

*City of South Gate
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Parks & Recreation Commission
February 11, 2010*

CALL TO ORDER

At the hour of 7:00 p.m., Chair Cole called to order the regular meeting of the City of South Gate Parks and Recreation Commission.

FLAG SALUTE AND ROLL CALL

Secretary Thompson led the flag salute. *At roll call, the following were present:* Chair Marvin Cole, Vice Chair Dan Cruz, Secretary Thompson, Commissioners Jenny Cypert and Naomi Nixon. *Staff was represented by:* Paul L. Adams, Parks & Recreation Director, Steve Costley, Recreation Superintendent and Glenn Massey, Jr., Parks Superintendent.

REPORT ON POSTING & APPROVAL OF PARKS & REC. COMMISSION AGENDA

The report on posting was read by Ana V. Medina, Sr. Secretary M/S/C (Commissioner Cypert/Secretary Thompson); to approve the Agenda as posted

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C (Commissioner Nixon/Secretary Thompson); to approve and file the November 12, 2009 and December 10, 2009 minutes

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

1. **S.G.J.A.A.** - THIS ITEM PULLED FROM THE AGENDA
2. **S.G. Swim Team** - Financial report submitted and reviewed
3. **A.Y.S.O.** - Financial report submitted and reviewed
4. **S.G. Art Assoc.** - Financial report submitted and reviewed

M/S/C (Commissioner Cypert/Commissioner Nixon) to receive and file Consent Calendar Items 2 through 4

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Recognized: Guillermo Rodriguez, a long time resident and business owner of South Gate, and also long time volunteer of the JAA. Has a background in construction and flooring, noticed the work done on the Sports Center gym floor and states it was not prepped properly and is very slippery and the children are slipping and falling.

Recognized: Cyndi Esquivel, agrees with Mr. Rodriguez, court #2 has several air pockets and other areas look like divots; in some sections you can see it was painted over dirt or other debris and it's poking through. In court #1 some of the lines are lifting.

Director Adams responded that the contractor has been contacted and they are to return and correct the problems, but are waiting for the basketball season to be over. As for the slipperiness, it is caused by the sealer; custodial staff should be able to correct that problem

PRESENTATIONS

6. None

AGENIZED ITEMS

7. **Review of New Programs for Spring Quarter**

Recreation Supt. Costley reviewed the details of this item; there is a Zumba exercise class geared towards teens and three new sports activities for children; a discussion ensued M/S/C (Commissioner Cypert/Commissioner Nixon); to receive and file

8. Quarterly Report FY 2009/10 - 2nd Quarter

Director Adams reviewed this item; program offerings remain high but registration is low. The movie/concerts in the parks donations have been received and the movie equipment has been purchased; planning is under way for the coming summer. A sponsorship program has been developed to generate M/S/C (Commissioner Nixon/Secretary Thompson); to receive and file

9. Recommendation for Preferred Dates for Halloween 2010 Events

Director Adams reviewed this item; in order to avoid confusion and to allow staff to provide accurate promotional information for these very popular events, staff is requesting direction from the Commission as to the preferred day to hold the Halloween events. Chair Cole opened this item to the audience.

Recognized: Cyndi Esquivel believes that holding the event on a day other than the one it falls on is a mistake.

Secretary Thompson thinks the event should be held on Saturday, Vice Chair Cruz agrees on having it on Saturday. Commissioner Cypert stated that the tradition has been to hold the event on the 31st, and not move it as it says in the staff report. Moving it was tried two different times and the results were not good. People come from other cities and they might not get the flyer informing of the change. Commissioner Nixon agrees it should be held on the 31st. Chair Cole also agrees that it should be held on the 31st.

Motion by; Commissioner Cypert, seconded by Commissioner Nixon to direct staff to hold the Halloween events on Sunday, October 31, 2010. Roll call vote; Secretary Thompson, no; Vice Chair Cruz, no; Commissioner Cypert, yes; Commissioner Nixon, yes; Chair Cole, yes.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT / CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Director Adams - informed the Commissioners of the V Monologues play being put on in the Auditorium through the Police Department's Family Violence program; handed out the Azalea Festival Calendar that's beginning in March. The Goals and Performance measures have not been presented to them due to budget cuts that the departments have been asked to work on to be presented to Council; hopefully they will be able to be brought before them before being taken to Council. Mr. Brian Kaiser owns the house of Rufus Keeler, previous owner of the Calico Tile Company that was in South Gate in the 20's and 30's. Mr. Keeler had made his house into a display of what was made in the tile factory, Mr. Kaiser has arraigned a tour of the house March 22, call Nellie Cobos if you are interested in attending. Capital Improvements projects; the gym floor company is working with us to make the needed repairs. The new air handler in the gym is on site and going to be installed within the next two weeks. There are 13 other air handlers in the Sports Center, and there is funding to replace all of them hopefully before the end of summer; the construction on the soccer center and batting cages is moving ahead; there are three restrooms on order, replacements for #2 and #3 and a new one #7 to be installed by the new batting cages; the Parks Infrastructure project Phase 1 plans are at 60%, the C.A.C. recommended to give us an additional \$900,000 funding for that project which will put us through Phases 1, 2, & 3; staff has applied to the Prop 84 a State grant program for parks targeting Cesar Chavez Phase III, State Street to California to include active exercise equipment, such as you had requested a year ago; there was swimming pool renovation monies held over for the bulk head, there have been challenges with the Health Dept. as far as putting it in; those monies will expire in June, instead of losing the monies, it was determined to buy equipment that has been needed, scoreboard, sanitation equipment, variable speed

controller, a UV system to help break down the chloramines.

Parks Supt Massey - this Saturday is the Valentine's Day Golf Tournament, there are 36 participants

Recreation Supt. Costley - staff is in the process of organizing a 5 week concert, 5 week movies in the park services, after doing surveys staff has determined that Thursdays would be the best day for us. Commissioner Nixon asked if the concerts were going to be done in the golf course also. Recreation Supt. Costley replied that staff is looking into doing the concerts in front of the court house at City Hall or possibly in front of the Auditorium.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Cole - disappointed with the Jr. NBA kids don't know how to play with a shot clock. Dogs in the park, gym floor

Vice Chair Cruz - Would like to see a 14-16 year old Jr. NBA league; Recreation Supt. Costley replied that staff is looking into starting one.

Secretary Thompson - thought the gym floor looked good; too bad there are problems with the end product. Would like to see Game Room fixed up, perhaps some paint, new equipment.

Commissioner Cypert - the tennis courts still has lots of soccer play in them; the adults stand on the nets or cut them down. Also, there are sections of the fence that jut out from the bottom and are dangerous. Recreation Supt. Costley replied that staff and security are working on the problem

Commissioner Nixon - asked if the UV system would be good for her condominium pool; Director Adams replied that they wouldn't see the cost recovery. Asked if the Commissioner Conference in Palm Springs had passed; staff replied it will be on March 6. Asked if the issues with DWP been cleared, Director Adams replied that staff is working with them. The lights on the stage in the Girl's Club House do not work, and the clock in the Girl's Club House main hall needs to be set. The SG Women's Club would like to participate at the Earth Day event in Hollydale, Parks Supt. Massey will coordinate with them on the event.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Chair Cole requested information on the cost of shot clocks for the gym

ADJOURNMENT

As no further business remained, Chair Cole asked for a motion to adjourn.

M/S/C (Commissioner Cypert/ Secretary Thompson) to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Bobbie M. Thompson, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Commission