

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

**Thursday, July 11, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

MINUTES

1. Approve regular meeting minutes of May 9, 2013 and May 30, 2013

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. Introductions/Awards/Recognitions
3. Public Comment from the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda. *Speakers are encouraged to limit comments to 3 minutes.*

MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

If necessary to assure completion of the following items, the Chairperson may establish time limits for the presentations by individual speakers.

4. Review of Commission Meeting Schedule
5. Review and Selection of Committee Assignments

COMMUNICATIONS

COMMISSION REPORTS

6. Committee Meetings
 - A. Bernal Community Park Phase II
 - B. Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee
 - C. Community of Character
 - D. City/East Bay Regional Park District Liaison Committee
 - E. East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force
 - F. Heritage Tree Review Board
 - G. Kottinger Place/Kottinger Village Park
 - H. Lions Wayside Park

- I. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee
- J. Cultural Plan Update Steering Committee
- K. Public Art Selection Sub-committee
- L. Sports Council

7. Other brief reports on any meetings, conferences, and/or seminars attended by the Commission members.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

STAFF COMMENTS

8. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings and Events of Interest

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: August 8, 2013

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

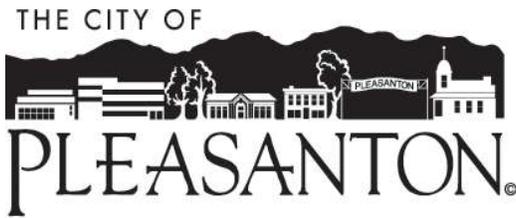
- A. Alviso Adobe
- B. Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Joint Workshop
- C.

Notice

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Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

**City Council Chambers – 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA
May 9, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Streng called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Jack Balch, Brad Hottle, Teddy Kinzer, Herb Ritter, and Chairperson Joe Streng.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Susan Andrade-Wax, Director of Community Services; Craig Higgins, Assistant Director of Operation Services; Janice Stern, Planning Manager; Terry Snyder, Administrative Assistant; and Gail Spielvogel, Recording Secretary; Edith Caponigro, Transcribing Secretary.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

There were none.

MINUTES

1. Approve regular meeting minutes of April 11, 2013

A motion was made by Commissioner Balch, seconded by Commissioner Ritter, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2013 meeting. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. Introductions/Awards/Recognitions

There were none.

3. Public Comment from the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda

Dolores Bengtson, 568 Hamilton Way – informed the Commission that a small group of concerned citizens had put together an Advocacy Group called “Friends of the Alviso Adobe” that was interested in having studies completed both within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the Cultural Plan Update recommending that the Alviso Adobe Park be made a more active interpretive cultural park. Ms. Bengtson informed the Commission that the Advocacy Group believes the framework is in place for this park, but to support an active program it is lacking in amenities. Their goal is to promote any action necessary and put together a framework for it to be an active park.

Ms. Bengtson requested the Commission recommend to City Council that an Action Plan or Strategic Plan be put together for making improvements to the park. She discussed the vision for this park that was outlined in the original Master Plan.

Ann Pfaff-Doss, 6444 Alvord Way – confirmed the comments made by Ms. Bengtson and agreed that improvements were needed to make the Alviso Adobe Park more attractive to the Pleasanton community. Ms. Pfaff-Doss noted that this park is unique and has much history but is lacking in amenities. She asked that the Commission consider making a recommendation to City Council asking that these comments and suggestions be considered.

Steve Kirk, 36503 Montecito Drive (94536) – discussed changes that had been made to the golfing times and rates for youth at the Callippe Golf Course, particularly to the evening twilight rate. He advised that most municipal golf courses provide opportunities for youth to play at a reasonable time and with discounted rates.

Commissioner Kinzer questioned that the Twilight rate for youth was not now available at Callippe. Mr. Kirk provided information about play time and rates that are currently available.

Joshua Kirk, 36503 Montecito Drive (94536) & Andrew Chern, 1241 Pineto Place (94566) – advised that the rates and times have been changed at Callippe, they are now not able to play more than 9-rounds of golf. The start time for youth has been changed from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. They asked the Commission to consider having this changed.

Mr. Higgins provided information about the junior rates and times now available at the golf course.

Commissioner Balch asked about the cost differences that would allow for youth to play at an earlier time.

Harry Chern, 1241 Pineto Pl – discussed the differences in rates for juniors and subsidies made by the PGA.

