
2. **Commission / Staff Communications / Announcements**

   Hill: Gave an update on the Madera Hillside Area fundraising.
   Lipson: Gave an update on baseball field maintenance.
   Hill: Gave an update about the El Cerrito High School Mountain Bike Team.

3. **Oral Communications From The Public**

   Nick Arzio reported on St. Patrick's Day neighborhood event March 16, 2014 1pm-5pm.

4. **Council Liaison Report**

   Rebecca Benassini reported to the Commission of recent actions taken by the City Council at their meetings on February 18, 2014.

5. **Approval of Minutes**: Exhibit 1: Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2014

   Amendment proposed: In Doshi’s Commission announcement change proposed to minutes to change “Soccer” to “Commissioner.”

   Item moved as amended, seconded (Lipson/Goldstein; Ayes- Commissioners Goldstein, Hill, Kaplan, and Mitchell; Absent- Commissioner Doshi.)

6. **Discussion of Ohlone Greenway Re-Opening Celebration**: Suzanne Iarla, Community Outreach Specialist

   Iarla gave a brief presentation followed by discussion on preliminary plans for an Ohlone Greenway Re-Opening celebration on Saturday, May 31, 2014.
Commissioners Mitchell, Goldstein, Kaplan and Lipson support the event. Commissioners gave suggestions and discussed ways they would participate and support the event.

7. **Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Declare July Park and Recreation Month in El Cerrito:** Christopher Jones, Recreation Director

Review and discuss a draft resolution declaring July as Park and Recreation Month in El Cerrito and possibly recommend its approval to the City Council.

The Commission had a discussion on the wording of the draft resolution and provided suggestions and changes.

The Commission recommended the resolution to declare July as Park and Recreation Month in El Cerrito to the City Council for passage with the following amendments:
- Add “Hillside Natural Area” to follow Cerrito Vista Park in paragraph 5.
- Add “City Council” to follow El Cerrito in paragraph 8.
- Remove “2014” in paragraph 8.

Moved as amended, seconded (Mitchell/Goldstein; Ayes- Commissioners Goldstein, Hill Kaplan, & Mitchell; Absent- Commissioner Doshi.)

8. **Park and Recreation Commission 2014 Goal Setting and Work Plan Formulation**

Continued brainstorming and discussion on topics of interest and goals to accomplish by the Park and Recreation Commission in 2014.

There was discussion about the Commission’s work plan. Commissioner Mitchell made suggestions about the structure and timing of the Commission’s work plan.

It was decided that Commissioners are able to email Christopher Jones other suggestions and goals not mentioned in tonight’s meeting.

The Commission reviewed last meeting’s suggestions which included:
- Having offsite meetings and walkthroughs with Commission evaluations and recommendations.
- Identifying potential new sites/parks
- Commission being involved in new recreational events

New Commission goals discussed:
- Hillside Festival
- Trail maintenance and development
- Ohlone Greenway improvements
  - Form an Oversight Committee about the Ohlone path to familiarize the Commission with the Ohlone Greenway strategic plan and informal improvements of the Greenway
- Additional locations for community gardens and planting
- Framing a running event around Moeser Lane
- Partnership/Co-Sponsor with EQC for the Hillside Festival May 17th 2014
• Formation of a park at the old water tank site in El Cerrito

Commission interested in visiting:
• Huber Park
• Motorcycle Hill Trail
• Urban Greening sites

9. Recreation Department Update: Christopher Jones, Recreation Director (Update on items of interest in the Recreation Department)

Reported that the Recreation Department is finalizing the Summer Activity Guide and community members should receive a copy in the mail by Mid-March. The Hillside Natural Area Fest will be added to the calendar.

Reported on the Recreation Department’s first Family Sweetheart Dance:
• Pleased with turnout over 100 in attendance

10. Items For Next Agenda

• Hillside Festival Presentation, send organizer to come
• Discussion of Formation of Oversight Committee of the Hillside Natural Area

11. Meeting Adjournment 8:11 PM

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