

CITY OF GALT

MINUTES

GALT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

**Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California
Wednesday, April 13, 2011**

MEMBERS: Gamez, Guerrero, 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 Chairperson Gamez with all Commissioners present.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

OTHER BUSINESS

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – Special meetings of March 16, 2011 and March 30, 2011.

ACTION: Moore moved to accept the minutes of the special meetings of March 16, 2011 and March 30, 2011; Steele seconded. The motion unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Procedures - Assistant City Manager Weiss reviewed the agenda procedure for Commission meetings and responded to questions from the Commissioners.

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Galt Adopting Chapter 2.75 of the Galt Municipal Code Regarding the Parks and Recreation Commission - City Attorney Rudolph stated that the original two ordinances had been combined to create the ordinance before the Commission. Rudolph reviewed the changes that had been made based on input from the Council sub-committee and the Commission comments from the previous meeting. Several of the Commissioners had previously raised questions regarding the requirement that a member be a resident of Galt and a registered voter. Rudolph reviewed the change in that portion of the ordinance that allowed for two members to reside outside the city limits but within the city's sphere of influence. He also informed the current Commissioners that if they did not meet those requirements they would not be removed from office. He also stated that it would be several weeks before the ordinance was adopted and an additional 30 days before it went into effect. There was discussion regarding a conflict of interest because of some of the Commission members affiliation with a particular sport. Steele questioned the boundary limit in the ordinance. Several Commissioners felt the sphere of influence was not sufficient.

ACTION: Steele moved to recommended to Council approval of the ordinance with a revision to the boundary to the high school district boundaries for up to two members of the Commission; seconded by Guerrero. The motion carried unanimously.

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Presentation of the Central Galt Corridor Rehabilitation (CIP #50H) and UPRR Parking Lot (CIP #59B) Improvements - Bill Forrest, Senior Civil Engineer for the City of Galt and project manager for the project, informed the Commission that additional information regarding the project could be viewed on the City website. He then introduced Daniel Miller and Ben Woodside of Callander and Associates, consultants for the project. Miller made a power point presentation with special attention to the proposed park area (Palm Park) and improvements along Fourth Street. Gamez opened the meeting for public comment.

Ruven Epstein, Galt resident, said he was impressed with the quality of work the consultants had done. He had attended both of the workshops held on this project. He also commented on a pedestrian crossing that he had observed in southern California and recommended that the consultants consider that model for this project. He also recommended restroom facilities at the park. Guerrero expressed a concern about the exercise areas within the park and their effect on the quiet aspect of the park for seniors. There were questions about the need for the park and also about the traffic flow in the area of the "C" Street interchange. Questions were also raised about the landscaping along "C" Street. Forrest informed the Commission that the City was in negotiation with the railroad. He then reviewed the steps that come next with a hopeful construction start time of 2012.

Walker Park - Artificial Turf Field - Jeffries reported the field turf was being installed. He said not to expect the natural turf to be available until next year. He also indicated that Weiss would be bring back a staff report regarding fees and charges for the use of the facilities. There was discussion regarding the picnic areas at the facilities and joint usage with the high school district.

Jeffries encouraged the Commissioners to attend the Community Gathering being held at McCaffrey on May 9th.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Gamez said the Galt Council Youth Committee was holding a cardiac research benefit dinner at Littleton Community Center on May 7th.

Commissioner Smith apologized for missing the last meeting due to work.

Commissioner Guerrero - none.

Commissioner Moore said he had enjoyed the opening of the youth baseball season.

Commissioner Steele also said he had attended the opening and had enjoyed it.

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Gamez at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Cory, Commission Secretary