

**APPROVED MINUTES  
CITY OF MILPITAS  
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

- Minutes:** Regular Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission
- Date of Meeting:** February 5, 2007
- Place of Meeting:** Milpitas City Hall, Committee Room, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
- I. Call to Order** Chairperson Krommenhock called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
- II. Flag Salute** The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll** Commissioners Present: Gray, Krommenhock, Ku, McGuire, Munzel, Serena, and Tuason
- Commissioner Excused: Burrill
- City Staff Present: Carol Randisi, Senior Supervisor; Bonnie Greiner, Parks and Recreation Services Director; Tom Owen, Acting Recreation Services Supervisor; Lisa Ciardella, Recording Secretary
- IV. Alternates** None.
- V. Agenda** MOTION to approve the agenda for February 5, 2007, with the following change: Staff would like to table item #2.
- M/S: McGuire/Munzel  
All Ayes
- VI. Minutes** MOTION to approve the minutes for January 8, 2007, as submitted.
- M/S: Tuason/McGuire  
All Ayes
- VII. Public Forum** Mike Baker, questioned if it was acceptable for an individual team to receive a grant if the group already received a grant. Chairperson Krommenhock responded that this question would be addressed during the item on the agenda.
- VIII. Announcements/Correspondence**
- Carol Randisi, Senior Supervisor announced that the Park Master Plan is underway and PRCRC will be kept informed and it is expected to be completed by December 2007.
- Chairperson Krommenhock announced that there is money available for one person to attend the conference in Sacramento the whole time, and a couple more people one day or two people full time.

## **IX. Old Business**

### **1. Youth Sports User Group Application Process Review**

This item was originally on the agenda for the August 7, 2006 and the October 2, 2006, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission Meeting. After further review, it has been re-agendized at the request of the Commission.

Bonnie Greiner, Parks and Recreation Services Director, explained that the current Facility Use Rules and Regulations were adopted in 2004. She explained the priorities for making reservations. Priority 1 is City Administered Programs, priority 2 is approved co-sponsored groups which are principally composed of local residents, priority 3 are non-profit groups, priority 4 are Milpitas residents and priority 5 are non-residents. The amount of children of priority 1 take up a lot of the field usages. City Staff meets with all of the user groups to schedule the facilities and works with all of the user groups to share the fields as much as possible. Unfortunately there are limited amount of fields which have lights so they are always in high demand.

Eric Donkers, who is a member of the Milpitas Youth Soccer Club (MYSC) asked Ms. Greiner how it was decided what is sponsored by the City. She explained that it would be budgeted for and City staff would administer the league. Mr. Donkers asked if PAL was run by a citizen. Ms. Greiner explained that it is overseen by the Police Department, there are 5 officers assigned to it and it is a line item in their budget.

Greg Bennett who is a member of MYSC went through a PowerPoint Presentation that he had prepared for the meeting. He stated that the organization would like to do more for the children and that the current policy is not meeting the needs of the community. Milpitas is a diverse community and the sports being played are changing. He explained that during daylight savings time, the lit fields are in high demand and there are often 6 teams using the lit fields at once, and it is hard on the children. Mr. Bennett would like some changes made, and to allocate the fields as to how many kids are playing in the league. He would like the growth trends to be looked at and see what children are playing. The lit fields at Hall Park and the Milpitas Sports Center are larger than that of Rancho Middle School, and Rancho is more crowded. He feels that a more fair approach to how the fields are allocated would be by the amount of kids that are using them.

Commissioner Serena asked the group how many of their players are currently Milpitas Residents. The group answered that currently 65% are. Mr. Serena asked if Milpitas was their only source of fields. They responded that it was, it is a Milpitas Club and wants to represent Milpitas.

Mr. Baker explained that the groups are fighting for field space and some fields are not always used when they are permitted. The group tried to get a permit and were denied because PAL had it, and a member of MYSC drove by the field and no children were there using the field.

Dave Young, who represents Milpitas South Little League Baseball explained that Baseball and Soccer rarely conflict in the Spring.

Debbie, who has a child participating in MYSC practices at Gill and the space is shared with softball and she doesn't feel safe for the kids. Mr. Donkers, explained that they have tried to work with the softball group so they can have the infield and

soccer can have the outfield. They feel that they try to work with the other organizations and would like all sports on the same level.

Toby Librande, coaches an under 12 boys team. She explained that 14 out of her 15 members are Milpitas Residents.

Chairperson Krommenhock asked Ms. Greiner if there were any penalties if a group reserves the field but doesn't use it. Ms. Greiner responded that there wasn't a penalty, staff trusts that the groups will notify staff if they are not going to be using them. Ms. Greiner does not want Milpitas to have to charge or have people "camp" out to reserve our fields. Other cities in the area are having similar situations and these are the measures that they have had to resort to.

Chairperson Krommenhock asked if in order to be considered co-sponsored 51% of their members have to be residents. Ms. Greiner stated that yes, at this time it was, and that if the commission liked, we can also discuss that issue along with this item. Commissioner Gray asked if MYSC would become a city administered program and Ms. Greiner responded that it would remain the same status of priority 2.

