

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 24, 1969

PRESENT Dayton Kling, Chairman; Mrs. Jean Weddle, Dr. Ivan Smith, Ralph Rieger, Mervin Soden, Ben Ochoa, Donald Radford, Superintendent of Recreation; Harold Greek, Superintendent of Parks.

MINUTES Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

URBAN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT Mr. Greek reported that Pomona was the recipient of a \$71,000 grant for urban beautification from the federal government. (Housing Urban Development)

The time element is important because June 29 is the final filing date. Mr. Dave Williams, Assistant Administrative Officer, is in the process of checking into this.

Motion was made by Ralph Rieger and seconded by Mervin Soden that the department proceed rapidly to get the projects underway to benefit from the grant. Motion approved.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION Motion was made by Jean Weddle and seconded by Mervin Soden that permission be given to the Ministerial Association of Pomona to use the Ganesha Park Band Shell four Sundays in July (July 6, 13, 20, and 27) 2:30 - 3:15 p.m., for Vesper Services. Motion approved.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS Additional considerations for the bond issue since the Citizens Study Committee:

a. RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE-----\$18,000

Motion was made and seconded that the proposed rifle and pistol range be included in the Park and Recreation Bond Issue. Motion approved.

b. HISTORIAL PARK (Acquisition and Development)
-----\$70,000

Mr. Tony Lehman, representing the Historical

Society, gave a slide presentation on the Phillips Ranch House. Cost of the Phillips (acquisition and development) estimated \$42,000. 3½ acres @ \$15,000 plus \$8,000 for landscaping plus the existing mortgage \$36,000. The society would be able to direct their money towards the restoration of the ranch if the City includes this in the bond issue.

The City pays the curator services for the Palomares de Adobe which is \$250.00 monthly and a similar fee would be anticipated for the Phillips Ranch House.

Dr. Smith stated the land in question is in the middle of industry. Also Dr. Smith stated that he did not question the value of this project. He did question whether this money should be spent in this area or in an area where minority group needs are evident.

Motion was made by Ralph Rieger and seconded by Mervin Soden that the Historical Park be added to the Bond Issue. Motion Approved.

c. CONSTRUCTION COSTS INCREASE-----\$167,605

Construction costs increase since November, 1968 estimates has increased to 8%. Motion was made and seconded that the figure of 8% be used for the bond issue. Motion approved.

d. BUILDING FURNISHINGS-----\$32,000

Furnishings for the buildings was not in the original request. Motion was made and seconded that the amount of \$32,000 be included in the Bond Issue for cost of furniture for the proposed buildings. Motion approved.

e. LIGHTED SOFTBALL FIELD-----\$20,000

Motion was made and seconded that the softball field at Kennedy Park be lighted and included in the Bond Issue. Motion approved.

This does not eliminate the existing Little League field.

f. BEAUTIFICATION OF CITY ENTRANCES AND
STREET DIVIDER PLANTING-----\$100,000

Mrs. Roberta Wheeler reported to the Commission on the need for beautification of city entrances and the value of proper and attractive planting for dividers. The need for mini parks, etc., was noted.

Motion was made by Dr. Smith and seconded by Mervin Soden that the Beautification of City Entrances and Street Divider Plantings be omitted from the Bond Issue. However, if matching monies from the federal and/or state is received the first priority would be mini parks and the beautification program. Motion approved.

Tony Lehman informed the Commission that the Phillips Ranch had been renamed Vejar Historical Park. Motion was made by Ralph Rieger and seconded by Ben Ochoa that in the future the Phillips Ranch be known and referred to as Vejar Historical Park. Motion approved.

Motion was made by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Soden that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to the City Council the amount of \$2,708,375 as the amount for the Parks and Recreation Bond Issue. Motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Hoxsey
Secretary, Parks and Recreation Commission