



Minutes
Park, Arts & Recreation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, August 10, 2016
6:00 P.M. City Hall, Yosemite Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Brent Bohlender, Larry Yeakel, Nicole Larson, Lakneshia Diaz, Michelle Morse and Robert Holly

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Michael Foster

STAFF PRESENT: Erik Schulze and Carla McLaughlin

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Bohlender at 6:00 p.m.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS / INTRODUCTIONS / CORRESPONDENCE:

Introduce and welcome new Commissioner Robert Holly. Robert is a retired teacher and loves retirement. He plays a lot of softball and has been married 50 years.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2016 Regular Meeting made by Nicole Larson and a 2nd by Lakneshia Diaz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made to accept August update on Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Report made by Larry Yeakel and 2nd by Nicole Larson. Motion passed unanimously.

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATION: None

5. STAFF COMMENTS: None

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

7. PUBLIC HEARING: None

8. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

Discussion / Action Items

A. Discussion: City Hall Art Display – Erik Schulze

The Commission needs to start working together to plan for future galleries. We need to re-open the discussion about the City Hall Gallery.

Commission comments: Larry said one of the local historians would be interested in doing a display on the history of the airport in the gallery in the future, but he doesn't think it will be in the near future. Nicole wanted to know how long the display is up in the gallery. Erik responded that it is usually up for 8 weeks. Larry would like to see the Senior Center art work in the gallery again. They do a nice job and it has been almost a year since we have had that display. Larry felt

this is better than a single artist. He talked with the Carnegie, but can't seem to make the connection. He also hopes to talk with CSUS for a display and people around Columbia Park. Lakneshia mentioned checking with Jessica's House. Nicole asked if CSUS would be able to use the gallery at City Hall. Nicole can get some contact information for the Commission. Larry mentioned we need to avoid free standing art. A lady from Stanislaus County contacted Erik about putting up some children's art. Larry and Erik will work on that. Lakneshia wanted to know when we wanted to do this display. Erik said the walls are available now, but everything has to be approved in advance because we are a public building.

B. Discussion: Joint Commission/Council meeting scheduled for September 27, 2016 at 5 pm – Erik Schulze

This is a followup meeting from last year's meeting. Goal #1 - Completion of the skate park. Hope to have it completed by the end of next week. Soft opening first then grand opening. Goal #2 - Feasibility study. We are about half way through that survey. We have to go back to City Council to extend the survey and renew the contract. Goal #3 - Community Mural. The public art policy is currently with the city attorney and Erik hopes to have it for the next meeting so everyone can review it. Hopefully it will be ready for approval at the joint meeting. Project will come to the Commission first and then it will be forwarded to City Council for approval. This will include murals, public art work, etc. Goal #4 - Fitness track in parks. Montana Park will have the first fitness track in the park. It should be a very active park when it is completed.

9. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

- Brent – Would like to see to discuss an urban garden at the Joint Commission/Council meeting. Maybe the Commissioners can see what the City has to offer.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.