



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012**

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Joseph King called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners King, Kambe, Koblin, Nydam, and Olson present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Comments from the Public

None.

5. Approval of December 14, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission December 14, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes was continued.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Discussion of General Plan Update Open Space and Recreation Element.

Senior Planner Fred Buss provided the Commission an overview of the General Plan and a detailed overview of the Open Space and Recreation Element. Once the overall General Plan is adopted the goals laid out within the plan will begin to be implemented.

Commissioner Nydam asked about OSRE Objective 1.1 regarding a "City Parkland Plan" and if one currently existed. Buss responded it is still a goal to develop such a plan that would be similar to the existing Trails Master Plan. Nydam would like to see such a plan developed that would help in creating criteria for the acquisition of property within the City and prescribe the desired recreation/open space uses of acquired property.

Alameda stated that as part of the City Council's own Goals and Objectives that the City Council does actively discuss and consider all properties that come available that could be open space, recreation, or conversation areas within the City.

Commissioner Olson asked how the goals and projects within the Open Space and Recreation Element are implemented and managed. Buss responded that it is a multi-year effort and typically the specific projects are programmed within the City Capital Improvement Plan, which is funded by the City Council over time.

Chair King commented that the open space and trail goals have more stringent language within the document and the language involving goals for active use recreational facilities does not have strong implementation language.

The Commission reviewed the Goals, Objectives, and Policies Section of the Open Space and Recreation Element. Chair King asked to modify Open Space and Recreation Element Goal 1.1.3. OSRE Goal 1.1.3 will now read as follows: "Continue to work with citizens, organizations, volunteer groups, and community partners to identify, acquire, and develop needed active and passive park lands, recreation areas and open space".

7. Update on Joint Use Field Closures and 2011-12 Field Closure Dates.

Alameda informed the Commission that the City's Winter closure period is now complete. The fields were closed over the La Cañada Unified School District break from December 19, 2011 to January 9, 2012.

Commissioner Koblin asked if the cost to install orange mesh fencing throughout the FIS Lower Field could be determined for the next closure period. He will ask the Sports Coalition members to pay the cost to install the fencing throughout the FIS Lower Field to better enforce the closure at that site.

8. Discussion of the 2012 Music-in-the-Park Summer Concert Series.

Commissioner King attended about half the concerts and received feedback on most the concerts, which was all positive for the 2011 Concert Series.

Commissioner Kambe suggested that the City remove one of the two country acts on the schedule and remove the Reggae act as well.

Commissioner Nydam suggests booking the group "Sisters of Swing", which is a Tribute to the Andrews Sisters. The group played at the 2011 Series during one of the concert intermissions.

9. Update on Memorial Park Access Gate from LCE Parking Lot.

Staff Liaison Alameda informed the Commission that the City had received proposals on the Memorial Park access gate project and the project will cost approximately \$1,700. There is funding currently available in the budget and City staff will proceed with the executing the project.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

10. Staff Comments.

Alameda informed the Commission that the LCHS Swimming Pool project will be discussed by the Joint Use Committee at their upcoming meeting on January 19, 2012.

11. Items for Future Agendas.

None.

12. Comments from the Commission.

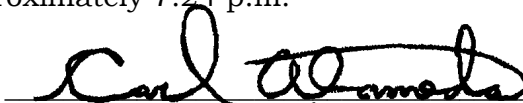
Commissioner Nydam mentioned that the American Flag at Glenola Park is quite worn and the City should look at replacing the flag.

Commissioner Koblin asked if the expense for the replacement of the lighting cabinet at the LCHS JV/Varsity Baseball Fields could be billed to the Sports Coalition members.

Commissioner King asked if the City would look at additional grading of the dirt running track surrounding the FIS Lower Field. As the running track has more ruts from the recent rains.

ADJOURN

Chair King adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:24 p.m.



**Carl Alameda, Senior Management Analyst
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