Chairperson Streng questioned the time of the change in these rates and confirmed that this change in rate had not been included in the packet on pricing for the golf course that had recently been approved by the Commission. Mr. Higgins advised that the change had taken effect January 1, 2013.

Commissioner Streng informed the attendees that the Commission would likely request staff for additional information regarding this and request that it be placed on the agenda for a future meeting so they could discuss.

MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

4. East Pleasanton Specific Plan Presentation

Ms. Andrade-Wax introduced Commissioners to Planning Manager, Janice Stern, and advised that they had been provided with additional documents regarding the East Pleasanton Specific Plan.

Ms. Stern provided information about the East Pleasanton area and advised that Consultant, Wayne Rasmussen, was prepared to review with the Commission several Alternative plans for using the area.

Mr. Rasmussen reviewed with Commissioners a PowerPoint presentation of the East Pleasanton area and four Alternative Plans for use of the area that they should consider. He noted that the Commission was being asked to specifically look at usage pertaining to parks and leisure and recreational uses and provided the following details:

- East Pleasanton area is 1,110 acres centered by El Charro Road.
- There is a substantial amount of open space and lake area
- Provided information about developable portions of the property
- Discussed possible relocation of the OSC and Transfer Station
- Advised that extensive analysis of the sites have been conducted
- Discussed geological and geotechnical concerns regarding the area
- Intent of the Airport Protective Area to keep out residential buildings
- About 40% of the process for the Specific Plan has been completed
- Currently comparing land use alternatives and looking for comments from Commissions and Committees
- Market Analysis reports available regarding traffic and transportation issues
- City of Pleasanton General Plan shows some significant policies and includes a 40-acre park on reclaimed land in the Quarry Road area.
- Discussed design policies and water retention requirements
- Reviewed four Alternatives – three of which include 3 parks, and one that has 4 parks.

- Residential retail, commercial, parks, open spaces and trails areas in all Alternatives reviewed

Mr. Rasmussen asked the Commission to consider parks recommendations for all of the Alternatives and how they should be defined and what uses should be considered. He also noted questioned whether the City of Pleasanton should work with Zone 7 to try and expand recreational opportunities in the area.

Ms. Stern advised that parks space being suggested in the Alternatives might be more than it should be as indicated in park/residential requirements. She also provided habitat information and discussed items that may be identified in the Parks and Recreational Master Plan.

Chairperson Streng suggested Commissioners respond to the questions raised by Mr. Rasmussen and Ms. Stern, i.e. whether size and location of parks in the Alternates is appropriate, etc.

Commissioner Hottle felt the Alternative show plenty of parks based on residents/acre recommendations. Size and location of parks appear to be good, but would suggest including smaller community parks within the residential area.

Ms. Andrade-Wax provided clarification regarding park classifications and sizes, to assist the Commission with what amenities belong in a neighborhood park versus a community park.

Mr. Rasmussen noted that it is intended that residential developers include additional recreational spaces within their developments.

Commissioner Balch discussed the vastness of the area and the beautiful open space it provides. He would like to see a planned community park in the area. He felt the Alternatives provided many parks and the sizes and locations are good.

Commissioner Ritter had questions regarding use of the lakes and was advised by Ms. Stern that they would not be allowed for swimming, etc., but some potential boat use may be possible.

Commissioner Hottle advised that there has been some talk with Zone 7 about designating one of the lakes for boat use.

Commissioner Ritter liked that neighborhood parks were included in the plans and thought including a dog park would be good. He suggested relocating the transfer station and thought the Parks and Recreation Master Plan may outline some additional recommendations for this area. He discussed the size and location of the school site and thought it should be near a park, and would like for a water slide to be considered.

Commissioner Kinzer agreed with all of the comments and likes the proposed park locations.

Chairperson Streng also agreed with all of the comments, especially about having more small parks included in residential area.

Chairperson Streng commented on the trail area around Lake I and also felt there was an opportunity to build a dog park in this location.

Commissioner Balch echoed the dog park suggestions and advised that Master Plan survey results were indicating a deficiency in dog parks in the City of Pleasanton. Ms. Andrade-Wax added that deficiencies were also noted for tennis courts, swimming pools, and skating parks, but trails were being identified as efficient.

Commissioner Balch discussed the possibility of adding a boardwalk area around the lakes to allow pedestrian accessibility.

Commissioner Hottle echoed all of the comments noting that a dog park in the area of Lake I would be great, with a third dog park being established on the Bernal property. He felt that recommended usage was good and preferred Alternate 3 because of transportation, and indicated he had some concerns with the locations for multi-family dwellings.

