



**COMMUNITY SERVICES & RECREATION
COMMISSION MINUTES
Teleconference/Web Conference
Monday, February 28, 2022
4:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

POWER, GRAY, NGUYEN, BUI (ALTERNATE)

PRESENT: POWER, GRAY, NGUYEN, BUI (ALTERNATE)

ABSENT: NONE

Staff Present: Vanessa Johnson, Acting Community Services and Recreation Director; Jake Ngo, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Tammy Huynh, Senior Administrative Assistant.

SALUTE TO FLAG Vice Chair Gray led all those present in the Salute to the Flag.

INVOCATION Commissioner Nguyen led all those present in the Invocation.

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Terry Rains, Westminster resident, expressed her opposition to the recent item at the Council Meeting held on February 23, 2022 regarding the designation of authority from the Community Services and Recreation Commission to the City Council for the selection of a location for the proposed Quang Tri Monument. She mentioned that the Quang Tri Monument committee has not been transparent or inclusive; design is still incomplete; the emblems and verbiage of the monument have not been finalized or approved by City Council and that no funds have been raised, to her knowledge. She also expressed that the monument does not belong at any City Park including the Civic Center; she reminded the commission of their purpose, and that the commission does not have to recommend placement of the monument at any city park or public land, and that the commission can recommend placing the monument on private land. She also welcomed new commissioner Tam Do; addressed the latest vacancy on the commission, and suggested holding

the commission meetings later so that more working residents can apply to be on the commission.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Meeting held on Monday, January 31, 2022

Motion was made by Vice Chair Gray, and seconded by Commissioner Nguyen, to approve the minutes from the January 31, 2022 Community Services and Recreation Commission Meeting. Motion carried 3-0, with the following vote:

AYES: POWER, GRAY, NGUYEN
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.2 Park Check List Reports

Chair Power requested to add College Park and Russell C. Paris Park to his parks check list.

Commissioner Nguyen requested to add Westminster Park to his parks check list.

3.1 Update on Location Recommendation of Quang Tri Monument

Vanessa Johnson provided the commissioners with an update on the commission vacancies and several areas of concern brought up by the commissioners at the meeting held on January 31, 2022 regarding the location recommendation of the Quang Tri Monument.

Vanessa Johnson reported that Council Member Do appointed a new commissioner at the council meeting held on February 23, 2022, however Commissioner Vinh Ngo resigned effective Friday, February 25, 2022, leaving a new vacancy on the commission; she also reported there is still no approved final design of the Quang Tri Monument; provided an update on the feasibility of the Civic Center as a possible location for the monument, and informed the commission there is no impact with any potential litigation with the commission recommendation of a location for the monument.

Chair Power expressed his disappointment that there was still no update and final design of the monument and that he still wants to see a final approved designed before recommending a location for the proposed monument. Vanessa Johnson conveyed that she's reached out to the Quang Tri Monument committee several times and is working on providing the commission with an updated design.

Chair Power asked staff for their input on potential locations for the monument at the Civic Center. Staff shared an aerial view of the Civic Center with the commissioners; Jake Ngo indicated which portions of the Civic Center belong to the County. Commissioners and staff discussed open areas near the Police Memorial and clock tower. Chair Power asked if the Police Memorial is on county land, Jake Ngo confirmed that is it on county land as well as city land; Chair Power asked what the process was and Jake Ngo mentioned he was not sure but that there was most likely an Agreement with the County.

Commissioner Nguyen inquired if staff was aware if the Quang Tri Monument Committee was opposed to placing the monument at the Civic Center and inquired if the area north of the Council Chambers could be a potential location; Vanessa Johnson mentioned it could possibly be a potential location and informed the commission that area is highly used for most City Events such as Spring Festival, Summer Concerts, and the Tree Lighting Ceremony, and a monument in that location could push the events somewhere else. Commissioner Nguyen acknowledged the area south of the Council Chambers is a great amphitheater area for the summer concerts.

Commissioner Nguyen asked staff about accessibility concerns that were addressed by residents if the monument was to be placed at Westminster Park; Jake Ngo expressed there would be no impact on accessibility to amenities at the park.

Vice Chair Gray asked staff if there are comparable maintenance costs for a similar monument; Jake Ngo informed the commission based on the current monument plans, there would be electrical costs and other costs would be dependent on the material of the monument; he informed the commission that staff cleans the current monument at Sid Goldstein Freedom Park and the cost is about \$5,000 - \$6,000, every two years; he is unsure about unforeseen costs such as damage or vandalism to the monument.

Tam Do inquired if there has been any private land along Bolsa Ave. that has been considered for placement of the monument and asked if the monument has to be placed in a public park; Jake Ngo mentioned that up to this point, the Quang Tri Monument committee has not shared information on placing the monument on private property; Chair Power stated that it could be possible for the commission to recommend that the monument not be placed on public land, but be placed on private property.

Motion was made by Chair Power, and seconded by Commissioner Nguyen, to defer this item to the next meeting until there is a fully seated commission and there is a final design of the monument. Motion carried 3-0, with the following vote:

AYES: POWER, GRAY, NGUYEN
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Select Next Meeting Date

Chair Power suggested waiting to meet until there are at least two council meetings so that the vacancy can be filled. Staff will email the commission to schedule the next commission meeting.

5. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Chair Power asked staff to add an item to the next commission meeting regarding the name of the commission and potentially adding the word “Parks” to the name of the commission, and asked for an update on the marker and potential dedication for Tony Lam Park. Jake Ngo informed Chair Power that the text for the Tony Lam monument sign has just been approved and that staff is waiting to hear back from the contractor; he expects the sign to be installed in the next two or three weeks.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy Huynh, Senior Administrative Assistant
Community Services & Recreation