

**CITY OF FULLERTON  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

City Council Chamber  
Monday, August 13, 2007  
6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Russell called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Dasney led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Sueling Chen, Kathleen Dasney, Craig Russell, Nancy Spencer, Scott Stanford.

**Absent:** Shawna Adam, Kathleen Shanfield

**Staff:** Parks and Recreation Director Joe Felz, Parks and Recreation Managers Grace Carroll Lowe, Alice Loya, Dannielle Mauk and Judy Peterson; Administrative Analyst Chris Gerry; Museum Educator Aimee Aul; Building and Facilities Superintendent Lyman Otley; Landscape Superintendent Dennis Quinlivan; Senior Planner Bob St. Paul; Jay Eastman, Acting Chief Planner; Senior Civil Engineer Ron Bowers; Library Director Maureen Gebelein; Senior Librarian Andrea Taylor.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Seminara, Fullerton Rangers Soccer Vice President – Said the season is underway with over 2,000 players, mostly from Fullerton, and that the Rangers have their field permits. He said he is working with Maintenance Services to maintain fields in good shape by keeping rogue teams off, and that keeping the goals locked up is a deterrent to the rogue teams. Mr. Seminara said they were trying to work with the schools to keep the goals locked up and were asking for help from Parks and Recreation. He said John Clements, Recreation Supervisor, is permitting the Rangers to begin using Amerige Park on August 20 and they are asking Maintenance Services to remove the outfield fence. He thanked the Commission for its support.

Chair Russell said the rogue teams are discussed every year, are a known problem that Recreation Division Manager Lowe is aware of as are the Police, and that all anyone can do is get the right staff to help when they see rogue teams. Mr. Seminara said the park ranger system, with Mark Reimann and Scott Molendyk, has been very helpful and responsive, providing “great service,” and agreed that team managers should have their permits in hand to help regulate field use.

## CONSENT ITEMS (Items 1 - 3)

Chair Russell requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar items. Vice Chair Dasney MADE A MOTION and Commissioner Spencer SECONDED THE MOTION to approve the Consent Calendar items.

AYES: Chen, Dasney, Russell, Spencer, Stanford  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Adam, Shanfield

The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

### **1. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2007 COMMISSION MEETING**

Recommendation to approve the Minutes of the June 11, 2007 Commission Meeting.

### **2. LANDSCAPE DIVISION MONTHLY REPORTS FOR JUNE AND JULY 2007**

Recommendation to receive and file the Landscape Division June and July 2007 Monthly Reports.

Commissioner Spencer asked about the Commonwealth Avenue tree replacement and Landscape Superintendent Dennis Quinlivan said they haven't moved on this yet although he will be sending out letters to the business owners to get input on their request to replace the ficus. He said roots under the buildings or leaf debris may be causing problems for the owners rather than the typical problem of roots raising the sidewalks.

Vice Chair Dasney asked about a tree being tended by a couple at Hillcrest Park, and it was confirmed that this was a memorial tree. Regarding the status of the Memorial Tree and Bench Program, Superintendent Quinlivan said there have been four trees planted with no backlog, and little response regarding benches. Only two have been installed, both at Laguna Lake, and one is "in the works" at the Hillcrest Reservoir area.

Commissioner Chen asked about the large numbers of trees pruned by the City and where this was currently being done, and Superintendent Quinlivan said staff is currently working in Zone 14 near Raymond School and Byerrum Park. He said it takes about three years to go through the entire City and that there are 20 zones. He said the biggest challenge is the Chinese elm trees which grow quickly with drooping branches.

Commissioner Chen also asked about field closures and was told the fields are closed because maintenance is crucial, and is discussed twice yearly at the field users meetings.

Vice Chair Dasney asked if she should hold her dog park questions for that agenda item; Director Felz agreed and Superintendent Quinlivan agreed to stay for that item.

