

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

MINUTES

Meeting of June 28, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City of Merced Recreation and Parks Commission meeting was called to order on Monday, June 28, 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, Carl Pollard, Marlene Murphy, Virginia Morford, and Eric Nelson

Excused: Peter Padilla and Bob Kane

M/S/C-Pollard/Murphy motioned to excuse Commissioners Padilla and Kane

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-May 24, 2010

M/S/C- Kane/Padilla motioned to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2010 meeting as submitted.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON
AGENDA

V. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Jane Alvarado from Project LEAN presented the parent lessons plans advocating healthier eating within their families. Project LEAN provides parents with a two day training that will give them action plans to encourage a healthier lifestyle. Project LEAN secured stimulus funds. Funding efforts will be concentrated in the Central Valley. Funding is available for schools to develop joint use agreements and to bring awareness to the direct correlation between sugar soft drinks and childhood obesity and adult diabetes.

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Parks and Community Services Event Calendar – July 2010
- B. Norene Borba –May Written Report
- C. Jake Meneley- May Written Report
- D. Eugene Drummond-May Written Report
- E. Revenue Cost Recovery Report
- F. Memo-Parks and Recreation Site Visit

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

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Eugene Drummond updated the Commission on the Stephen Leonard drop-in site. Staff has considered changing the hours, opening it on the weekend, or opening it as a teen center. The center is currently operating as a kinder camp for the summer. There are two City staff, volunteers, and TEAL staff operating the

site. There is also a community based organization utilizing the facility in the evenings and on the weekends.

- B. Alexander Hall updated the Commission on the Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Cities Campaign. The City's general plan must be updated and approved by Council, which will include the language from the HEAL Campaign. The Resolution will be adopted with the general plan.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS-ACTION ITEMS

- A. Alexander Hall asked the Commission for a recommendation for the Bellevue Area High School and the Rivera Middle School gymnasiums. The Merced Union High School District does not expect to begin construction of the practice gym until at least 2013. The City has \$1.5 million dollars set aside for this project. Termination of the Bellevue High agreement would free the funds for the Merced High School gym. The City would have exclusive use of the current gym after the construction of the new gym on the campus.

The Merced City School District Board approved the plans to convert Rivera Middle School to a kindergarten through grade 8. The City has over \$500,000 committed to the project. The City would have exclusive use of the current gym in the evening.

M/S/C-Pollard/Nelson motioned to terminate the agreement for the Bellevue High School practice gymnasium and recommend a cost sharing agreement between the City of Merced and the Merced Union High School District, as well as between the City of Merced and the Merced City School District for Rivera Middle School gym.

IX. DEPARTMENT UPDATES-Alexander Hall

- Thanked the Commissioners for their input during the budget study sessions.
- CP-42 grants were submitted to the State for over \$6 million dollars. Staff gave the state representative a tour of the project sites.

- Staff is reviewing park fees. Park fees were set in 2006. In 2006, one acre cost between \$105,000 and \$290,000. According to a recent appraisal of land values, one acre costs between \$25,000 and \$35,000.

X. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Murphy noted the large attendance numbers of the Zoo. She received many compliments on the grounds and exhibits. Zoo camp began this month.

Alexander Hall pointed out that Norene Borba will be with City until September and Commissioner Nelson was appointed to another term.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Recreation and Parks Commission meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. and will meet again on July 26, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chairman, Recreation and Parks Commission