



*City of Arts & Innovation*

## **MINUTES**

### **PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Monday, December 12, 2011 6:30 p.m.  
Ysmael Villegas Community Center, Villegas Park  
3091 Esparanza Street  
Riverside, CA 92504  
951-826-2000

**Commissioners Present:** Berg, Inaba, Kallinger, Leibe, Macias, Moore, Poulsen and Ritzau

**Commissioners Absent:** Hurtado

**Staff Present:**  
Ralph Nuñez, Director  
Mario Lara, Interim Deputy Director  
Tina Lang, Sr. Administrative Assistant  
Sonya Chavarria, Sr. Management Analyst Parks Division  
Randy McDaniel, Principal Park Planner  
Robin Metz, Recreation Superintendent

**Public Works Staff Present:** Robert Filiar, Urban Forester

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Berg called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.

#### **1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Paul Chavez, President of the Casa Blanca Community Action Group, thanked Director Nuñez for the timely repair to the ice machine at the Ysmael Villegas Community Center and invited the Commissioners to the Community Action Group Holiday Dinner on Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Commission approved the minutes for the November 7, 2011 meeting as presented.

Motion: Moore  
Second: Poulsen  
Ayes: All  
Abstain: Ritzau

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following matters, presented to the Park and Recreation Commission on the consent calendar for consideration, were approved by one motion affirming the action appropriate to each item:

- 3. November Community Services Division Monthly Report
- 5. November Parks Division Monthly Report
- 6. Capital Improvement Projects Tracking Report

Item 4 was pulled from the consent calendar for separate discussion.

Motion: Kallinger  
 Second: Macias  
 Ayes: All

**DISCUSSION**

**7. NAMING OF SOCCER FIELD AT ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SPORTS PARK**

Director Nuñez indicated requests were submitted by the Human Relations Commission and community to name a soccer field at the Arlington Heights Sports Park in honor of Pete King. At the Parks Subcommittee meeting on November 2, the Parks Subcommittee unanimously supported naming the large soccer field, at the Arlington Heights Sports Park, in honor of Pete King.

Commissioner Poulsen asked for confirmation that the naming request was consistent with the established protocol for naming parks and recreation facilities.

Commissioner Ritzau asked if the field would be named, "Pete King Soccer Field."

Director Nuñez confirmed the name of the field would be "Pete King Soccer Field."

Commissioner Kallinger asked if staff was aware of any opposition to the naming of the field.

Director Nuñez indicated he was not aware of any dissent.

Commissioner Macias asked where the signage would be placed.

Director Nuñez indicated staff is exploring options for sign location.

Motion: Moore  
 Second: Leibe  
 Ayes: All

**8. UPDATE REGARDING CHARTER REVIEW AND CHANGES PROPOSED FOR SEC. 809. PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Director Nuñez indicated there is discussion concerning modifying the City Charter to

remove street trees and public right-of-ways from Park and Recreation Commission oversight. He noted the next Charter Review Committee meeting would take place on December 19.

Commissioner Kallinger indicated the Park and Recreation Commission has always provided citizen oversight over street trees and the Street Tree Policy should remain under citizen review.

Urban Forester Filiar indicated Public Works staff is exploring options to ensure citizen input regarding street trees.

Following discussion, a motion was made to receive the report for file.

Motion: Moore  
Second: Leibe  
Ayes: All

**4. NOVEMBER RECREATION DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT**

Commissioner Poulsen pulled this item and requested that a matrix of facility revenue be included in future reports and asked Superintendent Metz to explain contract classes.

Superintendent Metz indicated a class is categorized as a contract class when an instructor is contracted to instruct specialty classes such as music, sports, cooking etc.

Following discussion, a motion was made to receive the report for file.

Motion: Poulsen  
Second: Inaba  
Ayes: All

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director Nuñez

Invited the Commissioners to the PRCSD’s Quarterly Holiday Meeting scheduled for December 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the La Sierra Senior Center.

Thanked the Commissioners for their support at the Hunter Hobby Park Grand Opening.

Announced that funding for Tequesquite Park was approved.

Commissioner Kallinger

Thanked those that contributed to the holiday gift for PRCSD staff.

Commissioner Leibe

Asked if Park and Recreation Commission meetings could be moved back to City Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Berg adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 13, 2012 in the Mayor's Ceremonial Room, City Hall, 3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522.