

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2010**

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair David Nydam called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Nydam, Kambe, Koblin, and Olson present.
Commissioner King arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Commissioner Kambe left at 7:09 p.m. Returned at 7:58 p.m.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Comments from the Public

Mimi Spindle of the La Cañada Girl Scouts addressed the Commission regarding her requested usage of Memorial Park on July 31, 2010 in support of a "Kid Save Event" that supports the adoption of Foster Care Children.

Her request was scheduled to be considered at the July 14, 2010 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, but the approval is too close to her event to properly plan the event. She would like the Commission to take action on her request at tonight's meeting, to allow time to plan the event.

M/S/C: Commissioner Kambe/Olson to consider the request of the La Cañada Girl Scouts for use of Memorial Park on July 31, 2010. 4-0 (Commissioner King Absent).

M/S/C: Commissioner Kambe/Olson to approve the Permit Request and Fee Waiver request of the La Cañada Girl Scouts for use of Memorial Park on July 31, 2010. 4-0 (Commissioner King Absent).

5. Approval of May 10, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes

M/S/C: Commissioner Kambe/King to approve the May 10, 2010 Commission Special Meeting Minutes. 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Swearing in of new and returning Commissioners.

The two new Commissioners Allen Koblin and Jeff Olson had already taken the Oath of Office with Sylvia Baca, City Clerk prior to the Commission meeting.

7. La Cañada Gladiators Football Field Permit and Fee Waiver Request in support of Youth Football Practices at the LCHS JV/Varsity Fields for September 7, 2010 through September 10, 2010.

M/S/C: Commissioner Kambe/Koblin to approve the La Cañada Gladiators Football Field Permit and Fee Waiver Request for use of the LCHS JV/Varsity Baseball Field on September 7-10, 2010. 5-0.

8. La Cañada High School Republican Club Park Permit and Fee Waiver in support of "Memorial Day Service" at Memorial Park on September 11, 2010.

Jack Dawson, Advisor of the LCHS Republican Club, presented the request for the usage of Memorial Park on September 11, 2010.

M/S/C: Commissioner Kambe/Koblin to approve the LCHS Republican Club Park Permit and Fee Waiver Request for use of Memorial Park on September 11, 2010. 5-0.

9. Saint George's Episcopal Church Park Permit Request in support of Church Choir Festival at Memorial Park on September 12, 2010.

Staff Liaison Carl Alameda informed the Commission that the request of Saint George's Church had removed from the agenda, as they identified an alternative venue.

10. Consideration of F.C. Golden State Soccer Club request for installation of a field lighting system at the FIS Lower Field.

Staff Liaison Carl Alameda presented the request of F.C. Golden State to install a permanent field lighting system at their expense at the FIS Lower Field. Alameda shared the correspondence received, in advance, on the field lighting request via U.S. Mail, telephone, email, facsimile and resident petition. The City notified approximately 50 households of the proposal and received 28 unique contacts from the surrounding residents all opposed to the proposed Field Lighting project being presented to the Commission with the main concerns being noise and traffic.

Robert Valencia, Vice President of La Cañada Junior Baseball/Softball Association (LCJBSA) addressed the Commission to state that LCJBSA is present to observe the discussion. But, LCJBSA did have some concerns about the possible overuse of the FIS Lower Field if a lighting system was installed.

Wendy Nicoll, resident of Atlee Drive, addressed the Commission on her opposition to the proposed project.

John Doyle, resident of Cornishon Avenue, addressed the Commission on his opposition to the proposed project.

Roger Johnson, resident of Atlee Drive, addressed the Commission on his opposition to the proposed project.

Dan Luke, resident of Cornishon Avenue, addressed the Commission on his opposition to the proposed project.

Chris Matarese, resident of Chevy Chase Drive, addressed the Commission on his support of the proposed field lighting project.

Steve Steinberg, resident of Sheraton Drive, addressed the Commission on his opposition to the proposed project.

M/S/C: Commissioner Kambe/Nydam to deny the request of F.C. Golden State Soccer for the installation of a lighting system on the FIS Lower Field. 5-0.

Commissioner Jim Kambe stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission would continue to work on eliminating un-permitted organized Sunday usage at the FIS Lower Field and the Cornishon Field.