Commissioner Ritter felt the 10-acre area should be active and wondered what the consultant's thought were on this. Mr. Rasmussen commented on constraints in the area and advised that the Task Force had expressed an interest in passive parks rather than something more active. Ms. Andrade-Wax provided information on what acreage is needed for specific parks.

Commissioner Hottle commented on the lack of basketball courts in the City. Ms. Andrade-Wax noted that the City's Park and Recreation Master Plan process identified that the City was deficient, to some degree, in: dog parks, skateparks, tennis courts, and lighted synthetic-turf, multi-purpose sports fields. Commissioner Kinzer asked Mr. Rasmussen how some of these items could be accommodated at this site. Mr. Rasmussen and Ms. Stern advised that it would be difficult to add some more "active" uses in the area because land in the area is still sinking.

Commissioner Kinzer thought it was important to keep in mind the city's trend for sharing resources with the School District. He also suggesting relocating the Transfer Station as indicated in Alternate 3 and liked giving consideration to adding a dog park in the area. With regard to a community park, he felt it was necessary to take into consideration all of the uses and who would be attracted to the area. If this area is not suitable for lighted synthetic fields something should be stated about including them in other areas.

Chairperson Streng thought the space south of Lake I would be sufficient to allow for a dog park and tennis courts. He was in favor of keeping the area near Cope Lake for more passive uses.

The last question was regarding how to work with Zone 7 to possibly expand recreational uses in the area:

Commissioner Hottle advised that the Task Force has discussed the possibility of talking to Zone 7 about expanding recreational uses in the area, and a possible partnership with EBRPD. He indicated that he was happy with Alternate 3.

Commissioner Balch thought the Task Force, Staff and consultant had done a great job. He likes the proposal for circular trails around the lakes, connection with EBRPD and bike connection possibilities, and looking at including an Observation Tower. Commissioner Balch preferred Alternate 1 because of the school location.

Commissioner Ritter had only one comment: Insure Interconnectivity of Trails.

Commissioner Kinzer commented on school location and the joint use of fields, etc. by the City and the School District, he also liked the interconnectivity of trails, etc.

Chairperson Streng felt that trails around the lakes should be complete and that a dog park needed to be included.

5. Review of Commission Meeting Schedule for 2013

Ms. Andrade-Wax reviewed with Commissioners the meeting schedule for the balance of 2013. She noted that it was being recommended that the Commission reschedule their June 13, 2013 meeting to May 30, 2013, to look at the redesign information for Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks. Commissioners reviewed the schedule and agreed to the recommended change.

A motion was made by Chairperson Streng, seconded by Commissioner Balch, to approve meeting schedule for 2013 with the rescheduling of the June 13, 2013 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to May 30, 2013.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- AYES: Commissioners Balch, Hottle, Kinzer, Ritter, and Chairperson Streng.
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

COMMISSION REPORTS

7. Committee Meetings

- A. Bernal Community Park Phase II - Commissioner Kinzer advised that discussions included a proposal for three new fields with the City Manager and the Mayor. It is hoped that some open woodland can be added to the area. Budget issues were discussed including the joining of groups to form a Foundation and will aid in raising funds for this project. A 12-18 month cycle is hoped for the building of these fields. Commissioner Kinzer feels that the Foundation should include all sports groups and not those that will benefit from the fields being established.

Other items raised at the meeting by the groups were for office space and snack bar at the fields, also relooking at the use of school fields. Ms. Andrade-Wax noted the cost increase for this project due to water flow issues that need to be addressed, and advised that a member of the Commission will be asked to be a member of the Task Force for this project.

Commissioner Ritter commented on funds received by the City from RAGE, and Commissioner Kinzer discussed the commitment to be made by the Sports Groups to reimburse the City for funding the project deficit.

- B. Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee - Commissioner Ritter advised that the Committee had discussed the Bernal Bridge and the difficulty in getting pedestrians across the bridge. They discussed having a possible trail along the bridge, i.e. installing of temporary pedestrian ramps.
- C. Community of Character - Chairperson Kinzer advised that the group had discussed general business items including their Annual Luncheon.
- D. City/East Bay Regional Park District Liaison Committee – No report. Meeting scheduled for May 28.
- E. East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force - Commissioner Hottle advised that the group did not meet and was waiting for input from the presentations being made to Commissions and Committees
- F. Heritage Tree Review Board - No report.
- G. Kottinger Place/Kottinger Village Park - No report.
- H. Lions Wayside Park - No report.
- I. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee - No report. Will be looking at facilities and usage at the Friday, May 20th meeting.
- J. Cultural Plan Update Steering Committee – Commissioner Kinzer advised that he had attended three meetings in two days. The first was to gather input from the community and looking at the cultural strengths of the city and what was missing, and the group also discussed public art, downtown area activities, etc. At the second and third meetings the Committee discussed public art and use of art in parks and gathering information by the Steering Committee for putting together information and ideas, and the multiple uses of the library. Ms. Andrade-Wax advised that the Cultural Plan Update should wrap up sometime in September.
- K. Public Art Selection Sub-committee - Chairperson Streng advised that the group would be meeting in a couple of weeks.

