

POMONA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 1972

7:30 PM - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT

Dr. Ivan Smith; Chairman; A. L. "Tiny" Graybill, Mrs. Gloria Mendivil; Benjamin Ochoa, Richard Owens and Ralph Rieger, Councilman Bryant. Absent: Mary L. Harper.

Administrative Staff Present: Harold Greek, Superintendent of Parks and Jack Hoxsey, Director of Parks and Recreation.

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meetings (June 8, 1972 and a Special Meeting, June 15, 1972) were approved. Motion was made by Ralph Rieger and seconded by Mrs. Mendivil.

CORRESPONDENCE

Westmont

Letter from Mrs. Robert Fitz complimenting the recreation leaders and program offered this summer at the Westmont Community Center was received and filed.

Religious
Services
in Parks

Letter from Robert C. Gustaveson, City Attorney, regarding permits to use parks for church services was discussed. It was the attorney's opinion that it would be better if the department did not require permits to use the outside facilities especially if there is no amplified music or P.A. systems. The Commissioners were in agreement with his opinion.

Community
Chorus

Mr. Ray Woods, Chorus Director, requested co-sponsorship of the Pomona Community Chorus. The Adult Education Department sponsors the payment of the director's salary. Mr. Woods requested the City pay the accompanist's fee and assist in providing facilities. Mr. Hoxsey stated he had agreed to three (3) hours per week for the accompanist.

Dwelling
Units

Letter to Council regarding the Dwelling Units Park Fee Ordinance (based upon the number of bedrooms in a dwelling) was filed.

Indian
Museum

Mr. Hoxsey reviewed a letter to the City Council regarding Indian Museum proposal. The group proposing the museum has four years to raise money for the project and two years for the construction. Plans for the museum includes a curator's residence.

REFERRALS
FROM
COUNCIL

Question-
naire to
Public

A communication from Mr. Lampman, City Administrator, was read informing the Commission of the City Council's request for the preparation of questions which will go to the community regarding planning. Mr. Hoxsey indicated it would be a good way of sounding out the community.

The department staff was requested to work with Planning Department staff and prepare types of questions for next months meeting.

Valwood
Petition

The Commissioners reviewed a petition referred to them by the City Council from residents of the Valwood area. Petitioners requested acquiring and landscaping the area which is bounded on three sides by freeway.

Motion was made by ~~Ralph Rieger~~ *Richard Owens* that the City ask the State Division of Highways to landscape this area as a part of the large interchange complex. Secondly, that the City requests the donation of this land and landscape the same. Motion seconded and approved.

ARCHITECTS
PLANS

Cherrieville
Park

Preliminary plans for Cherrieville Park included landscaping, walks, irrigation system, soil preparation. Mr. Florez discussed the total concept which included obtaining additional land, a plaza, barbecue area and tot lot. Some of the work for the proposed addition would be completed by the residents of the area.

Motion was made by Benjamin Ochoa and seconded by Ralph Rieger, that the architects be directed to prepare detailed drawings to be presented at the October meeting. Motion approved.

Madison
Park
(Sharkie)

Letter from representatives of the Sharkie Park community was read indicating the community involvement with the designers (Barrio Planners) and requested Commission's approval of the plans.

David Angelo presented the proposed plans which included a plaza area, tot lot area, stage area, grading, lighting, landscaping and background for the stage area. Tot lot will include play equipment made from telephone poles and hemp rope.

Commissioners questioned the advisability of the use of ropes for the play equipment. Mr. Hoxsey is to check into the liability with the City Insurance Carrier.

Mr. Angelo pointed out the play equipment, such as the bridge, is only a foot off the ground.

Mr. Greek suggested that Barrio Planners check with the City Building Department regarding stress of the upright structures which will be built on the stage.

Mr. Angelo was instructed to proceed with detailed plans and in the interim work with the City and the insurance carriers. Detailed plans and specifications will be presented at the next Commission meeting.

Madison
Park

At the request of a large audience a motion was made by Ralph Rieger and seconded by Gloria Mendivil that Madison Park be changed to the name of Sharkie Park, thus honoring a 12th street group which lived in the area. Motion approved.

PART
TIME
RECREATION
SALARY

Mr. Hoxsey stated it had been four or five years since the recreation department's part time employees received a salary increase. A salary survey by the Personnel Department shows Pomona low compared to the surrounding areas. A staff recommendation as a result of this survey was turned down by the City Council in August. Money is available in a salary contingency fund. Commissioner Owens stated, it was his opinion that the part-time employees should receive fringe benefits and the department should pay the going rates to get quality people.

Councilman Bryant indicated that he thinks the part time employee should be a fluid position and have frequent turn over.

Commissioner Owens stated he would not like to see turn over each year and that it is a waste to the community if turn over happens frequently.

Mr. Hoxsey stated that part time employees in other departments received increases in recent years except recreation. Motion was made by Ralph Rieger that the Commission make a recommendation to the City Council that they review this request and that the Council be advised these people are not part time but permanent-part time employees and should be treated as such. Motion was seconded by Benjamin Ochoa. Approved.

AYES: Smith, Ochoa, Rieger, Owens, Mendivil
NOES: Graybill.

REPORTS:

Mr. Hoxsey reported on a new bill-Revenue Sharing, which may help the City. Departments were asked to submit supplemental items. Mr. Hoxsey stated that the money should be spent for capital items and not operating budget. The Commission agreed to this.

The suggestion that the small Palomares building be named La Casita was approved.

OTHER

Commissioner Rieger moved that the City Hall pools be filled with dirt because of the cost involved.

Reports of the Superintendents were attached.

Respectfully submitted,

JACK HOXSEY
Secretary, Parks and Recreation Commission