



# Meeting Minutes City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation Commission

## AGENDA

February 6, 2014

Historic City Hall Hearing Room  
915 I Street, Sacramento

### Call to Order – 7:05 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Harris at 7:05 p.m. All Commissioners were in attendance.

### Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. Citizens spoke to concerns about the City Council potentially reducing future park acreage goals and the anticipated loss of open space for community gardens, and to the conditions, citizen involvement and future renovation of the pond in McKinley Park.

### Public Hearings

2. **Appeal of a decision of the Director of Public Works to give permission to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District to remove three Canary Island date palms (Phoenix canariensis) located at 2667 & 2673 21st Street**

**Location:** 2667 & 2673 21st Street, Council District 5

**Recommendation:** That the appeal of the decision of the Director to give permission to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District to remove three Canary Island date palms (Phoenix canariensis) located at 2667 & 2673 21st Street be denied.

**Contact:** Joe Benassini, Urban Forestry Manager, Public Works Department, 808-6285

Staff advised the Sacramento Municipal Utility District requested a continuance in order to explore options with residents and the appellants. The appellants agreed to a continuance.

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to continue the tree appeal hearing.

(Dominguez/Heitstuman: Ayes: Harris, Ruggieri, Assagai, Dominguez, O'Toole, Guadiana, Malik; Shettle, Mercado, Heitstuman, McKinley)

### Special Oral Presentation

3. None

### Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Anyone may request that an item be removed for separate consideration.

4. **Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Approve Commission minutes for meeting on December 5, 2013 (January 9, 2014 meeting was cancelled)

**Contact:** Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to approve as mailed. (O'Toole/Guadiana: Ayes: Harris, Ruggieri, Assagai, Dominguez, O'Toole, Guadiana, Malik, McKinley; Abstain: Shettle, Mercado, Heitstuman)

**5. Update on American and Sacramento River Parkway Plans 2012 Implementation Program**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** For Commission Information

**Contact:** Mary deBeauvieres, Principal Planner, 808-8722

Several residents including those representing parkway, bicycling and/or river/delta protection advocacy organizations strongly urged the Commission to support continued implementation of the American and Sacramento River Parkway Plans, with an emphasis on public access, and citing many regional and community benefits.

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to authorize Chair Harris to forward a letter to City Council urging support and acceleration to implement the American and Sacramento River Parkway Plans, taking into consideration the needs of those that bike as a mode of transportation and the benefits of traffic calming, access to open spaces, and health and safety. Further, to encourage City staff to seek a collaborative process with interested community members in property acquisition and trail development. (Assagai/Heitstuman: Ayes: Harris, Ruggieri, Assagai, Dominguez, O'Toole, Guadiana, McKinley, Malik, Heitstuman, Shettle, Mercado)

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to urge the City Council to support and accelerate implementation of the American and Sacramento River Parkway Plans and secure funding to implement the parkway trail. (Dominguez/Shettle: Ayes: Harris, Ruggieri, Assagai, Dominguez, O'Toole, Guadiana, McKinley, Malik, Heitstuman, Shettle, Mercado)

**Discussion/Action Reports**

**Discussion/Action reports include oral presentations including those recommending review and comment**

**6. Overview of Teen Service Restorations with Measure U Funds and Friday Night "Hot Spots"**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Review and Comment

**Contacts:** Sylvia Fort, Recreation Manager, 808-8381; Vincene Jones, Neighborhood Services Division Manager, 808-5072

After a staff presentation, Commissioners asked about gender equity, program cost and attendance, any issues around late evening programs, and the most rewarding and challenging aspects of serving teens.



**7. Update on the 2013/14 Tree Ordinance Review and Parks and Recreation Commission Participation (Oral Report from Chair Harris)**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Hear report and comment

Chair Harris reviewed progress to date on the study, including key discussion points and citizen and staff input. Recommendations will be brought forward to the Commission in the next few months.

**8. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): Review Highlights for December and January**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Review and comment

**Contact:** James L. Combs, Parks and Recreation Director, 808-8526

Director Combs spoke to the reopening of the Hart Senior Center, the transition of golf and Old City Cemetery maintenance to Parks and Recreation, drought response planning, and challenges in funding and service delivery even with partial restoration through Measure U.

**Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members**

None.

**Adjournment**


The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager  
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved by:



Jeff Harris, Chairperson  
Parks and Recreation Commission