to have a joint meeting to discuss the proposal further. Sanford Forte was present to suggest that the commission wait until after the Library's Thursday meeting but before the November 30th meeting. A possible joint meeting would be scheduled for November 16.

3. **Golf Feasibility Study/Fields - ACTION**

Commissioner Marquess reminded the commission on the rewrite of the memo to council regarding the Golf Feasibility Study. There were no comments and a motion was made by Commissioner Steiner and seconded by Commissioner Charleson.

Motion: To approve memo to Council regarding the Golf Feasibility Study recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Approved 7:0

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Council Challenge – Commissioner Cribbs updated the commission on the status of the Challenge. She informed the commission that she was approached by Council member Kishimoto for the Council, requesting to extend the Challenge. The official end date is December 1, 2006. Commissioner Cribbs agreed to find out where the current challenge is and email her findings to everyone. She will also contact Council and ask how much longer they want to extend the challenge for, and if they are interested in expanding it.

APPROVED

2. Jordan Middle School – Staff de Geus informed the commission on the issues affecting Jordan Middle School activities affecting the neighbors surrounding the school and the solutions that have been taken. Ideas were suggested by Commissioner Charleson. Staff de Geus also added that they are looking into natural sound barrier options and also shifting where the spectators are positioned on the field. Manu Kumar – 837 Garland Drive, PA 94303 added his comments on the noise issues pertaining to his neighborhood at Jordan. Commissioner Losch also added comments relating to these issues.
3. Voice of People Award – The Parks Department received the Voice of People Award honored for the parks in Palo Alto. We rank in the 97% nationwide. The parks staff is very proud for receiving this award.
4. Commissioner Markevitch announced an event called “Mix it up day” at Addison school on November 8th from 11:30 – 1pm. The school is divided up and put into different classrooms to listen to community leaders.

AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2006 MEETING

1. 2007 Priority & Goal setting
2. Heritage Park Playground Presentation – Action (Tentative)
3. Baby Boomer Task Force
4. Recreation Revenue/cost recovery Auditor Report
5. Communications: Council Challenge and Commission upcoming vacancies

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9pm