



Brisbane Parks and Recreation Commission Action Minutes

REGULAR MEETING

July 24, 2013

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

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Bologoff called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Bologoff, Cutler, Dunn, Fryer, Lentz and Marmion
Staff present: Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director Schillinger
and Recording Secretary Carpenter

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Marmion moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, to approve the July 24, 2013 Agenda as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 26, 2013

Commissioner Marmion moved, seconded by Commissioner Lentz, to approve the June 26, 2013 Minutes as written. The motion carried 6-0.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Teen Services – Skate Park

Director Schillinger reported that the City Council approved the Commission's recommendations to close the teen center, to move staff up to Lipman Middle School (after school), and to also allocate funds to other teen services. In regards to the skate park improvements project, the City Council has questions for the Teen Services Subcommittee pertaining to: usage, current size and design/development costs. He suggested that the Commission Teen Services Subcommittee

Teen Services – Skate Park (cont.)

meet with the City Council Facilities Subcommittee to discuss recommending to the City Council that they allocate between \$4,000 and \$6,000 (the cost of a design) from money that had already been raised for this project.

Chairperson Bologoff opened this item for public comment.

Elisa Primm, resident, commented that she is committed to continue making Brisbane better and that the next step along this path is improving the skate park. She added that the Mothers of Brisbane have fundraised with the understanding that the next priority project is the skate park. She also supports the current location and size with a new professional design.

Dee Dee Porter, resident, stated that she is here to re-state her support of this project, adding that the skate park looks run down and that it could be a beautiful space, like the new playground structure is in the park.

Dee Molina, resident, stated that her son uses the skate park almost every day and she supports a bigger skate park; one that could accommodate bikes, skates and scooters without getting in each others way.

Dawn David, resident, stated that the current skate park is too small due to the number of kids using it. She said she would like the skate park to be a little bigger so that kids can ride their bikes and to also be safer, especially for the little kids.

Michael Barnes, resident, submitted to staff copies of emails from citizens supporting resurfacing the skate park. He expressed his concern of trying to go too big too soon because there is already resistance with the City to spending any money at all. He is more interested in actually getting something built with the available funds, and getting professional advice on how to configure the current skate park, adding that another park for bmx bikes, etc. could always be built later on.

Gary Lorentzen, resident, said that his experience at various skate parks is that for the most part the older skaters are very considerate of the younger skaters. He also supports keeping the skate park a smaller neighborhood park, and not a destination park.

Dee Dee Porter, resident, mentioned the \$5,000 Tony Hawk Grant that was applied for and received, adding that enough money has been raised for a skate park plan.

Dave Primmer, resident and skater, stated that every decision does not need to be made right now, but that spending the money on a professional consultant would get the ball started.

Commissioner Lentz thanked the public for their comments and stated that this Commission has already prioritized the skate park renovation as their first priority.

Facility Rental Information

The Commission reviewed facility reports prepared by staff comparing resident / non-resident park rentals and comparing Mission Blue Center revenue, due to the rental fee increase effective August 17, 2012, for the fiscal years 2011/2012 and 2012/2013. The Commission agreed with staff that a true result reflecting the impact of the Mission Blue Center fee increase would not be evident until at least the end of the 2013 calendar year if not the end of the 2013/2014 fiscal year, since many reservations are booked at least one year in advance.

The Commission asked clarifying questions.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Chairperson

None.

Subcommittees

Subcommittee Meetings – reports

Public Art

Commissioner Fryer reported that the Public Art Subcommittee met briefly and has concluded their exploratory discussions and next a first draft will be written, which is largely based on the Emeryville model. The subcommittee is planning one more short meeting to review Director Schillinger's summary before going to the city attorney.

Day in the Park

Chairperson Bologoff reported that the Day in the Park Subcommittee met to finalize the entertainment for this event.

Teen Services

Commissioner Fryer reported that the Teen Services Subcommittee met and discussed starting the joint meeting, with the City Council Facilities Subcommittee, at the skate park site. Commissioner Lentz suggested that the Teen Services Subcommittee meet first to address the City Council's questions.

Trails Development

Commissioner Lentz distributed a Trails Subcommittee recommendations list of trail improvements/repairs, based primarily on safety issues and the need for signage as well as additional dog mitt dispensers.

Setting Subcommittee Meetings

The commission discussed which subcommittees should meet next month.

Commissioners

Dog Faire – comments

Commissioner Dunn commented that the Dog Faire had limited number of vendor booths and was lightly attended.

Staff

Programs Report

Director Schillinger reminded the Commission that the Concerts in the Park start this Friday (July 26, 2013) and in addition, the Farmer's Market will be at the park as well as the "Walking on Water" feature for kids.

Recording Secretary Carpenter reported on current recreational program activities.

COMMISSION MATTERS

Written Communications

None.

Commission Calendar

The Commission discussed items for the next P&R Commission Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dunn moved, seconded by Commissioner Marmion, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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