

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

**MINUTES**

Meeting of February 22, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City of Merced Recreation and Parks Commission meeting was called to order on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 5:30 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, Eric Nelson, Bob Kane, Marlene Murphy, Virginia Morford, and Carl Pollard.

Absent: Peter Padilla

Clerk's note: *(Motion to change "Absent" to "Excused" at March 22, 2010 Commission meeting.)*

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

REORGANIZATION OF RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION-

Commissioner Kane nominated Commissioner Pollard for the Vice Chairman position.

Commissioner Murphy nominated herself for the Vice Chairman position.

Clerk's note: motion carried on a 4-2 vote for Carl Pollard for the Vice Chairman of the Recreation and Parks Commission.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-January 25, 2010

M/S/C- Murphy/Kane motioned to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2010 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 – March 2010

B. Norene Borba –January Written Report

C. Jake Meneley- January Written Report

D. Eugene Drummond-January Written Report

E. Revenue Cost Recovery Report

F. Letter from Department of Fish and Game

M/S/C –Nelson/Pollard motioned to accept the written communications as submitted.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Alexander Hall updated the Commission on the letters that were sent to the Merced Union High School District and the Merced City School District. The High School District has presented staff with a proposal for the existing Merced High School gymnasium. The high school plans to build a new gym on campus by October 2012 and has offered the City full use of the existing gym upon completion of construction. The Merced City School District has not voted on the proposed Rivera gymnasium or the future elementary school at Fahrens Park. Both items are on the agenda for the School Board meeting on February 23, 2010.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS-ACTION ITEMS

- A. Norene Borba presented the Wahneta Hall Trust Fund Distribution requirements to the Commission. This year's applicants were the Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced and the Merced Community College Concert Band.

Alan Schoff, Vice President of the Kiwanis Club, requested the funds for operation and maintenance of the Kiddieland train.

Dr. John Gaulty, Dean of Fine Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences at Merced Community College, requested the funds for a performance in Applegate Park by the Merced College Concert Band.

M/S/C-Nelson/Pollard motioned to award \$1165.00 to the Merced College Concert Band and the remaining \$1335.00 to the Kiwanis Club.

- B. Alexander Hall asked the Commission to approve the Urban Greening Project Grant application (Prop 84) for the South Merced Community Park (CP-42) Class I bike path. There is up to \$18 million dollars available for the first phase of the grant award with no minimum or maximum request required.

M/S/C-Pollard/Murphy motioned to approve the application for the Urban Greening Project Grant (Prop 84).

- C. MERCOCredit Union Cycling Classic-Flip Hassett, Executive Director of the United Way of Merced County, asked that the Commission waive the \$375 fee for the use of the City's bounce houses.

M/S/C-Pollard Nelson motioned to waive the \$375 fee for use of the City's bounce houses for the MERCOCredit Union Cycling Classic on March 6, 2010.

Clerk's note: Item added during the Good of the Order.

## XI. DEPARTMENT UPDATES-Alexander Hall

- The Parks and Community Services Department will change its name to the Parks and Recreation Department effective July 1, 2010. Costs to change the name are minimal. All park signs currently carry the Parks and Recreation name. There are 3 department signs that will need to be replaced.
- The Parks and Community Services Department will be reorganizing due to the retirement of Norene Borba, Recreation Supervisor, in June 2011. Staff is recommending a new Recreation Manager position that will report to the Director. The existing Recreation Coordinators will be promoted to Recreation Supervisors. All promotions would be from within the Parks and Community Services Department.
- Staff continues to prepare the 2010/2011 fiscal year budget. The Department will have to reduce its budget again. Working to charge capital project management fees to the project funds when possible to reduce drain on the General Fund.
- Fiscal year 2010/2011 goals and objectives have been submitted. They include department reorganization altered agreements with the Merced Union High School and Merced City School Districts. Staff would also like to partner with the Boys and Girls Club to make better use of the McCombs Youth Center. A Recreation Supervisor will be assigned to the Youth Center to expand programming, promote job skills training and development and character development.

## X. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Alexander Hall asked Chairman Dossetti to allow an emergency item on the agenda. The MERCOCredit Union Cycling Classic Planning Committee requested a fee waiver for the use of City-owned bounce houses for their event on March 6, 2010.

M/S/C-Pollard/Kane motioned to approve adding the emergency item.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Recreation and Parks Commission meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. and will meet again on March 22, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Chairman, Recreation and Parks Commission