

South Gate Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER - At the hour of 7:07 p.m., Chair Cypert called to order the regular meeting of the City of South Gate Parks and Recreation Commission.
2. FLAG SALUTE - Was lead by Commissioner Hicklin
ROLL CALL - the following were present: Chair Cypert, Vice Chair Nixon, Secretary Santana, Commissioner Hicklin and Commissioner Monroy. Staff: Director Adams, Parks Supt. Massey and Recreation Supt. Costley.
3. REPORT ON POSTING - by Ana V. Medina, Sr. Secretary
APPROVAL OF AGENDA - M/S/C: Vice Chair Nixon/Commissioner Hicklin, to approve the Agenda.
4. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - November 19 & December 8, 2011.
M/S/C: Commissioner Hicklin/Vice Chair Nixon, to approve the minutes. Secretary Santana noted that the November minutes did not state Special Meeting.
M/S/C: Commissioner Hicklin/Vice Chair Nixon to correct the minutes to state the November meeting as a special meeting and December meeting as a regular meeting and to approve with these corrections

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

5. S.G. SWIM TEAM - RECOMMENDED MOTION: To receive & file
6. A.Y.S.O. FINANCIAL REPORT - RECOMMENDED MOTION: To receive & file
7. S.G. ART ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT - RECOMMENDED MOTION: To receive & file
M/S/C: Vice Chair Nixon/died for lack of a second.
Secretary Santana asked why staff cannot audit nor confirm the accuracy of the partner organization's financial report. Recreation Supt. Costley explained that their reports are reviewed and approved by each organization's members. Director Adams also explained that it is also a legal issue, since the Commission is a formal body of the City, if it is accepted without that statement, the City could be liable for any errors in the report; but the Commission can ask for clarification from the groups. How often or does staff audit their books? Director Adams replied that if there is a suggestion of a problem staff will meet with the organization; wanted clarification since these groups use the facilities at the park and are representative of the City. Chair Cypert stated that the organizations are non-profits and they have to do taxes each year. Does anyone monitor their performance? Commissioner Hicklin replied that the City cannot take on that responsibility because the City could become liable for inaccuracies. Director Adams stated that since they are non-profits he has no authority in what they do, but he can revoke their permits to use City facilities.
M/S/C: Vice Chair Nixon/Commissioner Monroy to receive and file these reports
8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
NONE

PRESENTATIONS

9. NONE

OPEN SESSION ITEMS

10. REVIEW OF FY 2011/12 - 2ND QUARTER REPORT - Reviewed by Director Adams. Secretary Santana asked about outdoor exercise equipment at the park; Director Adams explained that it is expensive to install and high maintenance, but staff is looking into it. Commissioner Hicklin asked about the location of the dog park and who will police it; Director Adams stated that it is in the Parks Master Plan but a site has not been designated yet. Staff is looking into other city's dog parks regulations to see what would work here. Staff will come before the Commission with the findings for their recommendation. A discussion ensued.
M/S/C: Commissioner Hicklin/Commissioner Monroy to receive and file this report.
11. REVIEW OF NEW PROGRAMS FOR SPRING QUARTER - Recreation Supt. Costley reviewed this item. A Fitness Coordinator has been hired to revamp the Weight Room into Fitness Center. Membership fees will be brought back to the Commission for recommendations. A discussion ensued.
M/S/C: Commissioner Hicklin/Secretary Santana, to receive and file this report.
12. REVIEW OF GOALS & STANDARDS FOR 2012/13 FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL - Director Adams reviewed this item. Chair Cypert asked if the adult softball league will be staff run or contracted out; Recreation Supt. Costley replied there are no changes in the running of the leagues; there is one contractor which is running a modified slow-pitch league. There are a few errors in the cost recovery amounts; a discussion ensued.
M/S/C: Secretary Santana/Commissioner Hicklin, to correct errors and return to commission for approval.
13. DIRECTOR'S REPORT / CALENDAR OF EVENTS -
Director Adams - Saturday there will be tree plantings at Hollydale Regional Park by Amigos de Los Rios. They will have volunteers from UCLA, SG Young Professionals, and members of the CCC; it will be from 9am - 12pm. This weekend we will be one of 25 pools hosting Winter Fest, a regional water polo tournament. Also, next weekend, we will be hosting SCIAC an NCAA Division 3 college swimming championships. On March 17, we will be kicking off the Azalea Festival and fences will be taken down for the rededication of the park. Long term, work will begin on State Street Park and Prop A grants, for the dog park and upgrades to the inside of the Auditorium Main Hall. Staff has been working on the "Freedom Trail" project for the Fourth of July.

Parks Supt. Massey - the hiring process has been completed on two new full time Grounds Workers. This Saturday is the Valentine's Day golf tournament.

Recreation Supt. Costley - reviewed the invitations handed out for the two dedications on February 25, the Senior Center Re-naming in honor of Margaret Travis, and the naming of the Sports Center Gym in honor of Marvin Cole.

14. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS -
Vice Chair Nixon - announced that the SG Women's Club is hosting the Azalea Queen Coronation and dinner; tickets are \$10. How is Armando doing with coordinating Teen Town; Recreation Supt. Costley replied that he is doing well, he is learning and working with the teens. He also has a volunteer group of about 30 teens that help with the classes. Asked if it is true that Grounds Worker Fernando Vazquez has retired; Parks Supt. Massey replied that he has gone without any fanfare, because that's what he wanted.
Commissioner Monroy - coaching at Warren High School; they are holding a car wash fundraiser this Saturday.
Commissioner Hicklin - nothing to report
Secretary Santana - regarding the tree planting, wanted to mention that if we get 30 volunteers out that day, we will get an additional 200 trees. Perhaps the person in charge of the volunteers could get them out there; Recreation Supt. Costley will let him know.
Chair Cypert - Chair Cypert asked that Commissioner's Monroy's request on field light usage, with a brief history and policy, and clarification as to what is expected from both sides for use and charges of lights. Also, if staff could supply the names/contacts of groups that could donate money to pay for the lights; Director Adams stated he would email Commissioner Monroy the contact information tomorrow.
Commissioner Monroy stated that there are people that say they are part of the JAA so they can get the lights at the reduced rate. He asks that staff be made aware and have them verify that they are JAA coaches. Director Adams asked that the JAA supply staff with an authorized list of coaches. Mentioned that there were a few problems with the Breakfast with Santa event that need to be addressed; Recreation Supt. Costley
15. REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS
A brief history of the policy of field lights for use by the JAA.
16. ADJOURNMENT - As no further business remained, Chair Cypert asked for a motion to adjourn. M/S/C: (Vice Chair Nixon/Commissioner Hicklin) to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Evette Santana, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Commission