



## RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica, CA

1. **Call to Order** – Chairperson Cloke called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Commissioner Schwengel led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 7A was addressed before Item 3.

#### 7. A. **New Business: Recognition of Santa Monica Police Activities League**

**Basketball Teams and Los Angeles Marathon Participants** – The following individuals were recognized by the Commission for their participation in the basketball and/or running programs at the Santa Monica Police Activities League:

Mahaelani Barr (PAL Running Program), James Barr (PAL Basketball & Running), Malcolm Barr (Running), Leon Caballero (Running), Ruthie Campos (Basketball), Amanda Casillas (Basketball), Ingrid Castillo (Basketball), Susana Chavez (Running), Davion Coleman (Basketball), Jorge Cortes (Running), James Cuellar (Running), Maggie Delgadillo (Basketball), Natalie Escobar (Basketball), Wendy Escobar (Running), Luis Evangelista (Running), Carmen Fernandez (Running), Diego Godinez (Running), Monique Gutierrez (Running), Monique Jacobson (Running), Tristan Jauregui (Basketball), Jesse Kass (Basketball), Noah Kline (Running), Sean Mahsoul (Basketball & Running), Victoria Martin (Running), Jessica Medina (Basketball), Ever Meyer (Running), Natalie Meza (Basketball), Karina Oblea (Running), Sebastian Pacheco (Basketball), Jennifer Pacheco (Running), Mauricio Quezada (Running), Mayra Ramos (Running), Codie Reed (Basketball), Jonathan Taylor (Running), Shirley Tse (Running), Chris Tucker (Basketball), Lizette Urena (Running), Gabe Valdes (Running), Bryant Villa (Running), Steve Wick (Basketball)

Following their recognition, each Commissioner personally congratulated the group on their hard work.

#### 3. **Roll Call**

**Present:** Chairperson Cloke  
Vice Chairperson Carrey  
Commissioner Brock  
Commissioner Schwengel

**Also Present:** Barbara Stinchfield, Community & Cultural Services Department  
Libby Carlson, Community & Cultural Services Department

4. **Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2005**

Chairperson Cloke made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of February 17, 2005, as amended. Vice Chairperson Carrey seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner(s) Munoz, Nafshun and Wolch.

5. **Director's Report**

Director Stinchfield reviewed the CIP Status Report and made the following updates:

- Responses to the Request for Bid issued for the Rehabilitation and Adaptive Reuse of the Property at 415 Pacific Coast Highway are due on Monday, March 21.
- The bid package for construction of Airport Park will be issued during the final week of March.
- The expansion of Virginia Avenue Park is on schedule for a fall 2005 opening.

In response to a question from Commissioner Brock, City staff stated the Park Buildings Replacement Program should be completed in April.

6. **Committee and Liaison Reports**

A. **Communications Strategy** – No report.

B. **City As Park/Sustainable Design** – No report.

C. **Agency Partnerships** - Vice Chairperson Carrey reported on discussion with representatives from Santa Monica College regarding its proposal for underground parking at Airport Park. Vice Chairperson Carrey stated there would be a workshop regarding the proposal on March 29 at Barker Hangar.

D. **Capital Projects Advocacy** – No report.

E. **Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board** – No report.

F. **Sports Advisory Council Liaison** – No report.

Item 8A was addressed before Item 7B.

8. A. **Old Business: Staff Update: Presentation, Discussion and Formulation of Recommendations on Euclid Park Concept Design** – Brett Horner, Senior Administrative Analyst for the Community & Cultural Services Administration Division, presented a staff report and updates to the concept design for Euclid Park. Mr. Horner also stated that staff is exploring the addition of 90-degree parking spaces on Euclid Street. Mr. Horner then introduced the design team – Mark Rios, Jennifer Schab and Abbie Baron.

Mark Rios, design team member, highlighted updates made to the concept design based on comments received at the February 17, 2005, Recreation & Parks Commission meeting.

After responding to Commission questions on technical issues regarding the park, Chairperson Cloke opened the item to public comment. Following the public comment period, the Commission discussed the concept design, focusing on fencing, safety, parking and programming.

Vice Chairperson Carrey moved that the concept design is responsive to public and Commission comments, and asked that staff and the design team consider the following issues as the park design progresses: the addition of un-intrusive, low-scale fencing to address the safety of children using the play area; building in flexibility to gardening areas for use by programs or neighbors; continue to refine sustainable elements as work proceeds; continue to refine park furniture placement; address park hours, parking and neighbor impacts at the appropriate time; and, prior to going to Council, address security concerns by facilitating stronger Police Department relations with park neighbors. Commissioner Schwengel seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner(s) Munoz, Nafshun and Wolch.

## 7. New Business

**B. Staff Presentation on CDBG Consolidated Plan** – Stacy Rowe, Human Services Division Administrator, presented the update to the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan for the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program. Commission discussion regarding priorities for CDBG funding followed. Commission priorities included programming at Virginia Avenue Park, programs to end homelessness, the incorporation of recreational facilities and open space into affordable housing projects, and a field trip shuttle for Virginia Avenue Park and surrounding areas. The Commission suggested staff gather input from the Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board on programming needs at the Park.

**C. Recommendation to Set a Special Meeting of the RPC to Provide Input on Opportunities to Revitalize Santa Monica Place** – Director Stinchfield reported that the community outreach consultant team would like the Commission's input on revitalization opportunities for Santa Monica Place.

Vice Chairperson Carrey moved to hold a special meeting of the RPC on March 30, 2005, beginning at 7:30 pm. Commissioner Schwengel seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner(s) Munoz, Nafshun and Wolch.

## 8. Old Business

**B. Update on FY 05-06/06-07 Budget Process** – Director Stinchfield reported that the Community & Cultural Services Department would meet with the City Manager's Office regarding the upcoming budget on April 4.

**C. Review of Commission Long Range Agenda** – Chairperson Cloke reviewed items on the long range agenda.

9. **Public Comment** – None.

10. **Adjournment** – Vice Chairperson Carrey moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner(s) Munoz, Nafshun and Wolch. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.