

**MINUTES
FREMONT RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
3300 CAPITOL AVENUE, BUILDING A
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA 94538
MARCH 2, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Dutra called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and Commissioner Thompson led the flag salute.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Lila Bringhurst, John Dutra, Brian Hughes, Larry Thompson, Pavan Vedere and Laura Winter

Absent: Commissioner Jeff Couthren

Staff Present: Community Services Director Annabell Holland, Community Services Deputy Director Kim Beranek, Parks Planning and Design Manager Roger Ravenstad, Recreation Superintendent I Damon Sparacino, Recreation Superintendent I Irene Jordahl, Recreation Superintendent I Lance Scheetz, Urban Initiative Manager, Clifford Nguyen, Environmental Services Manager Kathy Cote, Environmental Specialist II Barbara Silva, and Executive Assistant Tracey Leung

3. CONSENT CALENDAR – None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Thompson to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting February 17, 2016.

Vote on Motion:

Ayes: Commissioners Bringhurst, Dutra, Hughes, Thompson, Vedere and Winter
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Recuse: None
Absent: Commissioner Couthren

Motion approved and so ordered.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL ITEMS - None

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1 CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN STUDY SESSION

City of Fremont Urban Initiative Manager, Clifford Nguyen and Landscape Architects, Rene Bihan and Ye Luo of SWA provided an overview of the City's new civic center and shared design alternatives for the public plaza that would be constructed in the first phase.

Staff and consultants received comments from the Commission and answered questions from the Committee.

Item opened for public comment.

Kelly Abreu, Fremont Resident:

Mr. Abreu spoke to the Commissioners regarding:

- In favor of the Wi-Fi idea suggested by Commissioner Vedere.
- Opposition to the proposed lighting.
- Advocated for the City to implement a parking improvement district and to better utilize the current parking we have.

Item closed to public.

7.2 SABERCAT HISTORICAL PARK SIGN PROGRAM

City of Fremont Environmental Specialist II Barbara Silva and Senior Landscape Designer Catherine Sherraden of WRA, Inc. provided an overview of The Sabercat Historical Park Sign Program.

Staff and consultants received comments from the Commission and answered questions from the Committee.

Item opened for public comment.

Kelly Abreu, Fremont Resident:

Mr. Abreu spoke to the Commissioners regarding:

- Support for the Sabercat Historical Park Sign Program.

Item closed to public.

8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Kelly Abreu, Fremont Resident :

Mr. Abreu provided a copy (to Commission Clerk) of an email he sent to EBRPD and City of Fremont PD. The Subject: *Liaison meetings and preservation of Weibel Drive, dated March 2, 2016*. Clerk distributed the handout to the Commission.

9. COMMISSION REFERRALS - None

10. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Director Holland informed the Commission that the current Olive Hyde Art Exhibition is showing photography taken by some City employees.

Deputy Director Beranek updated the Commission that Mr. Lance Scheetz was promoted to Recreation Superintendent I. Lance oversees the Aqua Adventure Waterpark, Youth/Adults Sports Programs and the Irvington Community Center.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

ANNABELL HOLLAND, Secretary
Fremont Recreation Commission