

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

**MINUTES**

Meeting of June 23, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City of Merced Recreation and Parks Commission meeting was called to order on Monday, June 23, 2008 at 5:37 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Merced Civic Center.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Acting Chairwoman Necola Adams led the Recreation and Parks Commission and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL: Recreation and Parks Commission

Present: Virginia Morford, Necola Adams, Tony Dossetti, and Pete Padilla.

Excused: Kathy Wagner, Jim Newhoff, and Steve Kuykendall

M/S/C-Dossetti/Padilla approved to excuse the absence of Commissioners Adams, Newhoff, and Kuykendall.

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C – Dossetti/Padilla motioned to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2008 meeting.

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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 Special Events Calendar-July 2008
- B. City Council Agenda Items-Action Taken in May
- C. MCAN Monthly Activity Report-May
- D. Code Enforcement-May Written Report
- E. Norene Borba-May Written Report
- F. Jake Meneley-May Written Report
- G. Eugene Drummond-May Written Report
- H. Letter from Philip Golden regarding Applegate Park use
- I. Approved Fees FY 08/09

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

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Kelly Roseman, Code Enforcement Specialist, updated the Commission on the homeless abatement/clean up. The clean up has been delayed due to budget constraints. Code Enforcement will seek help from CalTrans as they have funds for clean up. The panhandling letter written by Chairwoman Kathy Wagner needs to be addressed to the Chief of Police instead of the City Manager.

Once the chairwoman signs the letter, it can be sent to the Chief of Police.

- B. Norene Borba explained the planned AARP Senior Community Service Employment Program to the commission. The AARP Employment Program would provide an assistant for the Senior Community Center to help at the front desk. The employee would be paid through AARP.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS-ACTION ITEMS

- A. Alexander Hall addressed the commission regarding the homeowners' requests on Diane Court to remove magnolia trees from their property. The residents feel the trees are a nuisance.

M/S/C-Padilla/Dossetti motioned to approve the removal of the trees at homeowner's expense to remove and replace.

- B. Norene Borba presented the proposed revisions to the Senior Center Facility use policy to the commission. There were minor revisions made to the policy.

M/S/C-Padilla/Dossetti motioned to approve the proposed revisions to the Senior Center Facility Use Policy.

#### IX. DEPARTMENT UPDATES-Alexander Hall

1. Applegate Park Volleyball Kick Ball and Top-Spin Court- The final plan has been submitted to the Public Works Department. Three new volleyball nets have been ordered. The new courts should be complete by mid July.
2. Applegate Parking Issue-A meeting is set for June 25, 2008 to discuss improvements to the traffic and parking at Applegate Park.
3. Update on the 26<sup>th</sup> & M Street property-Applegate Park Improvements-We are in the process of removing rubbish from the property this week. JDA Landscape has been contracted to complete the site master plan. We will bring the final plan to the Recreation and Parks Commission for consideration.
4. Update on CP-42-A planning meeting is scheduled for the second week of July with RRM and staff to set the final schedule for

completing the South Merced Community Sports Park Master Plan.

We are redrafting a joint-use and joint funding agreement with the Merced Union High School to fund phase I on 17 acres to include the following facilities: three soccer fields, one baseball field, two softball fields, 200 parking spaces, a restroom and park storage. The Engineer's estimate is approximately \$7 million for this development. The City's share is approximately \$2.3 million, less prepayment for land and master plan \$939,581. Net amount \$1.4 million.

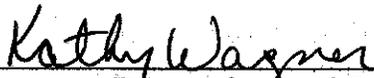
#### X. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Alexander Hall thanked commissioners Jim Newhoff and Steve Kuykendall for their service. He invited the commissioners in attendance to stay for a reception after the meeting.
- Alexander Hall thanked Kelly Roseman and the Code Enforcement team for their dedicated service to the City and the Parks and Community Services Department. The Code Enforcement team is moving to the Inspection Services Department at City Hall.
- Alexander Hall recognized Eugene Drummond for the success of the summer camp program. There are over 200 participants enrolled.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Recreation and Parks Commission meeting adjourned at 6:30p.m. and will meet again on July 28, 2008 in the Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Chairperson, Recreation and Parks Commission