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**MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
February 26, 2008
City Hall
250 Hamilton Ave**

Commissioners Present: Deirdre Crommie, Joel Davidson, Carl King, Paul Losch, Pat Markevitch, Alex Panelli, Daria Walsh

Others Present: Jack Morton

Staff Present: Greg Betts, Catherine Bourquin, Rob de Geus, Daren Anderson

I. Roll Call Conducted by: Catherine Bourquin

* Technical difficulty deferred the start of the Informational Presentation. It was agreed that the Commission would continue onto other business items until the problems were resolved.

II. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION – Senior Games 2009

Anne Cribbs, 2009 Event Producer presented the Commission with a PowerPoint presentation on how the National Senior Games of 2009 will be conducted. The date of the games will be August 1 – 15, 2009, in the San Francisco Bay Area. Locations will be at Stanford University, Palo Alto, Oakland, San Francisco, Sunnyvale, and San Jose. For more information visit the web site at www.2009seniorgames.org.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

IV. AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS DELETIONS – Item 4 relating to the issue of dogs off-leash in parks was deferred to next month. The item was not ready for discussion.

IV. BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Draft Minutes of January 22, 2008 Meeting –

The Draft Minutes of January 22, 2008 were unanimously approved with one correction.
Approved 7:0

2. Review of City Council Priorities for 2008 -

Council Liaison Morton went over the four Council Priorities that the Council will be concentrating on for 2008:

- Library/Public Safety Building



- Environmental Protection
- Civic Engagement
- Economic Health

3. Finalization of 2008 Commission Priorities with Specific Goal Statements -

Chair Markevitch thanked the Commissioners for getting their goal statements to staff early for review. The Commissioners discussed each goal and made changes where appropriate. After long deliberation over the goal statements, it was agreed that the appropriate owners of the priorities would edit their goals and bring them back to the next meeting for inalization.

4. Report from Sub-Committee on Off-Leash Dog Exercise Alternatives –
Deferred to March meeting.

5. Review of Amendments to the Park Rules and Regulations –

Staff Anderson reviewed with the Commissioners the revised Park Rules and Regulations that will be going before Council for approval. He requested from the Commission any input on the suggested revisions and said he would incorporate any changes the Commission felt were appropriate. There were some minor edit changes suggested from the Commissioners.

V. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Commissioner King wanted to know when the meeting with the field brokers was going to be. Staff de Geus said it was scheduled for March 13th.
2. Staff Betts reviewed with the Commissioners the chart that was drafted up on the Jordan Field activity inspections and gathered feedback on revisions.
3. Staff Betts reminded the Commissioners if they were interested in signing up for the Training Workshop in Corte Madera that they need to let him know by March 15th.
4. Commissioner Davidson inquired on the article on pesticide use in the Palo Alto Weekly. Staff Betts informed the Commission that it did not come in the form of a letter to staff; therefore there was not a response to include in the Commission packet.

VI. AGENDA FOR MARCH REGULAR MEETING: March 25, 2008

1. Dogs Off-Leash alternatives
2. Finalization of 2008 PARC Priorities
3. Sub-committee reports

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:15pm in honor of Michael Liftin for his many years of service to the Palo Alto Children's Theatre.

