

HERITAGE AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

CITY OF DUBLIN

May 14, 2015

The May 14, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission was called to order at 7:03 PM at the Dublin Civic Center, Dublin, California, by Vice Chair Tutino.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Tutino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners (Cm.) Present: Blackburn, Deets, Minniear, Szollos, Tutino
Commissioners Absent: He, Iharosi

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 PUBLIC COMMENTS None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 February 12, 2015

On a motion by Cm. Minniear, seconded by Cm. Deets, and by a vote of 5-0-0 with Commissioners He and Iharosi absent, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of February 12, 2015 as presented.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS None

PUBLIC HEARING None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Department Projects for 2015-2016

Mr. McCreary, Parks and Community Services Director, presented the specifics of the item as outlined in the Staff Report.

Cm. Minniear encouraged the Commissioners to look at the survey on the City's website on the Dublin Crossings Park (DCP) Project and submit their comments and suggestions. Cm. Minniear asked if there is a commitment by the City to include a sculpture park. Mr. McCreary stated the City has not made any commitment for a sculpture park but it remains an option. Cm. Minniear commented on the current park options and mentioned Chair Iharosi's thoughts on incorporating a memorial aspect.

Cm. Szollos commented on the size of the DCP. Mr. McCreary stated the DCP is located on a 30-acre site. Cm. Szollos asked if the Valley Children's Museum (VCM) would be part of the park. Mr. McCreary stated the City is setting aside 25,000 square feet for the VCM.

Vice Chair Tutino commented on tying in art with a veterans memorial or a tribute to the history of Camp Parks. Mr. McCreary stated, when last discussed at the Joint Commission Meeting with the Parks

and Community Service Commission, a veterans memorial artwork would be included with the Dublin Pioneer Cemetery Renovation project. Cm. Minniear commented that connecting the City with Camp Parks could be done at the new Military History Center.

Cm. Blackburn asked for clarification on the VCM at the DCP. Mr. McCreary stated the VCM is currently located in a temporary trailer at Emerald Glen Park; the VCM location at DCP would be a permanent location.

Cm. Blackburn asked for clarification on the acre transactions between the City, Camp Parks, DUSD and the developer. Mr. McCreary stated the transactions are a Real Property Exchange between the Army and the developer. The developer receives the land in exchange for making improvements on the Base; the City is responsible for working with the developer on the specific plan for the development.

Cm. Blackburn asked for clarification on the Public Facility Fees (PFF). Mr. McCreary stated the City charges a one-time fee at the time of building permit on residential and commercial property to fund the development of parks and public facilities. The PFF does not provide funding for ongoing expenses.

Vice Chair Tutino asked about the US Bank property. Mr. McCreary stated the City owns the land; US Bank has a ground-lease with the City. The Master Plan identifies using the property as overflow parking. If US Bank were to leave, the City would need to purchase the building.

Cm. Minniear asked about the funding for the Public Art (PA) at the Heritage Park. Mr. McCreary stated the City currently has the funding available and the Heritage Park is scheduled to be the next PA piece to be selected.

Vice Chair Tutino asked about the status of the art for the Emerald Glen Recreation and Aquatic Complex (EGRAC). Mr. McCreary stated the artist, Mr. Todji Kurtzman, has the positive and negative forms completed. The EGRAC Project Manager, Mr. Doug Rooney and the Heritage and Cultural Arts Manager, Ms. Tegan McLane, will be visit the artist to inspect the forms before the pieces are forged.

Cm. Deets asked about the freeway overpass by the library. Mr. McCreary stated the parking lot by the Dublin Library and the Dublin Sports Grounds has an easement for Caltrans to expand the freeway in the future, which would include a footing by the library for a connection of westbound I-580 to southbound I-680.

Cm. Blackburn asked for clarification on the Commission's involvement with Public Art. Mr. McCreary stated an art selection committee is formed and two members of the Commission will be on the Committee for representation. The selected art is then brought back to the Commission for recommendation of approval to City Council.

Cm. Minniear commented on the Heritage Park Master Plan (HPMP) in regards to PA. Mr. McCreary stated Master Plans typically show PA opportunity locations.

Cm. Minniear asked if the City is committed to putting an art piece in John Monego Court. Mr. McCreary stated there is no commitment by the City for an art piece at that location in light of the future BART extension to Livermore.

Mr. McCreary stated the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) is scheduled for the May 19, 2015 City Council Meeting for adoption and approval; the PRMP has been updated with the population numbers. Vice Chair Tutino asked about the City's population numbers. Mr. McCreary stated the population is currently at 51,784, excluding group quarters, and predicted to increase to 75,000 at build out.

Cm. Blackburn asked about funding operating costs for parks and facilities. Mr. McCreary stated Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) show the total annual operating impact; the ten-year financial forecast takes operating costs into account. Cm. Blackburn asked where the funding comes from. Mr. McCreary stated the funding comes from property and sales tax in the General Fund.

Cm. Minniear asked if the Transit Center Parkland that is being swapped would be for residential or commercial use. Mr. McCreary stated the area could be either, or mixed use.

Cm. Minniear asked if the park area near Neighborhood Square would have the potential for PA. Mr. McCreary stated it is the City's goal to have PA at each park in the future.

Cm. Minniear asked about the owner of the informational areas along the trails by Tassajara Creek. Mr. McCreary stated he would look into the matter.

Cm. Minniear asked about the PA and Historical Monument maintenance. Mr. McCreary stated a conservator is currently identifying the maintenance needs of each existing art piece and assembling a recommendation for annual preventative maintenance.

Vice Chair Tutino commented on the Commission being excluded from the Gateway feature at Dougherty and Dublin Boulevard. Mr. McCreary stated the Gateway is not considered an art piece; it was a transportation project separate from the Parks and Community Services (PCS) Department.

Cm. Deets asked about a proposed cemetery on Tassajara Road. Mr. McCreary stated the cemetery is under Contra Costa County's jurisdiction.

Cm. Minniear asked for clarification on the art grant through the PCS Department. Mr. McCreary stated the proposal would be to grant facility use at no charge. Cm. Minniear asked which facilities would be available for the art grant. Mr. McCreary stated the proposed facilities include the Performing Arts and Education Center at Dublin High School, the Shannon Community Center and the Sunday School Barn.

Vice Chair Tutino commented on the future Emerald Glen amphitheater being used by outside groups.

OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 BRIEF INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS FROM HERITAGE & CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSIONERS AND/OR STAFF

Cm. Szollos reported she attended the Farmer's Market and presented her "Ghosts of Dublin" website at the Dublin Library.

Cm. Minniear reported he attended the Camp Parks Gate Opening ceremony, the Camp Parks Military History Center Interpretive Plan Working Group meeting, the Dublin Crossing Task Force meeting and volunteered at the Spring Faire.

Cm. Deets reported he attended the Camp Parks Military History Center Interpretive Plan Working Group meeting.

Mr. McCreary informed the Commission of departmental changes.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kransky
Senior Office Assistant

APPROVED:

Chairperson