11. Consideration of request for the purchase of City property located east of 4220 Woodleigh Lane adjacent to the Flint Canyon Trail (APN# 5820-004-902).

Staff Liaison Carl Alameda presented the request of Mr. Rick Moore to purchase City owned property just east of 4220 Woodleigh Lane. The parcel is 5,200 square feet or 0.0098 acres. Mr. Moore's wished to purchase the property, as he would like to maintain it to a higher standard and would like to fence it off to prevent access to the property.

Alameda stated the City had recently cleared to property of weeds and brush. Additionally the City has begun directed patrols of the site with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to address the concerns of Mr. Moore.

Alameda also informed the Commission should Mr. Moore purchase the property he would need to record a lot line adjustment to incorporate the property into his parcel. This would allow Mr. Moore (or a future owner) to develop accessory structures on the site.

The City had purchased the property in 2003 from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to be used as a resting space for trail users. A DVD of the City Council meeting at which the purchase was discussed had been included with the Commission's agenda packet.

Mr. Rick Moore addressed the Commission that he feels the site is a mess and the teenagers gather there on weekends to drink and leave trash. He would like to purchase the property to maintain to a better standard.

Commissioner Koblin asked if Mr. Moore would be willing to contribute to the City toward additional maintenance of the site.

Mr. Rick Moore stated that he would not want to contribute to the maintenance of the property if it was not owned by him.

Ms. Randy Strapazon of the LCF Trails Council addressed the Commission to express the value of natural open space adjacent to the City's Trail system.

Mr. Robert Richter addressed the Commission to ask if they thought the City owned parcel is a "good part" of the City's Recreation property and that should be their only question.

Commissioner King stated that should the City decide to keep the property, the City should also commit to maintain the site with weed abatement on a regular basis. But, he is not in support of selling public property. However, he would only support the City keeping the property if the City also maintains the site at a higher standard.

M/S/C: Commissioner King/Koblin to decline the request of Rick Moore to purchase City Open Space property adjacent to 4220 Woodleigh Lane. 4-0 (Commissioner Kambe absent).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. Update on Request for Consideration of Installation of Shade Structures at City Recreational Facilities.

Alameda informed the Commission of a proposal received to install a shade structure at Mayors' Discovery Park.

Robert Valencia of LCJBSA asked the Commission if Shade Structures are planned at the various school sites. Alameda stated currently at the Joint Use Level the Shade Structures are not planned. Currently, other projects that are a safety issue are planned.

13. Update on 2010 Music-in-the-Park Summer Concert Series.

Alameda informed the Commission that on Sunday, July 11, 2010 the movie selection had been changed from "How to Train Your Dragon" to "Monsters vs. Aliens". This has already been shared with the press.

14. Update on FIS Tennis Courts Gate Repair Requested by the Commission.

Alameda informed the Commission that the gate at the FIS Tennis Courts that Commissioner Nydam had brought up at the last few Commission meeting had been repaired.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

13. Staff Comments.

Alameda informed the Commission that the soccer goals being used by a Wednesday pick-up group on the Cornishon Field had been removed by the City. LCJBSA had notified the City of this situation.

Alameda informed the Commission that Cornishon Avenue and the surrounding neighborhood had been posted with No Parking and the residents have been sent temporary parking permits to allow them to continue to park on their streets during the upcoming LCJBSA Tournament.

Alameda informed the Commission that the City Council budgeted for the installation of a new half-pipe for the City Skate Park. To replace the existing half-pipe that is aging.

14. Items for Future Agendas.

Commissioner Koblin would like to discuss un-permitted on Organized Team play at the FIS Lower Field and the Cornishon Athletic Field at the September 2010 Commission meeting.

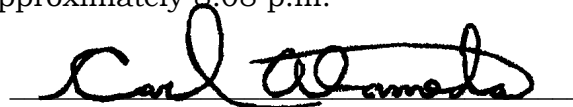
15. Comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Kambe welcomed Commissioners Koblin and Olson to the Commission and stated that they should think about what legacy they would like to leave within the City in the realm of Parks and Recreation.

Chair Nydam thanked Commissioners Kendall and Barrie for their past service to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

ADJOURN

Chair Nydam adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:08 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl Alameda', written over a horizontal line.

**Carl Alameda, Senior Management Analyst
(Staff Liaison to the Commission)**