Commissioner Ku asked if there was a problem getting game space. Ms. Greiner responded that yes there was. Commissioner Ku asked if the city got a schedule at the beginning of the season. Tom Owen, Acting Recreation Services Supervisor, responded that yes they did, but it was a general schedule, not broken down by practices and games.

Mike Baker stated that he feels that PAL is underutilizing the fields and MYSC would like to see them better utilized. Commissioner Munzel stated he feels that the current policies may not be meeting the needs of the community. Mr. Baker also stated that Milpitas High School charges for the use of their football field. Ms. Greiner said that they should consider bringing their concerns to the School Board. Mr. Owen said that Rancho is a city field and the lights, structures and maintenance are done by the City of Milpitas.

Commissioner Gray felt that the 2 groups may need a mediator and that all groups need to be considered. She also feels that we need to re-visit the current co-sponsorship policies. Commissioner Munzel questioned why should the City be sponsoring groups if not all of their members are residents. He would like to see city administered programs also have a higher number of residents to be considered co-sponsored. He would like to see the city administered programs maintain the number of residents or they would be considered co-sponsored. Ms. Greiner said that 75%-80% of the PAL members are residents.

MOTION: Modify the Policies and Procedures for co-sponsorship and city administered programs to maintain a minimum of 70% of the active members must be Milpitas Residents.

M/S: Gray/Munzel  
Abstain: Serena  
All Ayes

## **X. New Business**

### **1. Youth Sports Grant Request**

The Commission reviewed an Organizational Youth Sports Grant application from the Milpitas Strikers Under 17 Boys Soccer Team from the Milpitas Youth Soccer Club requesting \$1,000.

Mike Baker, a representative of Milpitas Youth Soccer stated that they have a large organization and if the group has already received funding, will teams or individuals from that organization be eligible to receive additional funding. Ms. Greiner responded that the fiscal limits are \$1,000 per year. Mr. Baker feels that this policy should be revised based on users not organizations. Commissioner Gray responded that funds are limited and the Commission is looking for other ways to receive grant money. Commissioner Serena stated that he feels that the City of Milpitas already offers a generous amount to individual and group sports. A team from Milpitas South Little League baseball was also denied funding for similar reasons.

Mr. Baker stated that he understands that they are not eligible for additional funding, but if possible he would like patches for the boys to wear on their uniforms to represent Milpitas. Commissioner Serena suggested that they could apply for funding next year since the event doesn't take place until next fiscal year, but then funding would not be eligible for their Charter group.

MOTION: Deny the application received from the Milpitas Strikers, provide patches to members of the team, and suggest that the team may come back to the commission in August for funding.

M/S: Gray/Tuason  
All Ayes

### **2. Commission Work Plan for 2007**

The Commission reviewed their 2006 work plan and made revisions to it to create a 2007 work plan before it was forwarded to the City Council for their final approval.

The Commission's short-term goals are:

1. Obtain additional Youth Sports and other grant money opportunities by soliciting local businesses and private donations to aid athletes, possibly working with Friends of Recreation, if established.
2. Potential Sandalwood Park Improvements, by working with the Parks Department.
3. Review Park Master Plan
4. Explore methods of financing Park Maintenance and Redevelopment in conjunction with grants.
5. Create a subcommittee, which will be comprised of Commissioners, Gray, Krommenhock and Serena to explore becoming a non-profit corporation

Long Term goals:

1. Add Historical Marker and/or History of Park and Name in City Parks
2. Sandalwood Park Improvements

Ongoing Tasks:

1. Youth sports grant fund requests
2. Child Care grant fund requests
3. City Historical and Cultural Site Tour, June 2007 meeting

4. Park Rehabilitation – provide feedback and input to the Parks Department
5. Continue with the PRCRC Video Sub Committee to promote and highlight Milpitas Parks.

MOTION: Approve the 2007 work plan as amended.

M/S: Munzel/Serena

All Ayes

#### **XI. Staff Reports**

None.

#### **XII. Liaison Reports**

##### **1. City Council**

None.

##### **2. Community Advisory Commission (CAC)**

Commissioner Ku reported that the CAC is receiving open government training.

##### **3. Senior Advisory Commission (SAC)**

None.

##### **4. Planning Commission**

Commissioner Tuason reported that the Planning Commission will be reviewing an application from Peet's Coffee to be located in the Town Center.

##### **5. Youth Advisory Commission (YAC)**

Commissioner Munzel reported that the Youth Advisory Commission is working with the graffiti terminators project, they are also planning a benefit concert and a job fair.

##### **6. Milpitas Historical Society**

Commissioner McGuire reported that the Milpitas Historical Society had their induction of officers. Their next meeting is dedicated to Fire Fighters and will be held on the second Wednesday in February.

##### **7. Arts Commission**

Commissioner McGuire reported that the Arts Commission appointed Commissioner Rabe as their Chairperson and Commissioner Ettinger as their Vice-Chairperson.

##### **8. Video Sub-Committee**

None.

#### **XIII. Future Agenda Items**

- Parks and Trails Update Master Plan Review
- Non-Profit pros and cons
- Park History Markers
- Grant Money Opportunities (March)

#### **XIV. Adjournment**

With no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM to the next scheduled meeting on March 5, 2007, at the Milpitas City Hall Committee Room.

Respectfully Submitted: Lisa Ciardella, Recording Secretary