

SAN GABRIEL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF March 4, 2013

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Monday, March 4, 2013 in the City Council Chambers, 425 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, at 7:04 p.m.

Present were Vice Chair Nguyen, Commissioners Hopkins, Virgen, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Hogan, Recreation Coordinator Theresa Johnson, Park Supervisor John Gonzales, Mayor Kevin B. Sawkins and Alhambra Unified School District Representative Anderson. Chair Bryant and Commissioner Kirchhoff and San Gabriel Unified School District Representative Gile were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve the Commission Minutes of January 7, 2013 as written. Commissioner Virgen seconded the motion.

Ayes: Hopkins, Nguyen, Virgen

Noes: None

Abstain: None

The motion carried on 3-0 vote

PUBLIC COMMENT: PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, THIS IS THE TIME PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGARDING MATTERS NOT UNDER CONSIDERATION ON THIS AGENDA.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

1-A. Recreation Coordinator Johnson presented the proposal to add an Aqua Aerobics class to the 2013 schedule of programs offered at Smith Park. The proposed class would be offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at a cost of \$25 per students per 4 week session. The class will have a minimum requirement of 10 participants. The class will be taught by a current lifeguard/instructor with water aerobic teaching experience.

George Young, Coach of the San Gabriel Sea Gulls swim team addressed the Commission regarding the proposed program. Coach Young agrees with the addition of programs for adults at Smith Park; however he expressed concerns over whether the community would embrace a class that early in the morning. He suggested scheduling the class during the noon hour. Coach Young also expressed concern over the impact that a morning class would have on Sea Gulls morning practice.

Commissioner Hopkins asked staff what the target market is for this class. Staff responded that the target market for this class is adults, mom, seniors and working professionals who can take advantage of an early morning aerobics class. Commissioner Hopkins also asked staff what time swim lessons ended to see if moving the class to the noon hour is possible. Swim lesson classes end by 11:50 a.m. and the pool is closed from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. to allow staff a break before returning for recreation swim.

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San Gabriel resident and Sea Gull parent Dennis Sam also spoke regarding the proposed morning Aqua Aerobics class and suggested moving the class time to 12:00 p.m. Coach Young proposed that the San Gabriel Sea Gulls fund the cost of the class if it is offered from 12:00 to 1:00pm and will not impact swim team practice.

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to offer Aqua Aerobics on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. on the condition that the San Gabriel Sea Gulls fund the class. Commissioner Virgen seconded the motion.

Ayes: Hopkins, Nguyen, Virgen

Noes: None

Abstain: None

The motion carried on 3-0 vote

1-B. Assistant Director Hogan provided an informational packet on the Chapman Millrace to the Commissioners present and Park Supervisor Gonzalez presented information on the relocation of the Chapman's Millrace to Plaza Park. The millrace was used by early settlers as an aqueduct that fed into the mill. The millrace will be located in Plaza Park with 2 to 3 inches of water that will circulate.

1-C. Assistant Director Hogan reminded the Commissioners to review the Outstanding Older American nominations and submit their votes.

1-D. Assistant Director Hogan reviewed Informational Items and Dates to Remember including spring class registration beginning on Monday, March 11 and the upcoming 'Egg'strordinary Spring Celebration Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt at Smith Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Nguyen made the motion to adjourn the Commission meeting at 7:37 p.m. Commissioner Hopkins seconded the motion.

Ayes: Hopkins, Nguyen, Virgen

Noes: None

Abstain: None

The motion carried on 3-0 vote

Respectfully submitted,
Recreation Department Staff