Vice Chair Dasney also asked about the 5 K run that Maintenance cleaned up after, and Manager Lowe said this event occurred after 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and was not a City event, but rather a high school event which Parks and Recreation staff helped coordinate.

### **3. BUILDING AND FACILITIES DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE AND JULY 2007**

Recommendation to receive and file the Building and Facilities Division June and July 2007 Monthly Report.

Vice-Chair Dasney commented on the Museum bathroom and other City bathrooms, saying a deep cleaning could get rid of the "scum" along the floors as well as the mold, and asked that the custodial staff be asked to clean the bathrooms more diligently. Building and Facilities Superintendent Otley said he would speak with them.

Commissioner Chen asked about the four-inch sewer line at Hillcrest Park, and Superintendent Otley said it would need to be replaced with a six-inch line. Regarding Commissioner Chen's question on the location and usage of the trailer at Gilbert Park, Recreation Manager Peterson said that as one drives into the park, there is a patch of grass about 100' x 100' on the front right corner. A 24' x 60' trailer, the same size as the one on Richman Park, will be placed on that area. There will be recreation, after school and teen programs using existing staff recreation as well as social service programs through non-profits, 20 hours and four afternoons per week.

Chair Russell said he wasn't a fan of trailers on parks, remembered the Gilbert Park trailer being "thrown" into the budget, but thought it would come to Commission. Director Felz said the direction from City Council and City Manager was to get it up as soon as possible, before the end of the year. He said it wasn't anticipated to come to Commission as it was temporary for two years. Manager Peterson confirmed the trailer was temporary, having no sewer lines and bathrooms that would need servicing.

Even if it was temporary, Chair Russell said there should have been a public meeting to get input. Director Felz said his sense from Council was that this was truly temporary, and that the City would engage the community if making this a permanent capital improvement project. He confirmed for Commissioner Stanford that temporary projects would not come to Commission, only permanent ones, and that the Gilbert Park trailer was in the Capital Improvement budget. Vice-Chair Dasney said she thought Gilbert Park was discussed in detail during the Commission meeting when the budget was discussed but Chair Russell said it was thrown into the budget at the last minute. Director Felz clarified that there was a discussion regarding Gilbert Park when Richman Park was discussed.

Commissioner Spencer asked if Parks and Recreation determines the programming, and Director Felz confirmed it was primarily his department but that Code Enforcement was also involved. Manager Peterson said Cal State Fullerton conducted a study through the West Fullerton Improvement Committee (WFIC) which determined that recreation and social service programs were very much needed. Responding to Commissioner Spencer, she said a skeleton of the programming has been developed based on the WFIC study and staff's experience including a summer program there that was completely full, indicating need. Commissioner Chen asked about the funding source and was told it was in the Parks and Recreation budget and that the Gilbert program is sharing staff from Richman and Garnet centers. When Commissioner Chen asked about expected numbers, Manager Peterson said they are expecting similar numbers to their summer program which is 75 participants daily.

Chair Russell went on record objecting to the temporary trailer being put in the park without the issue going to Commission and without an opportunity for the entire community to provide input.

#### REGULAR BUSINESS (Items 4 - 9)

#### **4. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE**

Director Felz introduced Senior City Planner Bob St. Paul from the Community Development Department, saying he was the lead on the City's General Plan who would provide an overview of the General Plan process and discuss the Parks and Recreation Commission's role. He said he would provide an update on the 18 to 24 month General Plan process, a description of their outreach efforts, and the goals for their finished product. He said City Council earmarked about \$1.4 million for the project.

City Planner St. Paul then introduced David Barquist, Senior Associate, of RBF Consulting who would give a Power Point update on the project and where Fullerton is as a city. Mr. Barquist first provided demographic information on Fullerton, noting that the General Plan is a requirement by the State of California and is a blue print for growth and development which identifies priorities and the City's vision. He said the General Plan needs to be updated since it was last done in 1996 and can better address current issues and reflect the values and visions of the community.

