

CITY OF GALT

MINUTES

GALT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

**Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California
Wednesday, January 12, 2011**

MEMBERS: Gamez, Smith, Moore, Steele

ADMINISTRATOR: Boyce Jeffries, Parks and Recreation Director

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Director Jeffries with all Commissioners present.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson - Jeffries recommended postponing the election of officers until the February commission meeting by which time all commissioners would have been appointed.

OTHER BUSINESS

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – Regular meeting of November 9, 2010.

ACTION: Commissioner Steele moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of November 10, 2010; Smith seconded. The motion unanimously carried by the Commissioners present.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

NEW BUSINESS:

July 4th, 2011 Fireworks Show - Jeffries recommended that the fireworks show be held on Sunday, July 3, 2011 due to the impact on the Market if it were held on Monday, July 4th. He indicated that this had been done in previous years when the holiday conflicted with the Market days. He also indicated there would be a cost saving by holding it on Sunday. He explained that for safety reasons, the fire department preferred the show to be held at the Market grounds with the sports complex as the fallout zone.

ACTION: Commissioner Moore move to recommended to Council the date of July 3rd for the fireworks show. Moore and Steele asked if the vendor for the show was local. They commented that there was a resident of Herald that worked with the company that did the show in Old Sacramento. Jeffries asked that Moore and Steele provided him with contact information and he would look into that company. Moore withdrew his motion and Jeffries said he would bring the issue back at a later meeting.

Draft Bicycle Transportation Plan 2010 Jeffries indicated that this was an informational item and there would be a pubic hearing held on the plan at the next meeting. He informed the commission that a

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public workshop had been held previously with a very low attendance. Jeffries also said he would get the final draft of the plan to the commission as soon as possible.

California Parks & Recreation Society Annual Conference - Sacramento, March 8-11. Jeffries indicated that the cost would be less this year because the location was in Sacramento. He indicated that as new commissioners that they would find it informative. After discussion, Jeffries said he would register them for the full conference which would allow the commissioners to attend those sessions that would fit into their work schedules and the cost difference was minimal. He also recommended attending the vendor show to all of the commissioners.

Walker Park Update - Jeffries reviewed the update provided by Bill Forest of the public works department. He indicated that the rain had cut down the amount of work that could be done. For the benefit of the new commissioners, Jeffries reviewed the facilities included in this phase of the park. Jeffries reviewed the plans for the planting of the natural turf fields which would not occur until spring. He indicated they would be using baby Bermuda and a process called sprigging. Steele asked about the use of the artificial turf field. Jeffries reported that the youth football program would be utilizing Warrior Field. Steele also asked if there would be rental fee for the use of the fields. Jeffries said that would be addressed later when the commission reviewed the fee schedule. Moore asked if the City had considered the lease back option for the construction of the park. Jeffries said he would bring it to the attention of the public works director. There followed discussion regarding the life expectancy of the artificial turf which was ten years. Jeffries also said that water cannons would be utilized to cool the turf during the summer.

Program/Events Update - Winter Bird Festival - Jeffries said he had included the City newsletter which included the current programs and commented on the Winter Bird Festival which would be held on January 29th at McCaffrey Middle School and hoped to see all the commissioners there. He reminded the commission that the February meeting would include the public hearing on the bike lane plan, a review of the commission bylaws by the city clerk and city attorney, and a photo session so the commissioners' photos could be displayed at the parks and recreation department offices.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Gamez welcomed the new commissioners.

Commissioner Smith - None.

Commissioner Moore said he was glad to be on the commission.

Commissioner Steele also said he was glad to be there.

Jeffries informed the commissioners that a presentation would be made at the April meeting on the "C" Street corridor and UPRR Park improvement project.

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Director Jeffries at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Cory, Commission Secretary