

MINUTES

GARDEN GROVE PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Thursday
June 12, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: The special session of the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission was called to order at 6:10 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center.

PRESENT: Chair Piccirillo, Vice Chair Galschoidt,
Commissioners Chung, Malcolm, Wallin

ABSENT: Commissioners Adams, Selvaggi

ALSO PRESENT: Community Services Supervisors, Chad Clanton and Saimi Hayes; Administrative Analyst, Janet Pelayo; Recording Secretary, Sugeiry Reynoso; Senior Planner, Erin Webb

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Galschiodt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Galschoidt moved to approve the Minutes from March 13, 2008, seconded by Commissioner Malcolm. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Chung, Galschiodt, Malcolm, Piccirillo
NOES: Commissioners: None
ABSENT: Commissioners: Adams, Selvaggi
ABSTAIN: Commissioners: Wallin

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

General Plan Update

Chad Clanton informed the Commissioners that the purpose of this special meeting is to provide an update on the City’s General Plan and introduced Community Development Senior Planner Erin Webb to speak about this matter.

Erin Webb provided background information about the City's General Plan of 1995. In comparison to the old General Plan, the new General Plan combines parks, open space, recreation and cultural arts into the same element. Ms. Webb explained that the 1995 General Plan established a desired acreage of 5 acres per 1,000 people for both open space and parkland. Garden Grove meets the requirement for open space; however, parkland is only at about .9 acres per 1,000 people. A more realistic goal for parkland in the General Plan 2030 is 2 acres per 1,000 because of the lack of open land available. Ms. Webb concluded by encouraging the Commission to make comments and bring up ideas on the goals and policies included in the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element of the General Plan.

Chad Clanton discussed the main points of all six sections within the element including parkland, park facilities and recreational programs, open space, trails, bikeways and cultural arts, events and diversity. The element is organized into goals, policies, and implementation programs. Mr. Clanton reviewed all ten goals and highlighted some of the policies and implementation programs.

Erin Webb reminded the Commission that any comments would be due by July 14. The review period is 45 days after the draft is released. The Planning Commission will review the General Plan next week on June 19 when the public review ends. Comments will be gathered and modified if necessary. This item will go back to Planning Commission on July 17 for a decision to be forwarded to City Council.

COMMISSION MATTERS

Community Services Calendar

Janet Pelayo reviewed the list of all upcoming events that extend through the month of September. Ms. Pelayo requested that all Commissioners look at the list of events and let her know what events they would like to attend by the next week.

Location for the July 10, Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting

The next Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission meeting will be held on July 10 at Eastgate Park. The Commission is requested to meet at the new Teen Center for a tour before heading to the summer concert.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Piccirillo adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Sugeiry Reynoso
Recording Secretary