Mr. Barquist then discussed the elements or chapters of the General Plan which are the guiding documents for future decision-making on a particular topic. The seven required elements are: land use, housing, circulation, noise, safety, conservation, and open space. Additionally, other elements can be adopted as determined by each city such as sustainability, regional coordination, community vision, implementation, and community services, as long as they are internally consistent with the other elements and policies. Regional mandates include air quality and its management, district mandates, Measure M and growth management.

The existing General Plan elements were outlined including the introduction, overall goals and vision, land use, circulation, resource management, health and safety, community services (e.g. sewer, storm drains, public facilities, infrastructure), regional coordination, plan implementation and public participation, and a housing element which evaluates need and provision of housing which is certified by the State of California. Mr. Barquist noted that the actual elements for the new plan may change based on the community's direction.

Mr. Barquist then turned the meeting back over to Senior Planner St. Paul who went over the General Plan process which would take place Winter 2007 through Summer 2008 and is comprised of six steps entitled: Understanding Fullerton, Community Visioning (one last meeting is scheduled for tomorrow evening at the Golf Center and an Open House is also scheduled for August 20 at the Library), Alternative Land Use Futures, Policy Program, and Environmental Review - General Plan Adoption Committee (GPAC).

Planner St. Paul provided the outreach schedule from April to Summer/Fall 2007 and described some of the meetings held including an Open House at the Senior Center

with a virtual tour of Fullerton, a Youth Visioning workshop at Independence Park and road shows at various organizations, e.g. Chamber of Commerce, and neighborhood discussion groups, about 40 one-on-one interviews with key players, a public agency forum with regional agencies planned for the summer, ongoing GPAC meetings including one on September 10, community discussion on General Plan elements, alternative futures land use charrettes (collaborative planning meetings), and the General Plan Open House in Spring 2008.

He encouraged everyone to get involved to make Fullerton a better place, saying one can also participate through the website at [www.ci.fullerton.ca.us](http://www.ci.fullerton.ca.us) or through newsletters and flyers, local access cable channels, and meetings and workshops. He gave his number, 738-6559 encouraging everyone to use word-of-mouth to get people involved.

Vice-Chair Dasney asked who were GPAC members and if any were in the audience. Planner St. Paul introduced the GPAC Chair, Joseph Stopper, and member Chris Heusser, saying he would get a list to the commissioners. He also explained that there were 15 members, three appointed by each councilmember, and that there had already been three meetings. It was noted that additional members included Vince Buck, Kitty Jaramillo, Dexter Savage, Pat Healy, Patrick Griffin, Jennifer Fitzgerald; Tony Bushala.

Commissioner Spencer asked about how the information would be condensed, and Planner St. Paul said the charettes would produce a visioning report that would be brought to the GPAC which would provide additional input. This would then be brought back to the community for its review and further changes. When asked, he said there were both similarities and differences in different areas of town and different levels of participation.

Commissioner Stanford asked about any studies to project future demographics, and was told there would be studies done and brought back to the GPAC. Commissioner Chen asked about the outreach for workshops and was told there was outreach to groups, businesses, and through the website, water bill and the Parks and Recreation newsletter. She asked about the 1996 General Plan and other cities' plans, if a comparative analysis was done, and any community improvements because of the General Plan. Consultant David Barquist said they would be evaluating the old policy, demographic data, goals, etc. Planner St. Paul clarified, saying the General Plan was a general document but did have focus areas, one of which was Amerige Heights, an element that they achieved. Commissioner Chen asked when she would be able to see the historical performance of the Plan, and was told fall of this year. Commissioner Spencer added that the charettes were helpful because they emphasized that the General Plan was an important document with the weight of law.

Acting Chief Planner Jay Eastman said the General Plan was a policy document that establishes policies, drives the City, and clearly identifies multiple goals or focus areas, e.g., transportation center and downtown were successfully implemented. He said it is a legal document, mandated by the State and approved by the Council and is considered the "Constitution of the City." He noted that other laws such as zoning ordinances are tools to implement the General Plan. He confirmed that the Council amends the General Plan as issues, land use and other concerns change, particularly as time goes on. Commissioner Chen thanked him for his explanation.

