

A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES

October 8, 2014  
6:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on October 8, 2014.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lopez called the meeting to order for the Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Lopez  
Vice Chair Brooks  
Commissioner Davis  
Commissioner Dudley

Absent: Commissioner Cunningham

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Lopez led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

**PRESENTATION(S)**

None

**DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

**(A) HILLTOP PARK TREES**

Director Pilar Alcivar-McCoy informed the Commission staff received a request from resident Sanford Simmons to remove the trees along the street on the west side of Dawson at Hilltop Park. Director Steve Myrter gave a presentation outlining the policy on park trees and their removal. Options are to remove selected trees, remove and replace the trees, or leave the current trees in place.

The following individuals asked questions and shared their comments regarding the trees parkway trees at Hilltop Park:

- Matt Simmons (Resident)
  - Had no expectation of losing views when home was purchased
  - Residents replaced trees removed from the east side of Dawson Ave
  - Would look better if trees on west side of Dawson matched the ones on the east side
- Sanford Simmons (Resident)
  - Bought on the hill for the view and would like the view back

It was moved by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Brooks for staff to provide more information on the cost of removal of the trees, the removal and replacement, the removal and replanting, and the cost of placing trees all the way to Skyline Drive.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: Chair Lopez  
Vice Chair Brooks  
Commissioner Davis  
Commissioner Dudley

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Cunningham

ABSTAIN: None

## **(B) DISCOVERY WELL PARK OPEN SPACE USES**

Director Alcivar-McCoy reviewed and discussed the concept of modifying the open space turf area at Discovery Well Park. Overuse and the drought may be impacting the condition of the turf. Staff recommends holding a public meeting to get input from the residents.

Commissioner Davis provided some historic background about the development of Discovery Well Park.

It was moved by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Brooks for staff to monitor the situation to determine the cause of the damage prior to making a decision about any changes to the park.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: Chair Lopez  
Vice Chair Brooks  
Commissioner Davis  
Commissioner Dudley

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Cunningham

ABSTAIN: None

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

(A) UPDATES ON CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, PARK PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

(B) REVIEW OF COMMISSION REVOLVING OBJECTIVES

(C) MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Dudley to approve the consent calendar.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: Chair Lopez  
Vice Chair Brooks  
Commissioner Davis  
Commissioner Dudley

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Cunningham

ABSTAIN: None

### **COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Lopez would like to see an increase in Parks and Recreation programs.

Director Alcivar-McCoy announced we have a new Recreation Coordinator, Tara Malle, and a new Librarian, Bruce Guter.

**ITEMS AGENDIZED FOR NEXT MEETING**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Dudley to adjourn to Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 12, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 1780 E. Hill Street, Signal Hill, CA 90755.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: Chair Lopez  
Vice Chair Brooks  
Commissioner Davis  
Commissioner Dudley

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Cunningham

ABSTAIN: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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Alisha Lopez  
Chair

  
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Pilar Alcivar-McCoy  
Commission Secretary