- L. Sports Council - Commissioner Kinzer advised that the Sports Council discussed general business and the cost of maintaining school fields and how this will affect matters when moving forward. He advised that soccer groups had been sanctioned because of use of fields in other cities.

5. **Other brief reports on any meetings, conferences, and/or seminars attended by the Commission members**

Commissioner Kinzer noted that he had had the pleasure of sitting on the Selection Committee for the Recreational Supervisor position that was available and it had been a very qualitative and interesting session because of the vast differences and qualities of the applicants.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

- A. Commissioner Hottle provided information about a “Trout in the Classroom” program that he is involved in that is provided by an avid fly-fisherman group of which he is a member. He would like for the City to consider looking at the possibility of including a casting pond in Phase II of the Bernal Park. He felt it was important to consider such a project, because users would include not only youth but also older members of the community. If the Bernal property is not feasible, he suggested that some other location be considered.

Chairperson Streng suggested the Chain of Lakes area be considered, and Commissioner Balch suggested an area by the BMX Park as a suitable location.

- B. Commissioner Balch echoed comments made earlier regarding Twilight golf rates and times. Chairperson Streng indicated he had been upset to learn that these changes had taken place and asked staff what steps the Commission should take to move forward in correcting the problems. Commissioner Kinzer agreed and felt it was important for the Commission to learn how this took place. Commissioner Hottle also wanted to learn more about the comment made by one of the speakers that indicated that fees were being supplemented by the PGA. Mr. Higgins suggested this be placed on the agenda for the next meeting at which time staff will provide information and answer all concerns and comments raised by Commissioners.

- C. Commissioner Kinzer commented on the matter raised by Ms. Bengtson and others regarding uses of the Alviso Adobe and wondered if the Commission should wait until the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the Cultural Plan Update had been completed before addressing the comments.

Ms. Andrade-Wax advised that both plans will provide recommendations for this facility. She mentioned that staff had met with the “Friends of the Adobe” group and discussed elements within the original Alviso Adobe Master Plan that were not implemented and provided as part of the final construction project. Commissioner Kinzer requested that

when that information is available that staff adds this to a meeting agenda so the Commission can discuss. Ms. Andrade-Wax indicated that this would most likely be available for the Commission at a future meeting.

- D. Commissioner Ritter discussed the need to raise funds for the cemetery and suggested that donating funds to “Buy a Brick” be considered.
- E. Commissioner Hottle discussed with Ms. Andrade-Wax the next steps he needed to take to have the City consider finding a location for a casting pond. Ms. Andrade-Wax noted that this type of amenity had not been identified as a “need” in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan process, but there would be future opportunities where the Commission could weigh in on this type of facility. Commissioner Balch thought there was an opportunity for such at Shadow Cliffs in the water slide location.

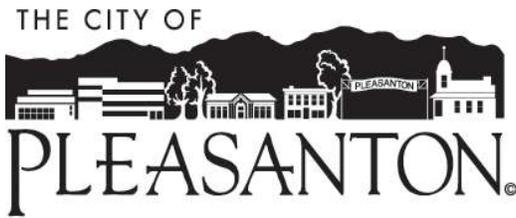
STAFF COMMENTS

8. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings and Events of Interest.

Reviewed by Commissioners. Ms. Andrade-Wax noted that dates for the Rose Show at the Senior Center and the “Big Draw” Art Festival had not been included on the schedule. She also provided information that the following projects and/or initiatives were added to the City Council’s two year workplan: Cemetery Master Plan, Alviso Adobe Strategic Plan, and a feasibility study on the possibility of addressing the need of a joint Civic Center/Community Center/Library at the Bernal Property site.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Streng at 9:10 p.m.



Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

City Council Chambers – 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA
May 30, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Streng called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Jack Balch, Teddy Kinzer, Herb Ritter, and Chairperson Joe Streng.