Commissioner Dasney said she reviewed the old General Plan, specifically the health and safety element, and asked that the health element be separated from health and safety because safety seems to only deal with hazards and toxic wastes. She said that the health element, if separate and part of the General Plan mandate, could then be considered more seriously and more easily funded, and Parks and Recreation could be more involved, e.g. bike trails contribute to health as do shade covers for playgrounds, no smoking in parks. She made suggestions for senior programs at Gilbert Park and the west end of town.

Commissioner Chen agreed, saying that quality of life was very important and a big part of Parks and Recreation. Chair Russell said he would go one step further because he noticed that Parks and Recreation becomes mere subsets of a lot of different elements in the General Plan whereas it could become its own element. He said the Commission could be utilized to bring people together to discuss Parks and Recreation issues for the General Plan, e.g. lack of park space south of Commonwealth, leasing of park property, and that youth sports groups could also be involved, noting that "the parks are the face of Fullerton." He asked how the Commission could work more closely with General Plan members and staff to tell the Parks and Recreation story and noted that there is no current Parks and Recreation commissioner on the GPAC.

Chair Russell asked Mr. Barquist if he has consulted with other cities about how they have addressed parks, and if Fullerton has done an adequate job of that. Mr. Barquist said a parks element is a separate element in some cities but that Fullerton's parks are part of the Resource Management Element. Chair Russell asked if the elements could be changed, and Planner St. Paul said there is an opportunity to change it. Chief Planner Eastman said community input was important to identifying the elements and said this suggestion would be taken up with the GPAC and staff, and that he thought it was a good suggestion to have the Parks and Recreation Commission work with the General Plan. He also noted that because the document is a legal document, the goals and objectives, regardless of their format, carry the weight of law.

Chief Planner Eastman also suggested staff brainstorm and then work with the Commission on how Commission can interface with the General Plan process. Director Felz concurred and said staff would ensure Commission's involvement in the process. Commissioner Spencer agreed parks should be a separate element and said it might be possible to include parkways, medians, and landscaping, and Chair Russell added trails. Chair Russell asked when Commission should meet about this, and Director Felz said he thought it should be an agenda item of the regular Commission meeting. Chair Dasney suggested having a park users' General Plan workshop but Chair Russell and Director Felz had concerns about the Brown Act.

Commissioner Chen asked for a schedule of meetings for the commissioners to provide input, and was told of the last charette tomorrow night, August 14, an Open House Monday, August 20 at the library at 6:30 p.m. where results of the charettes will be discussed, and a GPAC meeting September 10. Chair Russell reiterated the importance of a coordinated effort by the Parks and Recreation Commission and Director Felz said he would come up with a plan of action for the Department.

## **5. PROPOSED DOG PARK ADDITION**

Director Felz discussed Attachment B of the dog park agenda item, an aerial view of the current and the proposed third dog park area at the Hunt Branch Library, noting that the current small dog park area is not usable due to the wood chip surface and lack of shade. He said the three areas would maintain the needed separation between small and large dogs while also allowing for rotation of dog park use to help preserve the turf. He also said the proposed area would be easy to convert and would only require some fencing and curb cuts for maintenance at a cost of more than \$7,000 from the park rehab fund.

Director Felz introduced and thanked the Pooch Park Advisory Committee (PPAC) members present at the meeting, acknowledging their many efforts in supporting the park. He also acknowledged the "tremendous" efforts of Chris Gerry, Administrative Analyst, who is the primary liaison for the Advisory Board. PPAC Members Wendy Gilroy and Bill Stepanski came forward to answer commissioner questions. Commissioner Stanford asked about the numbers and was told an average of 50 to 75 dogs came daily, mostly in the evening and on weekends, including a lot of regulars. Ms. Gilroy said the biggest problem with the small area was a lack of shade, no water and wood chips that heat up. She said the bark also harbors insects and is not sanitary because there's no irrigation system whereas the proposed grass area is better because it's irrigated; thus, PPAC was requesting this area between the two parking lots. She said this third dog park area would also address the issue of small dogs' safety since most small dogs owners are taking their dogs to the big dog area due to the poor conditions at the current small dog area.

