

**CITY OF MERCED
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
MERCED CIVIC CENTER
678 West 18th Street
Merced, California**

MINUTES

Meeting of May 29, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City of Merced Recreation and Parks Commission meeting was called to order on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at 5:33 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Merced Civic Center.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Chairman Darrel Cherf led the Recreation and Parks Commission and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL: Recreation and Parks Commission

Present: Darrell Cherf, James Newhoff, Steve Kuykendall
Necola Adams, Jerry Crews, and Kathy Wagner

Absent: Kathy Wagner

M/S/C –Kuykendall/Crews motioned to approve
an excused absence for Kathy Wagner

Staff: Alexander Hall, Eugene Drummond, Jake
Meneley, Norene Borba, Marilyn Gorman, and
Michelle Reid

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C – Crews/Newhoff motioned to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2007 meeting as submitted.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON
AGENDA

V. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Chairman Darrel Cherf and Recreation Supervisor Eugene Drummond presented certificates to participants in the City sponsored Cinco de Mayo event. Some of the organizations included Congressman Dennis Cardoza, Merced County Human Services Agency, MCOE, United States Marine Corp, Planned Parenthood, Merced College, Golden Valley Health Centers, Merced County Sheriffs Explorers, and the City of Merced Fire Department.

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Parks and Community Services Event Calendar-June
- B. City Council Agenda Items-Action Taken in May/June
- C. MCAN Monthly Activity Report-May
- D. Code Enforcement-May Written Case Report
- E. Norene Borba-May Written Report
- F. Jake Meneley-May Written Report
- G. Eugene Drummond-May Written Report

M/S/C –Kuykendall/Adams motioned to accept the monthly written reports as submitted.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

- A. Mario Butticci asked the Commission to recommend amendment of the City's master plan to include the purchase of 4.8 acres adjacent to Joe Herb Park.

M/S/C-Padilla/Newhoff motioned that Mr. Butticci pursue the project, talk with City Council members regarding funds in the surplus, and go to the Friends of Parks committee and ask for funding to purchase the land.

- B. Ronald Schell, District Executive, Greater Yosemite Council of the Boys requested a fee waiver for Rahilly Park to conduct a Day Camp from July 31-August 2, 2007.

M/S/C-Kuykendall/Crews motioned to grant the fee waiver request for a Boy Scouts Day Camp at Rahilly Park.

- C. Kirk Wright addressed the Commission regarding co-sponsorship from the Parks and Community Services Department for the Juneteenth Celebration at McNamara Park.

M/S/C-Adams/Newhoff motioned to waive the fees.

- D. Janice Sorge requested a fee waiver to conduct a Vacation Bible School from June 18-22, 2007 at Rahilly Park Shelter.

M/S/C-Kuykendall/Crews motioned to waive the fees for the Rahilly Shelter.

- E. Heike Hambley requested a fee waiver for the Merced Open Air Theatre for the Shakespeare Fest.

M/S/C-Kuykendall/Adams motioned to approve fee waiver for the Shakespeare Fest at the Open Air Theatre, with an amendment to include the Fest in the co sponsorship list to be voted on at the next Commission meeting.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Alexander Hall gave an update of the recommended budget for fiscal year 2007/08 for the Parks and Community Services Department. He explained that the approval of the co sponsorship list was necessary to not have to do a special report to request funding, and to relieve staff from having to produce reports for each request. He also discussed the three full time

coordinator positions requested, as well as the promotion of the current secretary from I to II.

- B. Eugene Drummond gave an update of the training he attended in Palm Springs. He expressed that one of the programs would be of great service to the high schools in the city. This was beneficial because his focus was changing to the high school aged youth.

IX. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Alexander Hall gave an update on city parks.

The Gabriault Park dedication was a success. The park is now on the maintenance schedule. The Dwight Amey Park is scheduled for dedication on June 22, 2007. The Joe Herb Park soccer field should be finished by June 15, 2007. Ready for play by August. The Fahrens Park Disc Golf course is nearing completion. It should be ready for dedication in July. The Joseph Merino Park should be complete in mid July. The Merced Dog Park is being finalized. There are three parks to be designed in Bellevue Ranch. Alfarata Ranch has funding for phase I. Escrow closed on the CP-42 project.

X. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chairman Darrel Cherf thanked Councilman Pollard for attending.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Recreation and Parks Commission meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m. and will meet again on June 25, 2007 in the Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted:



Chairperson, Recreation and Parks Commission