

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

**MINUTES  
Meeting of June 22, 2009**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The City of Merced Recreation and Parks Commission meeting was called to order on Monday, June 22, 2009 at 5:32 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, Virginia Morford, Eric Nelson and Pete Padilla.

Staff: Alexander Hall, Norene Borba, Eugene Drummond, Joey Chavez, and Lindsey Johnson

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-May 26, 2009**

M/S/C-Dossetti/Cox motioned to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2009 meeting as submitted.

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**COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON  
AGENDA**

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**V. PRESENTATIONS**

## VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Parks and Community Services Event Calendar – July 2009
- B. Norene Borba –December Written Report
- C. Jake Meneley- December Written Report
- D. Eugene Drummond-December Written Report
- E. Recreation and Parks Commission letter to Police Chief Russ Thomas and Deputy Public Works Director Mike Wegley, requesting Skate Park updates
- F. May Revenue Report

M/S/C –Morford/Padilla motioned to accept the written communications as submitted.

## VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. Skate Park Update-

Commander Norm Andrade, Merced Police Department, indicated that the Police Department had not received complaints from staff or the public about the Skate Park. The Police Department patrols the skate park when time permits. The Police Department suggested that the lights be turned off at night to discourage use of the park at night.

Michael Wegley, Assistant Director of the Public Works Department, the sprinklers have been set to go on when the park closes at 11:00 p.m., the new signs at the Skate Park have been posted, and a timer was being installed to turn the lights off over night.

Joey Chavez updated the Commission regarding the new signs and their price (\$536.00) and the timers at the Skate Park.

Commissioner Dossetti questioned why the price of the signs and timers was so high. Joey Chavez informed the commission that that was the price the Public Works Department charged to make

and install the signs. The quote from Best Electric for the timers was sent directly to Public Works.

- B. Norene Borba explained that Merced Seniors Inc., Merced Senior Social Club, and AARP Merced Chapter had agreed to reduce the hours at the Senior Center by 12 hours per week. The new hours will be Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The savings should be approximately \$45,000.00 per year.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS-ACTION ITEMS

- A. Alexander Hall updated the Commission about the funding request from the Boys and Girls Club for Project Refocus. The City Council referred the request to the Commission for action. The Commission found that there were no funding sources available for the Project Refocus.

M/S/C-Dossetti/Cox motioned that due to a lack of monies in the Youth Endowment Fund, the Project Refocus not be funded unless the City Council was able find another source for funding.

- B. Alexander Hall presented a report from Isaac Escobedo, Deputy City Attorney, regarding the Youth Endowment Fund. The report found that the transfer of \$100,000 is not consistent with the guidelines established because a portion of the principal had been transferred out. The guidelines specify that only interest may be used and that City of Merced youth programming should be given priority use of these funds.

M/S/C-Padilla/Dossetti motioned to recommend that the City Council return the principal and interest to the Youth Endowment Fund and that only the interest be used according to the guidelines.

#### IX. DEPARTMENT UPDATES-Alexander Hall

- CP-42-Staff is in the final stages to have the property annexed into the City. A check will be sent to the State Board of Equalization to finalize the annexation.

- Staff is looking for grants to acquire funds to complete park projects. The Stewardship Council Foundation is offering \$176,500, which will complete Flanagan Park.
- The City will partner with Healthy Communities to prevent obesity in children. Staff is looking for an agency to fund a community garden.
- Easby property is almost ready to be rented. The City will use Flanagan Realty to manage the property.
- Commissioner Cox asked Eugene Drummond why the program at Gateway Church was not in the budget for 09/10. Mr. Drummond explained that the site was not as successful as Stephen Leonard and McNamara, possibly because the fee was charged on a monthly basis (\$30/month) instead of once per school year (\$10/school year). The joint-use agreement was for 9 months of the year.

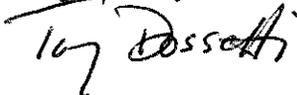
#### X. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Alexander Hall thanked Chairwoman Wagner for her service on the Commission. He also acknowledged that Peter Padilla had been appointed for another 4-year term. The new commissioner will be Bob Kane.
- Chairwoman Kathy Wagner thanked Councilmen Joe Cortez and John Carlisle for attending the meeting. She also thanked the commission for the experience of serving.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Recreation and Parks Commission meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. and will meet again on July 27, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted:




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Chairperson, Recreation and Parks Commission