Commissioner Stanford asked Parks and Recreation staff about maintaining grass with high traffic and dog urine. Director Felz agreed there will be some turf wear, especially at the entrances; however, the proposed area would allow for some rotation and rejuvenation of the turf. Director Felz confirmed that the wood chip area would remain as a relief area for both dog areas.

Commissioner Stanford asked if the dog park had helped to discourage the homeless. Director Felz acknowledged Library Director Maureen Gebelein and Hunt Senior Librarian Andrea Taylor in the audience to ask them to address the question. Librarian Taylor said the homeless problem hadn't gotten worse, and was possibly better. Bill Stepanski said the homeless do not bother anyone and that a better element of homeless are now there.

Commissioner Dasney provided some history, saying there had been a prevailing theory that a dog park would alleviate the homeless situation but that it hadn't. Librarian Taylor agreed but said they have moved away from the dog park area. Commissioner Spencer asked if police patrols had increased there and was told "yes." Director Felz said the dog park is a recreational area and use of a previously underutilized space; alleviating the homeless situation is not now considered a part of the dog park project. Chair Russell noted that previous programming attempts at the Hunt Branch had failed so he was pleased the dog park appeared to be working.

Chair Russell asked about turf replacement for the small dog wood chip area. Director Felz said this is still a trial period for the dog park and that staff is working with the PPAC to frame it in an 18-24 month process before making it a proposed capital project to be brought to Commission and Council. He said staff would work with Superintendent Quinlivan at that time to determine costs for creating turf. Superintendent Quinlivan agreed it was doable but expensive and not being currently considered. PPAC member Wendy Gilroy noted that PPAC was recommending the third area because this area

already had turf and irrigation. Commissioner Spencer asked what the wood chip area would be used for, and Ms. Gilroy said they hoped to use it as a temporary dog area during the park rotation when closing down the other dog areas for maintenance.

Chair Russell asked about using part of the large dog park area for a third area, and Director Felz said he suggested that before he understood how the area worked but now he knows it won't work because the area is currently completely full of dogs. Ms. Gilroy said another benefit of the third area was that it was separated from the larger dog park area by a common walkway which prevented the dogs barking at each other through a common fence and becoming frenzied, also known as fence fighting.

Commissioner Chen asked, regardless if the third dog area was approved or not, if trees could be planted in the current small dog area. PPAC member Christine Friemel said she's working with some companies to try to donate the trees but Ms. Gilroy said the lack of irrigation and arable soil there makes it questionable whether trees could survive.

Commissioner Chen asked Librarian Taylor about the feedback from library patrons. She was told there wasn't any negative feedback but the dog park hadn't positively impacted library use because people can't bring dogs into the library. However, Commissioner Dasney noted and Ms. Taylor agreed, that there has now been dog-related programming at the library and partnerships with businesses. Ms. Gilroy noted that the dog park is bringing people who weren't even aware there was a library, and Chair Russell felt the dogs and owners make the library feel more user-friendly. Librarian Taylor said she expected positive changes but not quickly.

Commissioner Dasney said her "pet peeve," because of safety and liability, were violations of Rule #4 – no children under 14 in the dog park without an accompanying adult. Ms. Gilroy agreed, saying that board members do address this when they are there, and that regulars will also address this issue. Director Felz said the dog park is still a work in progress and they are trying to establish the best practices possible. He added that he was at the park today with the Human Resources Director/previous Risk Manager, Gretchen Beatty, who also had concerns about Rule #4, and said they are taking steps to address this issue as quickly as possible. However, he added that Director Beatty was fairly comfortable with the City's current liability level at the park due to the postings, attempts to highlight certain issues, and the "eyes and ears" of the community volunteers.