Commissioners Absent: Brad Hottle.

Staff Present: Susan Andrade-Wax, Director of Community Services; Craig Higgins, Assistant Director of Operation Services; Mike Fulford, Landscape Architect; Terry Snyder, Administrative Assistant; and Edith Caponigro, Recording Secretary.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

There were none.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

1. Introductions/Awards/Recognitions

There were none.

2. Public Comment from the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda

There were none.

MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

3. Review of Preliminary Schematic Design for the Master Planning of Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks

Ms. Andrade-Wax advised that staff was recently requested by City Council to re-visit the preliminary schematic design for the Master Plan of Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks. She advised that the Draft Schematic Plan for these parks was originally approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission in 2009, however, the project had been put on hold due to the economy.

The Commission was informed that following the Commission's review in 2009, Richard Larson, the design consultant, had met with staff to incorporate the Commission's feedback and update the Plan and the revised Draft Schematic Plan is what is being presented to the Commission at this meeting. Ms. Andrade-Wax also advised that park neighbors had been notified about this meeting and several written communications have been received and copies provided to Commissioners.

Mr. Fulford provided additional information regarding the background of this project and advised that staff was looking for input from the Commission.

Consultant, Richard Larson, provided information to the Commission and provided a PowerPoint presentation. He advised that the project began more than fifteen (15) years ago, and he was pleased that the City had kept it in mind during the difficult economic times. The Commission was advised that the Task Force for this project had put together much of the information that was included in the Draft Schematic Plan presented in 2009 and is now being used in the Options that the Commission is being asked to review. Mr. Larson advised that the goals and usage of these parks was discussed by the Task Force and were eventually agreed to by City Council.

In reviewing both Options A and B with the Commission, Mr. Larson discussed some of the differences and features between the two options:

- Covering or non-covering of the "creek/ditch"
- Bandstand location
- The routing of the trail corridor
- Inclusion of a children's play area
- Plaza areas
- Water Feature
- Rose Garden and plantings
- Fencing by the steep creek area.
- Picnic Areas
- Restrooms
- Open Pavilion Market
- Parking areas
- Signage

- Lighting
- Grading and paving

Chairperson Streng questioned whether fencing was to be recommended for both sections of both parks. Mr. Larson indicated this would depend on many elements, and would be recommended when appropriate for safety.

Commissioner Balch asked about possible mitigation and whether it would include Option A.

Commissioner Ritter questioned the possibility of including additional parking in the design. Mr. Larson advised that opportunities are available in the area, and that those in the design were ADA compatible.

Chairperson Streng opened the meeting for Public Comment at 7:25 p.m.

Gerard Rawson, 77 Castlewood Drive – hoped to see the project move forward and prefers Option A. He was concerned about the creek/ditch area and would prefer for this to be all underground and include the area between Angela and Neal. Mr. Rawson discussed the history and possible recycling of the granite blocks that are in the creek, and felt they should be salvaged and used in some manner in these parks or some other area within the city.

Mike Hosterman, (PDA President), 555 Peters Ave – read a letter addressed to the Commission from the Pleasanton Downtown Association noting that improvements to Wayside and Delucchi Parks have been one of the top four priorities for the downtown identified by the Association and are a valuable community asset. Mr. Hosterman discussed the current overflow when people attend Concerts in the Park and felt that Option A would offer better opportunities for allowing access to the downtown area. He also felt that covering the waterway at Delucchi Park would allow for additional parking and would not need to be fenced. Having removal bollards on Neal Street would also allow for more space to be used.

Jack Bras, 300 Del Sol – noted that the two parks were originally put in by the Lions Club in 1964. He thought that the parks work well as they are and had concerns about the amount of funds being budgeted for this project, when much funds are needed for improving the Pioneer Cemetery. Mr. Bras discussed the good park vistas when driving on First Street and was concerned about security in the parks.

Christine Bourg, 4512 Second Street – Ms. Bourg liked the idea of improving the parks, thought the waterway area could be enhanced to make a nice feature, the bandstand location would allow for more usable space, and would like the proposed bridge area to be made wider. She was pleased to learn that a skating rink area was not in the proposals and liked that both parks would offer multiple use opportunities.

Brian Bourg, 4512 Second Street – discussed mitigation issues with Mr. Larson who advised that the term was used by agencies when a water area is being covered, improved, or moved elsewhere. Mr. Larson noted that sites are available within the city if mitigation is required.

