



Brisbane Parks and Recreation Commission Action Minutes

REGULAR MEETING

March 14, 2012

BRISBANE CITY HALL COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, 50 PARK PLACE, BRISBANE, CA

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Bologoff, Fryer, Hart, Lentz and Marmion
Staff present: Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director
Schillinger, Administrative Management Analyst Cheung,
Recreation Supervisor Beaty and Recording Secretary Carpenter

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Bologoff moved, seconded by Commissioner Fryer, to approve the agenda as written. The motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 15, 2012

Referring to Page 2, Commissioner Marmion noted an error in the third line in the last paragraph; the commissioners that volunteered for the Renovation of Community Center subcommittee are Bologoff and Lentz not Marmion and Lentz.

Referring to Page 4, Commissioner Marmion noted an error in the second line in the first paragraph; the commissioners on the Community Park Playground Upgrade subcommittee are Bologoff and Marmion not Bologoff and Fryer.

Commissioner Bologoff moved, seconded by Commissioner Fryer, to approve the February 15, 2012 minutes as corrected. The motion carried 5-0.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Sierra Point Guidelines – park element

The Commission discussed with staff their vision for the public open space at Sierra Point. They emphasized the importance of a passive area with views of the bay and marina from the plaza. The Commission would also like an art piece (possible fountain) as a focal point in the plaza. They also, said the design should take into account the shadows of the surrounding buildings as it relates to the plaza by restricting the height of the buildings. Other considerations discussed: a small open-air bandstand, small play structure (along the Marina Green), bay trail access and no athletic fields.

Commissioner Fryer mentioned he would like to propose the formulation of a subcommittee to research the 1% usage for public art and to see how other cities fund public art.

Jump Houses on Athletic Fields – discuss

The discussion continued from last meeting on whether jump houses should be allowed on Brisbane athletic fields as part of private party reservations.

Commissioner Bologoff moved, seconded by Commissioner Fryer, to deny the use of jump houses on Brisbane athletic fields. The motion carried 5-0.

Use of Seton, Park in Lieu Fees, and Recycling Grant Funds for Recreational Purposes

Management Analyst Cheung gave an overview of various project proposals and their costs, areas of funding (adding that there are not enough funds to cover all the projects), and the background of contributions to the Seton Trust; to be used for healthy Brisbane initiatives. The three projects for consideration are the Brisbane Community Park play structure upgrade, Skate Park surface repaving, and Brisbane School District's "Project get Healthy".

Management Analyst Cheung presented a power point showing the "Parks and Recreation Project Decision Tree" and phase I and phase II of the proposed play structure designs, based on the subcommittee's recommendations (Commissioners Bologoff & Marmion and members of the Mothers of Brisbane).

Commissioner Bologoff mentioned that the subcommittee discussed the idea of selling stars, to mount on the wall near the swings, as a fundraiser.

David Yosso from Miracle Play Systems was available to answer technical questions regarding the play structure elements, materials and safety issues.

Chairperson Hart opened the meeting for public comments.

Jennifer Bousquet commented that the City Council already made the decision that the play structure project is a priority and tonight's meeting should be about approving the design, adding that she supports moving forward with both phase I & II.

Malcolm Barnes, skate park participant, stated that the surface of the skate park is rough and needs to be resurfaced with concrete, adding that more people would use the skate park if it was resurfaced.

Dawn Teaman expressed her concerns about the wall in phase II and asked about liability issues with swings.

Elisa Primm expressed her excitement and showed her support for the "potential" new playground structure.

Angel Ibarra supports the playground structure project first, and next to look at the skate park project.

Gary Lorentzen says he rarely takes his children to the Community Park because of the condition of the current play structure and highly supports the new design.

Anna Maria says she no longer hangs out with her kids at the Community Park and though she supports the skate park project, the park is more of a central location for all Brisbane families and needs to be revitalized first.

Gloria Liu is excited about the park proposal and encourages approval of both phase I & II, however does not support the usage of wood chips.

Michael Barnes commented that there is currently six play structures in Brisbane, but only one skate park. He added that it is not only just for skating, but also for social opportunities. He says he urges the Commission to recommend to City Council to approve phase I of the play structure project and use the remaining funds to concrete the skate park.

DeeDee Porter says the Community Park is the heart of the community, and she supports the playground project first and then the skate park second.

Jessica Aloft asked the Commission to please recommend, to the City Council, approval of the Community Park project. She understands that the skate park is an important part of the social fabric for older children and teens, and supports fundraising efforts, after the Community Park project.

Christy York supports moving forward with both phase I & II, adding that phase II might not ever be done otherwise.

David Yosso addressed the safety issues of the phase II wall and swings.

Commissioner Bologoff moved, seconded by Commissioner Fryer, to recommend moving forward with phase I & II of the park project.

Commissioner Marmion motioned to re-open this issue for discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Bologoff moved, seconded by Commissioner Lentz, to recommend to City Council moving forward with phase I & II with the design presented at this meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Additional Fire Plug Reserve Location – discuss

The Commission considered locations for an additional Fire Plug Reserve.

Commissioner Marmion moved, seconded by Commissioner Bologoff, to locate the Fire Plug Reserve at the entrance of the Quarry Road Park, in front of the signboard. Motion carried 5-0.

Fees

Tabled

REPORTS

Chairperson

Chairperson Hart commented that the bleachers at the Lipman Field needs attention. Director Schillinger will ask Recreation Supervisor to contact the sports teams.

Subcommittees

Renovation of Community Center/Garden

Commissioner Lentz reported she and Commissioner Bologoff chose colors for the Community Center renovation project and will present them to the subcommittee

Commissioners

None

Staff

Programs Report

Recording Secretary Carpenter reported on current recreational program activities.

Small Dogs Dog Park – update

Director Schillinger reported that City Council approved the separation of dogs at the dog park and that Council Member O’Connell has discussed with the dog park overseers ideas to cut costs.

Farmers Market in Brisbane – update

Director Schillinger reported that City Council approved the Farmers Market in the Brisbane Community Park; to be reviewed after six months.

COMMISSION MATTERS

Written Communications

None.

Commission Calendar

The Commission discussed items for the next Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bologoff moved, seconded by Chairperson Lentz, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

NOTE: A full DVD recording of this meeting is available at Parks and Recreation Department Office, City Hall.