Commissioner Dasney asked about the tables where the woodchips are, saying one could get insect bites and asked if maintenance is addressing this issue. Superintendent Quinlivan said he went there and didn't notice anything, but would look into it again. Different surface materials were discussed, with turf considered the best option. Mr. Stepanski said the dog park is cleaned and flushed every night, and he and Ms. Gilroy gave compliments to Superintendent Quinlivan and City staff for their help. Commissioner Dasney asked about dog waste and Superintendent Quinlivan said it was not a problem at all because the dog park people are really keeping the area clean.

Commissioner Chen said she wanted the City to take proactive rather than reactive measures to prevent any child getting hurt by a dog.

Chair Russell called for the vote. Commissioner Dasney MADE A MOTION to approve a third area for the dog park and to retain the current small dog area for rotation purposes, and Commissioner Stanford SECONDED the motion.

AYES: Chen, Dasney, Russell, Spencer, Stanford  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Adam, Shanfield

The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

## 6. PUBLIC ARTS PROGRAM

Director Joe Felz introduced museum staff, Manager Dannielle Mauk and Museum Educator Aimee Aul, saying that the purpose of the agenda item was to appoint a commissioner to the Public Art Committee. Educator Aul provided a history and background on public art and Fullerton's role. She used a Power Point presentation to show a variety of public art murals in Fullerton at Fullerton High School, the post office, police station, and Lemon Park.

Director Felz said a public arts committee was created in 1976 for the bicentennial. 'Flight,' a major work of sculptural art created in 1978 by Aldo Cassanova and located at City Hall, was a departure from previous public art and was not appreciated by the community; thus, the public art committee disbanded. In 1995, the Transportation Center Master Plan initiated a small public art program through CUFFS, an arts project for high-risk youth: 'Los Ninos del Mundo' and 'Art and Play: Cornerstones of Creativity,' 1995.

Council appointed the Museum Board of Trustees to form and oversee the Public Art Committee (PAC) in 1995. He said the process involved staff canvassing Downtown and finding sites and appropriate themes. Each year a site and theme would be decided upon and an artist would be chosen.

Director Felz then introduced Janet Puzan, Chair of the PAC. Ms. Puzan said "Welcome to Fullerton" on the bridge at Harbor Boulevard was the first piece of the new public art initiative. She showed several public arts murals located at La Vista High School, the Fullerton Museum Center, Transportation Center, La Sierra High School, Plaza Park, Downtown planters, Olive Park which high school students painted with assistance from Museum staff. Ms. Puzan said she was a former business person and is now a teacher at La Sierra High School, and that art and CUFFS is extremely important for at-risk youth. Commissioner Dasney asked about La Sierra High School and the fate of the mural there since the school was moving to a new location. Ms. Puzan said she wasn't sure but that was something they would be looking into. When Chair Russell asked why one would put a mural on a rented space, Ms. Puzan said that the PAC has to also consider the availability of walls, but that it was unusual to put it on a rented space and that they had not expected to be moving. Director Felz agreed and said there were compelling reasons at the time to paint the mural.

Manager Mauk discussed future projects including irrigation blocks painted as orange crates; the wall behind the Fender factory; a downtown mosaic, the Capri shoe store wall, and the Lemon Street bridge. Chair Russell again expressed concerns about a mural being put on a private wall and was told there would be a ten-year agreement with the owner. He also had concerns about the longevity of the projects and Director Felz said he couldn't disagree but that parameters were set by the Redevelopment Agency and that the private walls were only a very small component of public art.

Chair Russell asked who had oversight of the committee and Director Felz said it was the Fullerton Museum Center Association, operating under contract with the City Council. When Chair Russell asked about Commission involvement with public art in a park, Director Felz said it hadn't been past practice, but that it would probably be advisable to do so now. However, he also cautioned that Commission would need to decide at what stage they should get involved in the public art process. Ms. Puzan said the current process with its checks and balances works, the evidence being that there have been no complaints about public art choices in the parks.

