AGENDA ITEM: J-1-A

MTG. DATE: 3-02-09

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

MINUTES

Meeting of January 26, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City of Merced Recreation and Parks Commission meeting was called to order on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 5:33 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Merced Civic Center.

- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Chairwoman Kathy Wagner led the Recreation and Parks Commission and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. ROLL CALL: Recreation and Parks Commission

Present:

Kathy Wagner, Marlene Murphy, Tony Dossetti,

Adam Cox and Pete Padilla.

Absent:

Virginia Morford

Staff:

Alexander Hall, Norene Borba, Eugene Drummond, Jake Meneley, Joey Chavez, and

Michelle Reid

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-December 22, 2008

M/S/C-Cox/Padilla motioned to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2008 meeting as submitted.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

Michelle Reid, Secretary of Parks and Community Services, read a letter from Commissioner Pete Padilla into the record regarding the funding for the Boys and Girls Club Project Refocus. He asked that the City Attorney and City Manager look into the possibility that the guidelines of the Youth Endowment Fund, which finances the Project Refocus, were violated. Commissioner Padilla requested that the matter be brought back to the Commission in February as an action item.

V. PRESENTATIONS

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Parks and Community Services Event Calendar February 2009
- B. City Council Agenda Items Action Taken in January
- C. MCAN Monthly Activity Report November 2008
- D. Norene Borba December Written Report
- E. Jake Meneley- December Written Report
- F. Eugene Drummond-December Written Report
- G. M-DOGS Donation Letter

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

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS-ACTION ITEMS

At the request of the Steven Stayner Committee, the Steven Stayner Monument Project at Applegate Park was moved to the first action item.

A. Steven Stayner Monument Project at Applegate Park-Alexander Hall informed the Commission that the Steven Stayner Missing Children's Committee had raised all of the funds necessary to begin construction of the bronze statue of Steven Stayner and Timothy White. In 2003, the Council recommended that the statue be placed on the east side of the park.

Speakers from the Audience

Carl Gregory, Merced Dora Wagner, Merced Debbie Ybarra, Merced

M/S/C-Padilla/Dossetti motioned to proceed with the recommended Option 3 location and layout for the Steven Stayner Monument Project at Applegate Park to the City Council.

B. Merced Zoological Society Yearly Operational Expenses-Russ Vara, Merced Zoological Society treasurer, asked the Commission to reduce the Society's operational expenses contribution from 33% to 25%. The Society is unable to generate the revenue needed to continue its current contribution.

M/S/C-Padilla/Cox motioned to allow the Merced Zoological Society to reduce its operational expenses contribution to 25% for one year (fiscal year 09/10).

ABSTAIN: Marlene Murphy

C. Options for Cost Savings to Youth Services Department-Eugene Drummond, Recreation Supervisor, informed the Commission that the Youth Services Division would not be able to operate the first two weeks of the COM-VIP Summer Camp without closing the current after school sites (Stephen Leonard, McNamara, and Gateway Church) from February 1st to May 29th due to the budget.

M/S/C-Padilla/Murphy motioned to close the three after school sites from March 1st through May 29th in order to fund the first two weeks of the COM-VIP Summer Camp program.

IX. DEPARTMENT UPDATES-Alexander Hall

- Staff met with members of the board from the Boys and Girls Club. There will be no monies available to fund the Project Refocus in the upcoming fiscal year. The Boys and Girls Club will present a written report detailing their staff, programs, and use of funds from the City as well as programs they are operating in the County.
- Alexander Hall explained that the Youth Services Department was reduced in every area for fiscal year 08/09, including special events, removing free movie night, and eliminating the Youth Commission. Staff will recommend that current contracts be reduced for fiscal year 09/10 in order to put funding back in the Youth Services Department.
- Staff has been directed to reduce its 09/10 budget by 12% in every area. Total reductions to the department must be at least \$291,588.

X. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Chairwoman Kathy Wagner informed the Commission that CAPRCBM is asking for funds for scholarships.
- Chairwoman Kathy Wagner thanked Councilmen Joe Cortez and John Carlisle and City Attorney Isaac Escobedo for attending the meeting.
- Eugene Drummond wished Norene Borba and Marquis Johnson a happy birthday.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Recreation and Parks Commission meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. and will meet again on February 23, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Chairperson, Recreation and Parks Commission