

South Gate Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2012

CALL TO ORDER - Vice Chair Cypert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE - by Commissioner Tony Monroy

ROLL CALL - by Ana Medina, Sr. Secretary;

Present: Vice Chair Jenny Cypert, Secretary Evette Santana, Commissioner Tony Monroy

Absent: Commissioner Jim Hicklin, Chair Naomi Nixon had an excused absence

Staff: Director Paul Adams, Parks Supt. Glenn Massey, Recreation Supt. Steve Costley

REPORT ON POSTING - by Ana Medina, Sr. Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - M/S/C: Secretary Santana/Commissioner Monroy

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - July 11, 2012 - **Recommended Motion:** Receive and File, M/S/C: Secretary Santana/Vice Chair Cypert

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Recommended Motion: Receive and File; M/S/C: Commissioner Monroy/Secretary Santana

Secretary Santana asked for Consent Calendar Item #4 to be pulled for clarification; Director Adams reviewed the item. M/S/C: Secretary Santana/Commissioner Monroy to accept the recommended motion

5. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

6. PRESENTATIONS - None

Director Adams stated that there is a staff person who will be doing a presentation under Director's Reports; he would like to bring that item forward at this time. He introduced Ian Kokot, Recreation Coordinator, in charge of adult sports; he has begun a quarterly status report from each Recreation Coordinator. If the Commission likes the report, they can ask for these reports to become a regular practice.

Ian Kokot, Rec. Coordinator reviewed his report, as this report wasn't on the Agenda it couldn't be discussed; but questions were asked by Commission for clarification.

COMMISSIONER HICKLIN ARRIVED AT THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING.

OPEN SESSION ITEMS

7. REVIEW OF DESIRED OUTCOMES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/14

Recommended Motion: Provide staff with feedback on desired outcomes for fiscal year 2013-14 to allow staff to prepare Goals and Performance Measures for the Commission to adopt at their February meeting.

Director Adams reviewed this item. Since the attachment was omitted, it will be emailed to the Commission.

Vice Chair Cypert asked that this report is to be brought back to the next meeting.

8. REPORT ON RESULTS OF DOG PARK PLANNING WORKSHOP

Recommended Motion : Receive and File; no action taken

Director Adams reviewed this item; Commissioner Hicklin thought the size of the fence should be higher; a discussion ensued.

9. REVIEW NEW PROGRAMS FOR WINTER QUARTER

Recommended Motion: Receive and File; M/S/C: Commissioner Monroy/Secretary Santana to accept the recommended motion

Recreation Supt. Costley reviewed this report; also reported on the status of the Fitness Center and that it is now open at 11a.m., and the progress of the new Teen Center in the old weight room. A discussion ensued.

10. ANNUAL REVIEW OF PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Recommended Motion: Motion to Approve and Refer to Council; Vice Chair Cypert/Secretary Santana to accept the recommended motion

Director Adams reviewed this item.

Vice Chair Cypert congratulated staff, she has never seen a master plan move faster or achieve its goals.

Secretary Santana stated the tennis courts are not addressed.

Recreation Supt. Costley replied there were no recommendations specific to them; they fell under the items to be maintained. There was a lighting issue that has since been resolved; staff is looking into maintenance.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT / CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Director Adams: The NAVA Powwow will be held this weekend. The department is receiving an award from SCMAF.

Parks Supt. Massey: Custodial staff purchased a new refrigerator for the Girls Club House, a new floor scrubber to help with maintenance. Stripped and waxed the floors at Hollydale Community Center, Senior Center, Girls Club House, some of the Auditorium. Old vehicles were traded with Public Works; hired a new full time custodian, Eduardo **Garduño**; also working with Purchasing to create a new chemical contract to stay green, as opposed to using bleach, etc. Grounds staff sprayed 30 acres of weed control at Hollydale & SG parks. Staff is working on reducing the wood chip pile at Hollydale Park, by using it on beds in parks around the City. Have replaced several sprinkler heads and about 500LF of PVC in area four. Planted 16 new azalea plants in the Azalea Garden. Staff is working with Public Works on improving the monument signs at Hollydale Park, replacing letters and spraying graffiti coating. Working with Sports Center staff on replacing many anchors and home bases. First Tee will be having a Turkey Shoot for youth on November 17 at 8am. Staff is working with them to have a regular youth program, but there's not much interest.

Recreation Supt. Costley: SCMAF 's Golden Shield award is for programs that go above and beyond in their outstanding work with adult and youth sports. The SG Park Halloween Event partnered with SG Young Professionals and went very well; there was an approximate attendance of 6,000. Hollydale had an attendance estimated at 800. On December 1 the department will be hosting the Pageant of the Trees event, held by the Commission for SG Youth; the Tree Lighting will be November 29 at 4pm at City Hall. This Saturday is the Special Olympics Regional games.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice Chair Cypert: Is spraying for fleas still done, Parks Supt. Massey replied that that type of spraying isn't done because of the toxicity. But staff does spray around the facilities for pest control as needed. Halloween event went well, but received some calls from service groups regarding food sales. Director Adams explained the when SG Halloween event was combined with SG Young Professional's they wanted to bring in food trucks, so the service clubs were informed they could sell at the Hollydale Event. There was some miscommunication with the clubs; in the end, it was all worked out. Secretary Santana since she is involved with the SGYP she wanted to state that she did not participate this year with the Halloween event, but she did state at their meeting that she did not agree that clubs be excluded; feels this should not be an issue in the future. Director Adams feels this community is not the food trucks target market, Vice Chair Cypert stated that at the last commission meeting it was decided that there would be three food trucks and the clubs would also be included. Would like to ask that in the future if there are changes to items that are discussed at a Commission meeting that the Commissioners be informed.

Secretary Santana: Invited all to the Pageant of the Trees, the logo for the We Love South Gate campaign has been chosen. Participating in the Fitness Challenge for Southeast Cities, with Councilmember Morales, to raise obesity awareness; featured in the Wave newspaper. Would like to do something similar here in conjunction with the SG schools, by getting sponsors and in collaboration with the Fitness Center.

Commissioner Hicklin: Asked the status of State Street Park, has read there is an additional study on the cause of effect of living under power lines and leukemia; he has concerns because he had two sisters living near power lines that passed from cancer. Vice Chair Cypert suggested that perhaps these issues could be bought up to those people living near the power lines. Director Adams asked to have the report forwarded to him. Commissioner Hicklin would like to donate a Thanksgiving dinners to a needy families.

Commissioner Monroy: Son's baseball team is fundraising by selling Christmas trees

REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Secretary Santana requested that division reports be done on a regular basis.

ADJOURNMENT - At 8:30 p.m.; Vice Chair Cypert called for a motion to adjourn; M/S/C: Commissioner Monroy/Secretary Santana to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:

Evette Santana, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Commission

