# CITY OF MERCED RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MERCED CIVIC CENTER

678 West 18th Street Merced, California

### **MINUTES**

Meeting of October 26, 2009

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The City of Merced Recreation and Parks Commission meeting was called to order on Monday, October 26, 2009 at 5:34 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Merced Civic Center.

- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Chairman Tony Dossetti led the Recreation and Parks Commission and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. ROLL CALL: Recreation and Parks Commission

Present:

Tony Dossetti, Adam Cox, Eric Nelson, Virginia

Morford, Bob Kane, and Pete Padilla.

Absent:

Marlene Murphy

Staff:

Alexander Hall, Jake Meneley, Eugene Drummond

and Michelle Reid.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-September 28, 2009

M/S/C- Cox/Morford motioned to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2009 meeting as submitted.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

### V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Detective Allen Adrian from the Merced Police Department gave the Commission an update on the graffiti issue within the City. Detective Adrian is using the taggers' signatures and symbols to identify them. He also uses internet sites to track the offenders. Merced County has begun charging the offenders with a gang enhancement because their groups are considered gangs. Commander Floyd Higdon commended Detective Adrian for his efforts and noted that the Police Department is doing its best to alleviate the graffiti problem.

Rickey Davidson of Silencer Pest Management let the Commission know that he has a product that aids in the abating of graffiti on buildings. He offered his services to combat the problem.

## VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Parks and Community Services Event Calendar -November 2009
- B. Norene Borba September Written Report
- C. Jake Meneley- September Written Report
- D. Eugene Drummond-September Written Report
- E. Letter from Trico Contractors regarding Kiddieland Train Track Replacement
- F. Revenue Cost Recovery Report

M/S/C -Cox/Kane motioned to accept the written communications as submitted.

## VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Alexander Hall gave an update on the Youth Endowment Fund. Council has set a joint meeting with the Commission on November 2, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

- B. Jake Meneley gave an update on the Disc Golf Course. The proposed plan was referred to the Planning Department. A concern from the Planning Department is that the proposed site is a flood basin that filled a few years ago. They did not require restrooms at the site. The Club will need a Conditional Use permit and will have to appear before the Planning Commission. The Disc Golf Club will likely go through pre-approval process through the Development Review Committee. The fee is \$125 for the application.
- C. Jake Meneley gave an update on South Merced Community Park. A soccer complex is proposed for inclusion in the community park in south Merced. The complex should be at least 20 acres and have lights. RRM Design is the consultant working on development of the project. The next step is to develop the preferred design. Conceptual designs have been presented and reviewed. There is no budget to develop any phase of the park at this time.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS-ACTION ITEMS

A. Alexander Hall asked the Commission for the recommendation to proceed with three grant applications from the Proposition 84 funds. The grants would be for upgrades and renovations to Flanagan and McNamara Parks, and Phase I construction of South Merced Community Park (CP-42).

M/S/C- Padilla/Morford motioned to recommend that staff proceed with the grant applications for Flanagan Park, McNamara Park, and South Merced Community Park (CP-42).

B. Alexander Hall asked the Commission to recommend that staff submit a letter to the Merced Dog Owners Group (M-DOG) requesting periodic updates at the Commission meetings on the Merced Dog Park.

M/S/C- Cox/Nelson motioned to recommend that staff submit a letter requesting that a representative from the Merced Dog Owners Group give the Commission periodic updates on the Merced Dog Park.

#### XI. DEPARTMENT UPDATES-Alexander Hall

- A video camera has been installed at the Skate Park in Applegate Park. Video updates will be sent directly to the Director's email.
- 26<sup>th</sup> & "M" Street Applegate Expansion Project The project is expected to go to bid in Mid-November 2009.
- Richard Bernasconi Park Restroom Construction is scheduled to begin in November 2009.
- Staff attended a Technical Workshop in Fresno last Friday on Proposition 84. The Department plans to submit three (3) grant applications:
  - 1. South Merced Community Park (CP-42) for \$5 million.
  - 2. Ray Flanagan Neighborhood Park Renovation-Add City water and electric services, and a prefab restroom. Applying for \$400,000-\$500,000.
  - 3. McNamara Community Park Renovation-Add new ADA play equipment, prefab field restroom, pedestrian path, turf, convert ball fields to soccer fields, fencing, and bleachers. Applying for \$400,000-\$500,000.
- Park Rules- Signage will be installed by the Public Works Department.
- Bellevue Ranch High School-The Merced Union High School District plans to make improvements to Atwater High School, and delay construction on the Bellevue High School. The City has a joint use agreement for construction of a second gymnasium at the high school. If the high school construction is postponed indefinitely, the City may wish to terminate the existing agreement and invest in the future Merced High School Gym project. Current amount on hand for this project is \$1,576,004. The agreement was approved March 3, 2007.

• Fahrens School/Park Agreement. – The Merced City School District has a pending Conversion Application with the State Parks Department for three (3) acres of parkland to replace the three (3) acres for a proposed elementary school at Fahrens Park. Staff has communicated the City's concern regarding a resolution on this matter. In addition, the City has an existing agreement for a new gymnasium at Rivera Middle School. The City's estimated contribution is \$1 million dollars. We currently have \$442,780 for a Youth Center in North Merced. This gymnasium would take the place of the proposed Youth Center. The City has \$2,018,784 reserved for indoor facilities for North Merced. These funds could be freed up for other park projects if the School Districts are not prepared to move forward with these two gym projects.

#### X. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Commissioner Cox submitted a letter of resignation effective November 24.
- Councilman Carlisle asked Alexander Hall to give an update on the PG&E sponsored tree planting and park clean up.
- Alexander Hall commented that PG&E volunteers helped to plant trees and to paint the Skate Park at Applegate Park. They also planted a grove of trees at Joseph Merino Park and fed lunch to those who helped. Total value of the project was approximately \$17,000.

### XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Recreation and Parks Commission meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. and will meet again on November 23, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Chairperson, Recreation and Parks Commission