

**CITY OF GALT
GALT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive, Galt California
Wednesday, February 11, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. Commissioners present were Joe Bitondo, Kelly Keagy, Bill Parkin, and Janice Reuthinger. Staff members present were: Recreation Supervisor, Monica Lopez and Office Assistant Laura Sumner. Parks and Recreation Director, Armando Solis joined remotely by phone conference.

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF AGENDA - None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2015

ACTION: Commissioner Reuthinger moved to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded. A vote was called for and the motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Subject: Mandatory AB 1234 Ethics Training. Armando reminded everyone that this training is mandatory and needs to be completed by the end of February. Contact Laura to complete.

Subject: The CPRS Conference is scheduled March 10 – 13, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

Subject: Use of Controlled Sports Facilities by the Public

Recommendation: Discuss and recommend to City Council that the City open Walker Park natural turf soccer fields and Veterans soccer field to the general public when not otherwise reserved for use by local sports organizations or private rental. It is also recommended that staff be directed to enforce all rules related to trespassing at controlled sports facilities.

Bitondo asked if Veteran's Park would be locked at night. Armando explained that all park hours are 6 a.m. to 1 hour after dark, unless reserved.

Armando explained which facilities are controlled. Discussion was made regarding the violations and how this would be handled. There are video cameras at Walker Turf, but it doesn't cover the whole field. Parkin suggestion a more gradual fine for violators. Armando said there would be warnings and documentation when police are called.

ACTION: Joe Bitondo moved to accept the proposed protocol. This was seconded by Bill Parkin. A vote was taken, all voted yes, and the motion passed.

Subject: Revised Definition of a Galt Based Youth Sports Organization

Recommendation: Recommend to City Council 1) revising the definition of a Galt Based Youth Sports Organization to the following; Organization's address is within the Galt City limits and 90% of its players live within the Galt Joint Union High District boundaries; and 2) require that a Galt Based Youth Organization team utilize a City of Galt Controlled Sports Facility for the fee

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to be waived.

Public Comments were made by the following:

- Jose Hernandez from Galt FC – Explained that their organization is non-profit and they are not making any profit. They are helping low income kids. The coaches are all volunteers.
- Ben Gamez from Galt FC – He said he thinks the report is inaccurate regarding out of town teams playing. He suggested the Commissioners tour the parks and talk to parents and kids before making a decision on this.
- Rudy Rodriguez from Galt FC – Oscar read report by Rudy.
- Dana LeCompte from Galt FC – Explained the effect this new definition would have on their organization. They currently have less than 80% of their players that are Galt residents. Last year their roster was 75% Galt kids. She requested paying extra for out of town players as a compromise.
- Oscar Picazo

Armando explained that they are not proposing to raise fees. The \$10 youth player fee is for the replacement of turf and maintenance of fields. Explained what a Galt based team is. Explained that the city subsidizes the use of lights, charging local teams only \$20 per hour, though our cost is \$35 per hour.

Parkin asked if it was common practice by cities to limit the percentage. Armando said most nearby cities do, except Rancho Cordova, who followed our example in charging a youth player fee of \$10. We do not charge for field use.

Keagy asked if we could just charge \$20 for out of town players.

More discussion was made regarding the cost of holding tournaments and field use.

Armando recommended that we leave this topic to the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on March 11. It was proposed to have 2 Commissioners take time to meet with the Parks and Recreation Department and talk to all known Galt youth sports groups to discuss this further.

ACTION: Reuthinger recommended to delay the vote. Bitondo seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion was passed 4-0.

Keagy and Bitondo volunteered to follow up with this.

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Subject: Electronic Agendas and Staff Report

Asked staff how they would like to receive the meeting agenda and staff reports (mailed hard copy and/or electronically by email).

ACTION: They would like to receive it by email since it's faster, but they also would like to continue to receive hard copies by mail. We don't need to print extra copies to bring to the meeting, just one extra in case it's needed.

UPCOMING COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Subject: Use of Controlled Sports Facilities by the Public – This is going to City Council on March 3.

Subject: Revised Definition of a Galt Based Youth Sports Organization – This will wait until after the next P&R Commission meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

None

STAFF COMMENTS

None

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Bitondo – It was an exciting meeting. He attended the Winter Bird Festival and enjoyed it.

Commissioner Keagy – Good meeting

Commissioner Parkin – The Bird Festival was very educational and informative. They did a good job.

Commissioner Reuthinger – She's excited to have new P&R Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Sumner, Office Assistant