

**SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Thursday, January 21, 2010
Council Chambers, 21000 Hacienda Blvd.
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dennis called the meeting to order at Central Park at 4:01pm. The following Commissioners were present: Chair Dennis, Commissioner Sutherland and Commissioner Hemingway. The scheduled Central Park Waterfall tour was cancelled due to weather conditions. Consensus of the Board to return to City Hall, Council Chambers to continue the meeting.

Upon return to City Hall, Commissioners Tarvin and Sanders were present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Sanders, second by Commissioner Sutherland to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS - None

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Manager Weil advised that the electrical panel in question at the last meeting has been secured and that the timer for the lights at the sports field adjacent to the bathrooms is in the process of being fixed.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Public comment was received from Charles McGuire.

CONSENT CALENDAR

CC1. Approve minutes of meeting dated 12/16/09

Commissioner Hemingway reported that his name was misspelled

Motion by Commissioner Hemingway, second by Commissioner Tarvin, to approve minutes with the correction to spelling error. – motion carried.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

CB 1. Communications Review – City Manager Weil

City Manager Weil read two comments/suggestions that were received at City Hall; From Pam Williams, and unknown; see attached. A letter from the California City high School A.S.B. was also read (also see attached)

CB 2. Grant Review / Update – City Manager Weil

City Manager, Tom Weil provided an update regarding the grant position to upgrade the marina pavilion at Central Park, the grant will fund the following: re-roof, electric and paint, the walkway will be done at a later time with alternative funding.

The Community Center request for proposals (RFP) is finished and at this time sits at the County level. Approx. time left for funding distribution 6 months. Mr. Weil advised that in the interest of time, the building may be primed to create a more esthetic appearance as we wait for funding to finish the renovation project.

Commissioner Tarvin asked for color scheme of the pavilion and was advised that it will be painted close to the original color scheme to preserve historical nature.

Chair Dennis asked for a copy of Tom Weil's report be issued to the Commissioners by way of their mail boxes at City Hall for their record.

City Manager Weil also advised that the greenbelt had to be abandoned through the grant process as it did not qualify at this time.

Balsitis Park project is moving forward, in the process of noticing residents within the 300ft. range about a workshop for residents to address their concerns/suggestions and ideas for the park.

Serina has been taking pictures and gathering relevant information for the grant process. We would like to go to Council by the February 2, 2010 meeting date with a Resolution to move forward with the grant. Ronna in the Planning Department is also putting information together and providing CEQA data. March 1, 2010 is the deadline to turn in the grant application. City Manager Weil asked the Commissioners when a good time would be to schedule the workshop for the public input.

Commissioners agreed to do a workshop on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 6:30pm following the Citizens advisory committee meeting in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB1. Charles Flores Memorial Plaque – Chair Helen Dennis

City Manager Tom Weil advised that at this time, this process needs to be looked into. The grant process has taken a great deal of time and when the grant process is clear (by end of March), this project will resume.

Chair Dennis suggested that Community involvement may be an idea to generate some private funds for the dedication/plaque.

City Manager added that since the City is in the process of renovating the marina pavilion that we could perhaps utilize this facility to dedicate to Chuck Flores;

Chair Dennis asked for a decision regarding the location to be made by Rhonda Vasquez and Chuck McGuire.

Rhonda Vasquez stated that she felt that the pavilion was a more suitable location for the plaque as this was Chuck Flores area.

NB 2. Fence line installation project at Central Park – City Manager Weil

City Manager Weil described the attached map of the fence boundary. Weil mentioned the possibility of recycling the iron fencing from the Legends and suggested the possibility of electronic gating. The height of the fence around the Par 3 Golf Course will be increased to 8 feet, currently the height of the fence is 6 feet.

Suggestions from the public included:
Facade going across Heather as the entrance to the Park.
Wrought Iron Gate for entrance.

Weil advised the Commission to make a recommendation to the Council to secure the Park with fencing.

Staff was asked to provide cost estimate to accompany the recommendation and also develop a budget for funding the fencing project.

Weil advised that it would take approximately 30-45 days for the estimate and design.

Motion by Commissioner Sutherland and second by Sanders, to make recommendation to Council for fence project at Central Park. Motion Carried.

COMMISSION AGENDA

Commissioner Hemingway – Commented on the map of the fence and the need for security.

Commissioner Tarvin – Asked about the progress of the Master Plan for the Parks, asked if they should be starting a plan. – Chair Dennis advised that she is at a loss at this time of where to even start with the Master Plan and advised that they need several workshops to work through this matter. Also asked if the Commission should be giving the Council a Commissioners report – Chair Dennis advised that they would be doing this soon.

Chairman Dennis – Thanked staff for time spent on grants. Announced that the fencing was phase one of many projects to secure the Park, lights and cameras maybe included in phase 2 & 3.

City Manager Weil advised that he is communicating with Lemieux with regards to an ordinance that would give the City more ability to enforce the rules of the Park and security breach matters. Currently the penalties are infractions and they need to be misdemeanors.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Sanders, second by Hemingway, to adjourn the meeting at 5:09pm Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jan Sprague, Parks & Recreation Secretary

APPROVED BY THE PARKS & REC COMMISSION ON _____