Mr. Bourg discussed habitat at Delucchi Park, his envision of an Option C that would have a great lawn area and some waterway, and didn't think the water area at Delucchi should be covered.

Dustin Boyce, 4546 Second Street – indicated that he likes Option A, but would like for the center trees to be removed to allow for additional lawn space. Mr. Boyce felt the creek should be covered and the granite rocks salvaged and used within these parks. He did not see the need for a water feature in these parks, would like for the plaza to be extended, and would like to have other seasonal uses in the area. Mr. Boyce felt parking issues during special events were not problematic to neighbors. He felt the proposed improvements were great and it was time to move forward on this project.

Chairperson Streng closed the meeting for Public Comment at 7:53 p.m.

Commissioner Kinzer indicated he was leaning towards Option A and discussed with Mr. Fulford issues regarding possible mitigation. He also questioned staff on whether additional parking was being considered. Mr. Fulford provided information contained in the Downtown Parks and Trails Master Plan pertaining to the call for more parking, but noted that nothing had yet been implemented because of budget constraints.

Commissioner Kinzer suggested consideration be given to using the granite blocks as part of a water feature on the site. He also felt it was important to consider the history of the two parks and thought an informational plaque could be placed by the water feature.

Commissioner Ritter was pleased to see this project being brought back to the Commissioner. He discussed: 1) visibility of the play area while watching the bands; 2) a crosswalk on Neal Street with flashing lights; 3) possible parking in the storm drainage area; 4) opening of the Firehouse Arts Center restrooms during Friday Night events; 5) saving and use of the granite blocks; 6) possible dance area in front of the bandstand; 7) placement of trees to provide as much shade as possible without blocking view of the bandstand; 8) a possible rope tree (as in Golden Gate Park); and 9) he prefer Option A.

Commissioner Balch also preferred Option A. He thought: 1) covering of the creek would be good, but that it shouldn't be done like that at Kottinger Creek Park; 2). covering the creek at Delucchi would help increase parking and provide better accessibility for ADA users and a second crossing should be included; 3) bollards could be used on Neal Street to provide a larger area; 4) the number of trees should be thinned out so that views are not blocked of the bandstand and the play area; 5) plaza paving should be aesthetic and not noisy; and 6) supports reuse of the granite boulders.

Chairperson Streng's comments included: 1) the parks need to be created as public spaces and not specifically for concerts in the park; 2) would like to see more options for the ditch areas; 3) agreed with salvaging the granite rocks and maintaining the history; 4) would like to see the plaza area extended to Railroad; and 5) supports Option A.

Chairperson Streng and Ms. Andrade-Wax confirmed that most Commissioners were in support of Option A, salvaging the granite rocks, and widening the crossing between Neal and Railroad.

Commissioner Kinzer discussed next steps in the process for this project with Mr. Fulford. Mr. Fulford advised that a more detailed plan would need to be prepared once further decisions have been made regarding the creek.

A motion was made by Chairperson Streng, seconded by Commissioner Balch, recommending approval of Option A as presented, with salvaging and reusing the granite rocks within the project, and widening of the Neal Street area.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Balch, Kinzer, Ritter, and Chairperson Streng

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hottle

ABSTAIN: None

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications pertaining to item 3 on the agenda were received from:

Cathy Pasut - email to Susan Andrade-Wax, Director of Community Services, dated May 28, 2013.

Laura Olson, Executive Director, Pleasanton Downtown Association - letter to Commissioners dated May 29, 2013.

C.C. Ostle - undated letter to Susan Andrade-Wax, Director of Community Services.

Bruce Takens, Meadowlark Dairy – email to Susan Andrade-Wax, Director of Community Services, and dated May 29, 2013.

COMMISSION REPORTS

4. Committee Meetings

A. Bernal Community Park Phase II - No report.

B. Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee - Commissioner Ritter advised that the Committee had discussed the East Pleasanton Specific Plan, particularly the focus of a trail around Lake I, trail connection to Del Valle, and possible inclusion of an Observation Deck at one location. Trails to schools were also discussed.

Commissioner Ritter requested that minutes from the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee meetings be included in the Parks and Recreation Commission packets.

