



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION
6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 22, 2018
Willow Pass Community Center
2748 E. Olivera Rd.**

ANNOTATED AGENDA

ROLL CALL: All present

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Voorhies, Director of Parks and Recreation, Kathryn Monroy, Recreation Program Manager, Avis Connolly, Recreation Program Manager, Tyce Dekker, Public Works Parks Supervisor

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No Comments

1. PRESENTATION –

- a. **Operation Sign Diet** – Parks Supervisor, Tyce Dekker, provided an oral report with a slide presentation regarding the city efforts to reduce the number of signs in city parks by installing new signs with a more comprehensive list of parks rules. Ellis Lake Park was highlighted demonstrating the reduction in number of signs with the new sign program.

ACTION: None taken. The report was informational only.

- b. **Showcase California Park and Recreation Society District 3 Department Awards** – Recreation Program Manager, Avis Connolly, provided an oral report on the three awards received by the Parks and Recreation Department for Outstanding Volunteer, Ben Hornstein, Outstanding Special Event for Hawaiian Fusion and Outstanding Non-Profit Partnership for the collaboration between Boys Scouts of America for the Be a Santa to a Senior program.

ACTION: None taken. The report was informational only.

2. CONSIDERATION –

- a. **Potential Repurpose of the Willow Pass Park Playground** – Director of Parks and Recreation, Steve Voorhies, provided a tour of the current playground at Willow Pass Park and explained that the playground was due to be replaced as part of the routine playground maintenance. Mr. Voorhies, gave a basic overview of how the playground is currently underutilized due to location and introduced idea of repurposing the space for another



purpose that would better suit the location and provide a greater service to the community. A brief slide presentation was provided on ideas for using the space for an outdoor fitness court. He concluded by asking for any input on the fitness court or other potential uses for the space.

The Commission asked several questions related to other activities that took place in the parks, including Pickleball and Softball and if the fitness court would complement other park activities before concluding that an adult and teen functional fitness area was worth exploring further.

ACTION: Staff was provided with the suggested direction to utilize free consultation services of commercial outdoor fitness equipment/facility manufacturers to provide potential designs for an outdoor fitness area. This consideration item will return to PROSC for future discussion.

b. CONSIDERATION – Endorsement of the California Clean Water and Safe Parks Act, Proposition 68, Recreation Parks Manager, Kathryn Monroy, presented a written staff report and slide presentation on the \$4 million general obligation bond that was placed on the June 5 ballot. A brief explanation of the proposition and the minimum estimated funds available to the City of Concord as well as other grants that could be applied for that would serve the Concord community. Staff recommended the Commission support a City Council Resolution in Support of Proposition 68.

ACTION: Unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were none.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:30 p.m.

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