

CITY OF REDLANDS PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

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The following information comprises the minutes for a regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission which was held at **4:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, December 14, 2023**, in the City Council Chambers, 35 Cajon Street, Suite #2.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Attendance.

- A. Present: DOUGLAS GONZALES, CHAIRMAN; JOANNE LESSARD, COMMISSIONER; JUSTIN WEEKLEY, COMMISSIONER; NIKITA JOS, STUDENT COMMISSIONER
- B. Absent: ADAM HEBDEN, VICE-CHAIR; ROY CENCIRULO, COMMISSIONER; SCOTT CARLSON, COMMISSIONER
- C. Absences were excused unanimously

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No general public comments were received.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. The minutes of the November 9th, 2023, regular meeting were approved on a motion by Chair Gonzales and seconded by Commissioner Lessard. Motion carried unanimously.

4. STATUS REPORTS

- A. Individual Commissioner park reports
 - a. *The commissioners present gave reports on their assigned parks. Commissioner Lessard gave an update on Oakmont Park, Caroline Park, and Centennial Park.*
- B. FCS staff report on Recreation and Park activities
 - a. *Don Crow gave a report on the skate park shade sail. Dave Jaffe gave a report on the upcoming fishing derby at Ford Park, and an upcoming breakfast with City officials as well as an update on the Paint and Donut series.*
- C. Student Commissioner report
 - a. *The student commissioner gave an update on school activities. Winter break is coming up so not much activity is happening. This was the last meeting for Commission Jos.*

D. RUSD Liaison report

- a. The RUSD liaison gave an update on school district activities. This will be Michelle's last meeting as the primary RUSD liaison for the PRC.*

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Status update from Sub-Committee on naming of the new park included as part of Bergamot housing development.
a. This item was in concert with item 6A.
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding the annual report to City Council scheduled for January 16, 2024
a. Chair Gonzales will give the annual report.
- C. Discussion and possible action regarding the recommendations from the Joint Sub-Committee between the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission and the Cultural Arts Commission on the murals in the Redlands Community Center.
a. Christine White gave comment in support of the mural and her experiences discussing the mural's meaning with students. Jessica Bruny gave comment in support of the mural. Motion to keep murals in place for 5 years with recommended changes by Chair Gonzales. Second by Commissioner Weekley. Approved unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding the consideration of accepting proposed land dedication and park improvements associated with MLC Holding, Inc. planned development adjacent to Citrus Valley High School, and recommendation to City Council to issue a credit for Park and Open Space development impact fees associated with the project.
a. Aaron Talarico spoke about the naming of the new park after Pat Meyer. The Coyazo family spoke in support of naming the park after the family, who have been part of Redlands since 1911. The Gonzales family spoke in support of naming the park after Joe Gonzales. Motion to name Coyazo Park and Gonzales Field by Chair Gonzales. Second by Commissioner Weekley. Approved unanimously. Motion to recommend a flagpole be erected at the park and dedicated to Patrick Meyer for his contribution to getting the park to be part of the development by Chair Gonzales. Second by Commissioner Weekley. Recommended unanimously. Motion to issue a credit for Park and Open Space development impact fees associated with the project by Commissioner Weekley. Second by Chair Gonzales. Approved unanimously.

7. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Discussion and possible action regarding the Fire Demonstration Garden at Ford Park and potential plans to reprogram the space
- Discussion and possible action regarding the State Street parking study
- Parks Master Plan – Presentation by Doug Grove from RHA Landscape Architects

8. ADJOURNMENT AT 5:56 PM TO REGULAR MEETING on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 4:30 P.M.