

MINUTES

GARDEN GROVE PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Thursday
March 13, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: The special session of the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission was called to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center.

PRESENT: Chair Piccirillo, Vice Chair Galschoidt,
Commissioners Adams, Chung, Malcolm, Selvaggi

ABSENT: Commissioner Wallin

ALSO PRESENT: Community Services Manager, Pilar Alcivar-McCoy; Community Services Director, Kim Huy; Supervisors, Chad Clanton and Saimi Hayes; Administrative Analyst, Janet Pelayo; Parks Supervisor, Patricia Hayes; Recording Secretary, Sugeiry Reynoso.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Galschiodt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Galschoidt moved to approve the Minutes from January 24, 2008, seconded by Commissioner Malcolm. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Adams, Galschiodt, Selvaggi

NOES: Commissioners: None

ABSENT: Commissioners: Wallin

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: Chung, Malcolm, Piccirillo

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Strategic Plan Review

Pilar Alcivar McCoy reviewed the park projects listing in the City's strategic plan and additional park projects contained in the Community Services Department Capital Improvement Projects handout. Ms. Alcivar McCoy explained that part of the City's Strategic Plan focuses on parks and recreation facilities and having adequate

facilities that are available to the community. The community through meetings, public groups and other methods of gathering information developed the City's Vision and Strategic Plan. Ms. McCoy asked the Commissioners to order the projects in funding priority.

The following is a list of projects that are included in the City's Strategic Plan:

Aquatics Center

This project calls for the construction of an aquatics center. There are three options for this project with different costs.

Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center

This project is already funded through a competitive grant program. Construction is anticipated to begin by summer 2008.

Garden Grove Park Sports and Recreation Center

This project has been completed.

Joint Use of Schools for Public Recreation

This item does not require funding, it is a policy direction to expand our partnership with the school district in order to use school open space for park sites, primarily elementary schools.

Pacific Electric (OCTA) Right-of-Way

This project would seek to acquire OCTA right-of-way and develop either a bike or pedestrian trail in order to provide additional open space.

Park Renovation and Refurbishment

This project focuses on the renovation and refurbishment of parks, picnic shelters, play equipment, park pools, and restrooms at various locations. These items are outlined in the Strategic Plan.

Restrooms/Snack Bar Replacement

This project focuses on the replacement of restrooms/snack bar facilities at Garden Grove Park and Eastgate Park. It is currently in the design phase, and the cost is estimated at \$500,000.

Synthetic, Multi-purpose Field at Garden Grove Park

This project converts one natural turf field to synthetic turf. The cost for one field is approximately \$1 million.

Twin Lakes Park Retention Basin

Only a portion of the park is City owned, and the Orange County Flood Control District owns the remainder. There is an existing agreement with the County, and this project seeks to continue that agreement and retain the area as parkland.

The following projects were not in the City's Strategic Plan, but are included in either the City's Capital Improvement Plan, or have been submitted to legislative offices for funding consideration.

Atlantis Renovation and Improvements

Replacements and renovations at Atlantis Park, including fencing, play structures, upgrading the sound system, electrical, other amenities, and possibly the addition of a water play element.

Dog Park

The Orange County Board of Supervisors is funding this project that will be developed at Garden Grove Park.

Fitness Equipment at Senior Center

This project is funded by the Orange County Board of Supervisors and includes the purchase and installation of twelve pieces of equipment to be located at the Senior Center.

Senior Center Expansion

Expansion of the Senior Center will prepare for the growth in the senior population.

Skate Park

The two options for the development of a skate park are an above ground facility or an in-ground structure.

Prioritize Park Projects

Pilar Alcivar McCoy asked Commissioners to vote on the top three projects that they believe should receive funding priority. Staff advised that they would report the priorities selected by the Commission to City Council. The Commission selected Park Renovation and Refurbishment, Aquatics Center, Atlantis and Senior Center Expansion as the top four projects.

COMMISSION MATTERS

Community Services Calendar

Pilar Alcivar McCoy distributed the calendar of upcoming events that listed those events Commissioners signed up to attend. Commissioner Adams requested that staff email Commissioners the list once it is completed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Piccorillo adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Sugeiry Reynoso
Recording Secretary