

South Gate Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER - At the hour of 7:02 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 Vice Chair Nixon
ROLL CALL - the following were present: Chair Cypert, Vice Chair Nixon, and Commissioner Hicklin. Commissioners Santana and Monroy arrived after the meeting had started. Staff: Director Adams, Recreation Supt. Costley and Parks Supt. Massey
3. REPORT ON POSTING - by Ana V. Medina, Sr. Secretary
APPROVAL OF AGENDA - M/S/C: Vice Chair Nixon/Chair Cypert, to approve the Agenda.

Commissioner Santana arrived during this portion of the meeting

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

MEETING COMPENSATION DISCLOSURE - Read by Ana V. Medina, Sr. Secretary

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: Commissioner Hicklin/Vice Chair Nixon to receive and file these reports

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Recognized: Angel J. Sotello, South Gate resident, congratulated staff on the improvements to the golf course grounds.

PRESENTATIONS

9. **REVIEW OF STATE STREET PARK DESIGNS**

Director Adams reviewed this item and introduced the top three bidders; In-site Landscape Architecture, David Volz Design (DVD), and Meyer and Associates; there was a presentation from each bidder. Commissioner Hicklin expressed his concerns in having children playing under the power lines; Director Adams addressed his concerns, and stated that once a vendor was chosen the type of equipment and material that the Commission would like would be discussed with him; a discussion ensued.

Commissioner Monroy arrived during this portion of the meeting

OPEN SESSION ITEMS

10. **REVIEW OF FOURTH OF JULY ACTIVITIES** - Reviewed by Director Adams; explained that the due to budget issues the school band would not be able to play on the Fourth. And the veteran's organizations were unable to volunteer their services; he asked the

Commission for further direction or ideas, or to petition Council for additional funds, but that would be for the next fiscal year. A discussion ensued. Secretary Santana asked if items # 2, 3, 4, and 5 on the report could be done. Recreation Supt. Costley stated that items #3 and #5, the groups have stated they are not available. But the SGHS Jr. ROTC, since they are budgeted through the Army will be participating with the presentation of the colors and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Chair Nixon stated that Council be asked for a budget for the next year. Secretary Santana stated she would find a couple of guest speakers.

M/S/C: Vice Chair Nixon/Secretary Santana to receive and file this report

11. RECOMMENDATION ON PROVIDING ADDITIONAL NIGHTS OF FIELD LIGHTS FOR SGJAA - Director Adams reviewed this item; asked for a recommendation to forward this item to Council as part of the upcoming budget process for implementation in the 2012/13 fiscal year; a discussion ensued.

Recognized: Cyndi Esquivel, South Gate Resident; states that part of the problem also was that the coaches were being over charged and other non JAA teams were making reservations saying they were JAA; Director Adams stated that those problems have been corrected. Commissioner Monroy asked for an additional night at no cost so it would be two nights at no cost and one at half cost for the months of December through April.

M/S/C: Secretary Santana/Vice Chair Nixon to present to Council the recommendation of adding an additional night of field light usage at no cost to the JAA.

Chair Cypert abstained from voting.

Commissioner Hicklin asked if the recommendation be brought back to the Commission; Commissioners Monroy and Nixon stated that would delay the process; Director Adams suggested appointing one or two commissioners to assist him with the report for Council.

Friendly Amendment to the motion by Commissioner Hicklin/Commissioner Monroy to have Commissioners Monroy and Hicklin assist Director Adams with the Council report; unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

12. REVIEW OF NEW SUMMER PROGRAMS - Director Adams introduced this item; Recreation Supt. Costley reviewed it. A discussion ensued.

M/S/C: Vice Chair Nixon/Chair Cypert to receive and file this report.

13. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONERS' CHART OF WORK 2012/13 - Director Adams reviewed this item. Secretary Santana asked to have a 4th of July event evaluation meeting in August.

M/S/C: Chair Cypert/Vice Chair Nixon to approve the Chart of Work with the addition of the evaluation of the 4th of July activities in August.

14. ANNUAL REVIEW OF OPERATING AND CONCESSION AGREEMENTS

Recognized: Cyndi Esquivel, South Gate Resident and JAA representative, asked on behalf of the JAA and AYSO that their concession contracts be renewed with 3 one year extensions as done in the past. Director Adams stated that the current contract can't be changed, but when it is renewed, it can be proposed; but the city attorney stated there have been changes in the law and he is currently reviewing the contracts as to form.

