

**CITY OF GALT**

**MINUTES**

**GALT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairperson. Commissioners present: Guerrero, Moore, Smith, Steele and Gamez.

Staff members present: Special Projects Administrator Solis, Parks Superintendent Bonnet and Administrative Assistant Porteous-Toste.

**CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA** - None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES** – Special meeting of May 18, 2011.

**ACTION:** Smith moved to accept the minutes of the special meeting of May 18, 2011; Guerrero seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No comments were made regarding the old business, therefore Solis asked it be removed from future agendas.

**New Business:**

**Reorganization of the Parks and Recreation Department:** Solis handed out an updated organizational chart to the Commissioners and went over the changes to the Department as of July 1, 2011. Armando explained that the Parks Division would be working now under the Public Works Department. Troy Bonnet, Parks Superintendent will now report to Adin Selby, Streets Superintendent, then Greg Halladay, Public Works Director. Guerrero was concerned on the Parks Division being a joined with of Public Works and how this change would impact the communities needs from Parks. Smith was concerned that the Parks staff could be redirected to Public Works jobs and neglect Parks work. Steele also had concerns as to where the public takes their concerns with regards to Parks issues. Moore suggested that we put something in the paper with regards to these changes, what to do if there is a concern, who to call, etc.

Solis and Bonnet both addressed the Commissioners concerns by letting them know that calls and concerns about Parks would still be directed through the Parks and Recreation Department and the changes are strictly internal and should not even be noticed by the community or adversely affect the public. Bonnet made note that this move appears to be an advantageous to the Parks Division as Public Works has much more equipment and staff at the Parks assistance.

**Independence Day Celebration Review:** Solis reported on the Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> Independence Day Celebration. He gave an overview of all of the activities, events, vendors, music, fireworks, etc. Gamez was the only Commissioner that had or heard of a complaint and it was about the Fireworks in the pool selling out.

**Youth Organization Representatives Meeting – July 20, 2011:** Guerrero voiced his concern with the representation from the organization to this meeting. He thought the e-mail that went out was confusing, he asked if this was to discuss the two options 1) the \$10.00 field fee per player and/or 2) all the listed fees. Moore wants to make sure that if adopted the \$10.00 per player fee is inclusive of all park usage not just Walker Park. Solis stated that this meeting would be an attempt to work out the differences between what the organizations want and what staff is suggesting and come to an agreement on what the

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fees will be recommended to Council. A staff report will be presented at the August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Council Meeting with recommendations on the discussed issues. After much discussion, Solis wanted the following issues noted in the minutes.

1. Determine/answer is this meeting a discussion, information only, decision making, or recommendation to Council?
2. Debbie Porteous Toste will make follow-up calls to the organizations regarding meeting attendance.

Project Updates: - Reports from Troy Bonnet, Parks Superintendent

- Galt Market Renovation – on hold waiting on safety report. Damage very extensive and an engineer will be testing site to see if it can be repaired and recertified.
- Carrillion Island – estimated date of completion is by the end of September
- Littleton Floor – Asbestos consultant will be testing for asbestos, if all is ok then specifications will go out to bid hopefully by November.
- Walker Park – Solis reported pending no delays, the official Grand Opening is set for August 6, 2011. Guerrero, Gamez, Steele, and Moore all wanted to know what amenities would be open and if there would be any type of showcase/exhibition with the Soccer Clubs on the new Soccer field. Steele brought to the Commission's attention that August 6<sup>th</sup> was also Herald Day and would conflict with the Grand Opening.

**ACTION:** None

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

Commissioner Gamez had none.

Commissioner Smith had great comments on the Carrillion Island.

Commissioner Guerrero was concerned about the placement of the nets on the natural turf fields at Walker Park. He is concerned that the nets are too close to the road. Balls that miss nets will then go into the road, and not safe for children attempting to retrieve the balls. Suggest nets in another position away from road or a fence structure to keep balls in park and out of road.

Commissioner Moore complimented the effort being made towards the resolution of fees at the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Steele had none

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Commission Training – Barry will provide more options.

Solis suggested the Commission call a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 at the Parks and Recreation Offices. Council will be meeting that night due to National Night Out on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup> is to finalize any discussion and hopefully come together with recommendations to take to City Council for adoption. Gamez called for a vote. Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> passed unanimously.

Solis suggested the Commission may consider meeting every other month or quarterly. This will be agendaized to be discussed at the September 14, 2011 meeting.

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There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Gamez at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Porteous-Toste, Administrative Assistant