C. Community of Character - No report.

D. City/East Bay Regional Park District Liaison Committee – Ms. Andrade-Wax advised that the Committee had met and topics included: 1) an update on the Iron Horse Trail construction;

2) reworking of the Alamo Trail undercrossing gate; 3) Shadow Cliffs water slides and issues with the Vendor Agreement; 4) Pleasanton Ridge and acquisition of the Castleridge property; 5) a presentation on the East Pleasanton Specific Plan; and 6) current information about the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

E. East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force - no report.

F. Heritage Tree Review Board - No report.

G. Kottinger Place/Kottinger Village Park - Commissioner Balch advised that the Task Force has agreed on a Feasibility Plan with a total of 185 units that includes rebuilding some existing cottages and adding two and three story buildings. The Plan includes a path around the cottages and offers more space for residents, which may have some effect on the park area. Meetings have now been scheduled for each month

H. Lions Wayside Park - No report.

I. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee - Chairperson Streng advised that the Committee had discussed feedback from the Draft Plan review and additional edits are going to be incorporated. The next meeting of the Committee will be in July. The Plan should be coming to the Commission and City Council in September.

Commissioner Balch commented on the fact that it had been noted that programs currently being offered by the City of Pleasanton and staff are "top notch".

J. Public Art Selection Sub-committee - Chairperson Streng advised that the Committee had looked at two pieces of art and have been debating a piece called "Dancing Sheep". He noted that the goal of the Harrington's is to have this art in the downtown area, but the Committee is suggesting other locations. Chairperson Streng also advised that the "Rock/Paper/Scissors" art piece was to be located near Heritage Bank.

Commissioner Ritter questioned if it wasn't the philosophy to find a location and then find the art, and Commissioner Kinzer asked about commissioner art. Chairperson Streng advised that City Council has asked that no more art pieces be submitted unless they are for locations out of the downtown area.

K. Sports Council - No report. Ms. Andrade-Wax advised that a meeting is planned for June 6, 2013 to discuss fundraising for the Bernal area.

L. Civic Arts Cultural Plan- No report.

5. Other brief reports on any meetings, conferences, and/or seminars attended by the Commission members

There were none.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

- A. Commissioner Ritter was advised by Ms. Andrade-Wax that staff had received a request from a resident for amenities in Woodthrush Park. He also discussed with Mr. Higgins the possibility of adding soap dispensers in the bathrooms at the Sports Park. Mr. Higgins advised that staff is looking to convert some bathrooms with new features.
- B. Mr. Higgins provided Commissioner Balch with an update on the recycled water project for Val Vista Park, advising that this should be completed by August. Commissioner Balch questioned whether recycled water was also being considered for Bernal Community Park and was advised by Mr. Higgins that it was not at this time.

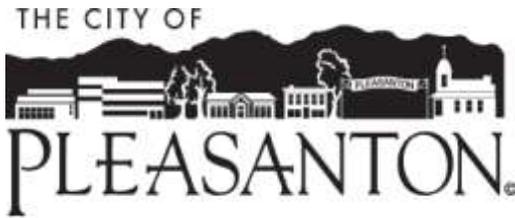
STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Andrade-Wax reminded Commissioners that no meeting was planned for June.

Mr. Fulford advised that new play structures had been installed in four (4) parks. Mr. Higgins noted that a ribbon-cutting ceremony was being planned with some Kindergarten students at Fairlands Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Streng at 9:00 p.m.



Parks and Recreation Commission Staff Report

July 11, 2013
Item 4

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF THE COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2013

SUMMARY

Annually, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviews its annual meeting schedule to consider canceling or re-scheduling meetings due to holidays or other conflicts. The Commission should discuss its meeting schedule for 2013 and recommend changes if appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission review its meeting schedule for 2013 and revise as necessary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There is none.

BACKGROUND

As noted in Section 2.32.080A of the Pleasanton Municipal Code, regular meetings of the Parks and Recreation Commission “shall be held on the second Thursday of each month at a time and place set by the Commission. The Commission may approve an alternate meeting date.”

The Commission may revise its regularly scheduled meetings during 2013 due to possible scheduling conflicts.

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule

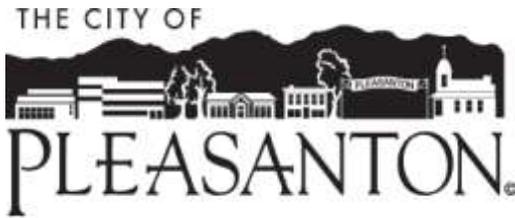
- August 8, 2013
- September 12, 2013
- October 10, 2013
- November 14, 2013
- December 12, 2013

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

Any other action as determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Submitted by:

/s/
Susan Andrade-Wax
Director of Community Services



Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda Report

July 11, 2013
Item 5

SUBJECT: REVIEW AND SELECTION OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

SUMMARY

Annually, the Commission selects a Chair and Vice Chairperson to facilitate meetings. The Commission also reviews committee appointments and makes any necessary changes. Although a Chair and Vice Chairperson were elected at the Commission's meeting in November, 2012, the Commission did not make revisions to the existing Committee Assignments.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission review and select committee assignments and project representatives for the period July – December 2013.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There is none.