15. REVIEW OF THIRD QUARTER REPORT - Director Adams reviewed this item; a discussion ensued.
M/S/C: Commissioner Hicklin/Vice Chair Nixon to receive and file Items #14 and #15 as presented.
16. RECOMMENDATION ON SELECTION OF ARCHITECT FOR STATE STREET PARK DESIGNS - Director Adams reviewed this item, he asked that each Commissioner state their order of preference of each presenter. Commissioner Hicklin stated his concern of the electro-magnetic fields under the power lines and their effect on children playing there and wants to make sure it is properly grounded. Director Adams stated that once a selection has been made creative solutions could be reached to amend the grant application. Chair Cypert asked the Commissioners to state the order of their preference.
Commissioner Santana: 1) In-Site, 2) DVD, 3) Meyer & Assoc.; Commissioner Hicklin: 1) DVD, 2) Meyer & Assoc., 3) In-Site.; Commissioner Nixon: 1) DVD, 2) Meyer & Assoc., 3) In-Site; Commissioner Monroy: 1) DVD, 2) In-Site, 3) Meyer & Assoc.; Commissioner Cypert: 1) DVD, 2) Meyer & Assoc., 3) In-Site. A discussion ensued.
M/S/C: Commissioner Monroy/Commissioner Hicklin to recommend DVD as #1, Meyer as #2, and In-Site as #3 as the choices for architects for the State Street Park Designs; four votes in favor; Commissioner Santana opposed.
17. GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE REPORT - Reviewed by Parks Supt. Massey; explained in the changes in maintenance and improvements being done at the golf course.
Recognized: Angel Sotello, South Gate Resident, stated that he donated a golf ball washer approximately two months ago; he would like to donate all of them.
M/S/C: Vice Chair Nixon/Secretary Santana to receive and file this report
18. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REORGANIZATION OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS - Director Adams reviewed this item. Chair Cypert opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Cypert nominated Commissioner Nixon for Chair, accepted, Commissioner Monroy (2nd); Commissioner Hicklin nominated Commissioner Cypert for Vice Chair, accepted, Commissioner Nixon (2nd); Vice Chair Nixon nominated Commissioner Santana for Secretary accepted, Commissioner Hicklin (2nd). Chair Cypert asked for a motion to approve the slate as nominated.
M/S/C (Commissioner Hicklin/Commissioner Monroy) to approve the slate as nominated.
19. DIRECTOR'S REPORT / CALENDAR OF EVENTS -
Director Adams - NAVA is having a breakfast fundraiser on Saturday; wished all a happy Mother's Day. Oldest son is graduating from Whittier College tomorrow
Recreation Supt. Costley - The Health Fair will be May 18 in front of the Senior Center at 4pm; the Friends Poker Fundraiser Tourney will be May 19 at 12:30pm; because the 4th of July falls on a Wednesday, the carnival will run from the fourth to Sunday; the proposed opening of the Fitness Center is June 2; LAUSD school schedule has changed, summer vacation will only be seven weeks, staff has been working on adjusting our programming as needed. Daughter won her Sweet Sixteen in the national finals for rugby, but lost in the quarter finals to Stanford

Parks Supt. Massey - No report

20. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS -

Commissioner Nixon - Has a concern from the Women's Club, would like someone to check on the oven in the Girls Club House kitchen, it never works; Director Adams stated staff would look into it.

Commissioner Santana - Brought fliers from the Commission for SG Youth for the slogan contest for Community Pride, deadline is May 22 at 5pm

Commissioner Cypert - Thanked staff for their assistance on the JAA's Opening Day ceremony; and thanked staff for the quick improvements to the golf course grounds, appreciates the effort it took.

Commissioner Monroy - Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers present; congratulations to Director Adams and Recreation Supt. Costley

Commissioner Hicklin - Son took the position of wide receiver coach for Whittier College, granddaughter is planning on attending UNLV in August; attended the Nation Cheerleaders Competition in April, South Gate High School was one of the winners, granddaughter's school, Sta. Fe High won in their division.

Director Adams asked for clarification on the request to look at the appropriate facilities to have at State Street Park, do you want a public meeting or a Commission meeting to discuss the proper facilities with the architect. Chair Cypert state she would like a Commission meeting in June. Asked staff if the dog park could be on one of those blocks, Director Adams replied that the dog park would not be able to be in State Street Park, it might be able to be in one of the other parcels along Southern Avenue that still needs to be discussed with DWP. Commissioner Hicklin stated that one of the cities that had established a dog park has abandoned it because residents are not cleaning up after their dogs and it has become costly for the city. Director Adams explained the City's position is that it doesn't pose a threat to build under the power lines; he will check with the City's attorney to see if there are any liability issues. Vice Chair Nixon asked what kind of play equipment is at the other two; Director Adams replied most of the panels and slides are plastic, the poles are metal and they are grounded, staff insisted that it be done.

21. REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS

22. ADJOURNMENT - As no further business remained, Commissioner Cypert asked for a motion to adjourn. M/S/C: (Commissioner Santana/Commissioner Nixon) to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Evette Santana, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Commission

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