

City of Richmond - RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
Community Services Building, Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018, 6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order by Chair Hurlbut at 6:03 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Maryn Hurlbut, Pardip Saini, Soheila Bana, Eleanor Thompson, Joey Smith, Payal Patel

ABSENT: None

C. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

- 1 Commissioner Bana motioned to accept the agenda as is. Motion passed unanimously.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS THROUGH THE CHAIR

- Outstanding Items
 1. Round Table Work session is scheduled for October 9, 2018
 2. The Recreation and Parks Commission is looking for dedicated people to join. Applications can be found on the City of Richmond website.
 3. Current trust balance is \$512.62
 4. The public has been inquiring about the repairs at the Plunge. Several architects and engineers are involved in making the restoration complete and long term this time.
- Membership Changes
None

E. OPEN FORUM

- Cordell Hindler, Richmond Resident – Distributed flier for the “*Allegiance*” musical; future agenda item: Reaching out to schools (colleges) to recruit for the commission; non-profit organizations should not be charged as much to rent the community centers.
- Garry Hurlbut, Richmond Resident and President of the Richmond Tennis Association - Our World Team Tennis team came close to going to the nationals; current mixed team is playing for the championship; fall school program started at John F. Kennedy Park.
- Lynn Stoddard, Richmond Resident - Has concerns about the state of the current mural at the Plunge; suggests restoration be done during the closure.
- Renee Cheney-Cohen, Richmond Resident – Concerned that the outside pool and playlot at the Richmond Swim center has never been open.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Thompson motioned to approve the minutes for September 5, 2018. Commissioner Bana seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

G. STAFF REPORTS

- Parks and Landscaping Division – oral report provided by Superintendent Greg Hardesty
 1. The Martin Luther King Wellness Fitness Zone is still on track and installation will start at the beginning of November, as it has to be completed by December 31, 2018.
 2. Parks and Landscaping located funding through the Housing Related Park Project to get the play structure remodeled
 3. Bathroom installations at Lucas and John F Kennedy Parks should be started by the end of the month.
 4. South tennis court at Nicholl Park resurfacing is complete.
 5. Drinking fountain at Veteran’s Park, sponsored by EBMUD, will be installed by October 8, 2018.

6. Same grant used for the play structure at Martin Luther King Park will be used to remodel the picnic area structure at Southside Park.

- Community Services Department – oral report provided by Director Rochelle Monk
 1. New city manager, Carlos Martinez, will be on board October 15, 2018. Will invite to a future meeting for introductions.
 2. Park Assessment Day was a success, thanks to all the staff and volunteers. Report of the findings will be available January 26, 2019.

H. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

- 1 East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD): Measure FF – Bob Nisbett, Assistant GM of EBRPD – Presented info on Measure FF; parcel tax scheduled for November 2018 ballot.
- 2 APPROVE – Renaming of Atchison Park to Richard J. Boyd Park – Jan Gilbrecht and Ad Hoc Committee for Richard J. Boyd Park - Presented request for renaming
 - a. Gretchen Blais, Resident of Richmond. Richard was a sanity saver, committed to the community, expressed support of renaming.
 - b. Johnathan Perez, Resident of Richmond – high school drop-out, Richard saw potential in him, also expressed support of renaming.
 - c. Vice Chair Patel motioned to approve the packet for the renaming the park to the Richard J. Boyd Park. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion was passed unanimously. The recommendation will be sent to the city council next month.
- 3 CSD Aquatics Program Updates – Rochelle Monk, CSD Director; Paula Cooper-Tipton, Aquatics Program Coordinator – Gave presentation on aquatics program.
 - a. Mario Vaz, Facilities Superintendent - Provided updates on Plunge repairs.

I. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

- Commissioner Bana – Sent image of presentation slide about Caltrans project to Chair Hurlbut and Director Monk.
- Vice-Chair Patel – Requested clarity on the issue of going before the neighborhood council for renaming a park or community center.
- Commissioner Saini – Reported false alarms on more than one occasion at BTA; also a window on the northwest side of the gym was removed and graffiti issues outside.
- Commissioner Smith – Noticed geese feces, graffiti and garbage issues during park assessment; tree trimming still a security issue; Iron Triangle neighborhood clean-up on October 26, 2018 from 10-3.
- Commissioner Thompson – Was asked about procedure to reserve park picnic areas.
- Chair Hurlbut – Park assessment was well organized and well attended. Encouraged commissioners to attend report finding session on January 26, 2018; mayor is involved in the mural restoration at the Plunge; asked each commissioner for member recommendations.

A. ACTION ITEMS RECAP

- None

B. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM RECOMMENDATIONS

- Fire Marshall presentation
- Plunge closure – Yader Bermudez
- Process for recruiting Jr. commissioners from high schools
- Standard and regular water testing process for park drinking fountains

C. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

D. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Commission Meeting – Wednesday, November 7, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Community Services Building, Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Delana Elarms-Andrews – Office Clerk

Abridged by: Ms. Johann Frazier