Commissioner Spencer asked about the medium used, noting that most of the public art is murals, and Ms. Puzan said the art is "cost-driven," hence murals, and that issues of maintenance need to also be considered. Director Felz said the committee is now looking into more abstract, dimensional or mosaic pieces.

Commissioner Stanford asked for clarification on Commission's involvement with public art, and Director Felz said the goal is to have a true partnership between PAC and the Commission, with a commissioner selected as a PAC member to report back to Commission. He said tonight was the beginning of Commission's involvement in the PAC and that Commission would be reviewing site and theme for public art projects.

There was a discussion of current PAC members and how they were selected. Vice-Chair Dasney suggested nominating Commissioner Adam to the Public Art Committee due to her interest and abilities in art. There was a discussion and questions on how often the PAC meets; Manager Mauk said it depends on the number of projects being considered, but with five current projects, they would probably meet frequently over the next 18 months. The commissioners agreed to ask Commissioner Adam to serve on the PAC, and if she declined, they could appoint another commissioner at the next meeting.

## **7. REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Felz recognized Senior Engineer Ron Bower's involvement in the contract award for Adlena, Byerrum and Valencia parks which was crucial in meeting a very tight deadline. He noted the unique contract with three parks bid together plus incentives for early completion. He said letters would be going to park neighbors to notify them of the upcoming renovations, that City staff would be meeting with school district staff since there are two adjacent schools, and that construction would start September 10.

Chair Russell asked about the \$543,000 transferred from Park Dwelling Funds to fund the project, and to briefly describe the improvements. Director Felz said half of the additional funds was to cover the increase in construction costs due to the length of time, nearly three years, before the project was approved and awarded. He said the other funds were for alternate options such as a water feature at Valencia Park, a second playground and a rubberized surface at Adlena for younger children, and access for maintenance vehicles.

When asked why there was no water feature for Byerrum, Director Felz said a water feature was never part of the discussion with Byerrum whereas water features were part of the Adlena and Valencia plans. He said Byerrum mostly complements school activities and other existing uses such as its sports fields. He also noted that Valencia's proposed water feature was reintroduced because a different, more economical one will be used.

Chair Russell asked why a water feature was not considered for Byerrum, and Manager Peterson said Byerrum had a wading pool before which was not well-used unlike Adlena and Valencia. When asked, Director Felz said Byerrum's improvements would include picnic tables, barbecues, a shade structure and a small playground. And, while it was too late to put a water feature in for this project, he said it could still be a possibility later. Commissioner Dasney said a wading pool is a great way for families to socialize, and felt that with the change in demographics, a water feature at Byerrum would be successful.

## **8. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

Director Felz noted the August 2 Fullerton Market accident which the commissioners were notified of, saying the traffic control plan was in place, everything worked as it was supposed to, and some additional measures were taken.

Regarding the status of select capital projects, the Richman Park rededication is not set yet; staff is trying to get all parties together including Community Development, Housing and Urban Development and City Council. The golf course netting is up, it's large but it works, and the neighbors appreciate it. The Tennis Center plans are moving through final design and plan check and should be going to bid soon. The final design for Laguna Lake Phase II will come through Commission again because of significant changes; this has a very tight deadline, also. The City has agreed to put up fencing at the base of a slope owned by the (Turnleaf) HOA near Field #4 of the Sports Complex. Children from the Complex run up and down on it, throw debris and damage landscaping.

## **9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Stanford called the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event "outstanding and well done." He also appreciated the quick call from Director Felz regarding the Market accident, and also said he has been very impressed with the professionalism and courteousness of staff.

Commissioner Dasney said with Director Felz' approval, she would like to note that Gilbert Park Center comments were noted at the May 14, 2007 Commission Meeting, per the Minutes from the middle of Page 5 through Page 6.

Chair Russell adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joe Felz, Secretary

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