BACKGROUND

Per the City of Pleasanton Commissioner's Handbook Chapter 2.28, Item 2.28.070 Organization, Section A, Commissioners shall meet in regular session and elect a chairperson and vice chairperson. The election shall be by majority vote of the Commission, to be held in December of each year. The term of service for these offices shall be one year, beginning in January of each year. No commissioner shall serve more than two (2) consecutive full terms as chairperson of the Commission. In addition, the City's various commissions review their committee assignments on an annual basis. The latest list of committee appointments and project representatives is attached for the Commission's review.

Although the Parks and Recreation Commission elected a new Chair and Vice Chairperson for 2013 at their meeting in November, 2012, they did not revise their current Committee Assignments.

SUMMARY

Commissioners should be prepared at the meeting to discuss any amendments or revisions to the committee assignments and project representatives for the period July – December 2013.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

Any other action as determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Submitted by:

/s/
Susan Andrade-Wax
Director of Community Services

Attachment

1. Parks and Recreation Commission Committee Appointments: January – December 2013

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

January – December 2013

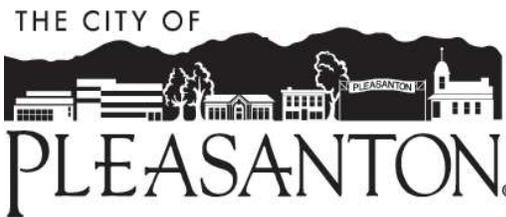
Committee Appointments

- Community of Character – Ted Kinzer; Jack Balch Alternate
Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:30-3:00 p.m., Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave.
- East Bay Regional Park District/City Liaison Committee – Brad Hottle; Joe Streng, Alternate
- Heritage Tree Board of Appeals – Joe Streng; Brad Hottle, Alternate
- Sports Council – Ted Kinzer; Herb Ritter, Alternate
Meets Quarterly the 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m., Softball Complex
- Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee – Herb Ritter; Joe Streng, Alternate
Meets the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., City Council Conf. Rm.

Project Representatives

- Bernal Community Park – Ted Kinzer; Brad Hottle, Alternate
- Kottinger Place Redevelopment Task Force – Jack Balch; Joe Streng, Alternate
- Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks – Herb Ritter; Joe Streng Alternate
- Public Art Selection Sub-Committee (PASS) – Joe Streng; Brad Hottle, Alternate
- East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force – Brad Hottle; Herb Ritter, Alternate
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee – Jack Balch; Joe Streng; Herb Ritter, Alternate
- Cultural Plan Update Steering Committee – Ted Kinzer; Brad Hottle, Alternate

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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 11, 2013
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Susan Andrade-Wax, Director of Community Services
Subject: Schedule of Upcoming Meetings and Events of Interest

Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
July 16	7:00 pm	City Council	City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton
July 16	6:00 pm	Human Services Commission Workshop	Operations Services Center, Remilard Conference Room 3333 Busch Road, Pleasanton
July 18	6:30 pm	Historic Preservation Task Force	Conference Room # 3, 157 Main Street, Pleasanton
July 22	6:30 pm	Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee	Senior Center, Classroom, 5353 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton
July 24	7:00 pm	Planning Commission	City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton
July 31	6:30 pm	Kottinger Place Redevelopment Task Force	Senior Center, Classroom, 5353 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton
August 1	6:30 pm	East Pleasanton Specific Plan Committee	Operations Services Center, Remilard Conference Room 3333 Busch Road, Pleasanton
August 5	7:00 pm	Civic Arts Commission	City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton
August 8	7:00 pm	Parks & Recreation Commission	City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton
August 14	7:00 pm	Planning Commission	City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton
August 20	7:00 pm	City Council	City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton
August 21	7:00pm	Human Services Commission	City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton

Civic Arts Commission – normally meets on the first Monday of each month.

Human Services Commission – normally meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

Parks and Recreation Commission – normally meets on the second Thursday of each month.

Youth Commission – normally meets on the second Wednesday of each month during the school year.

Planning Commission – normally meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee – normally meets on the fourth Monday of each month.