



**Minutes**  
**JOINT CITY COUNCIL/PARK AND**  
**RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**September 13, 2000**

**7:00 p.m.**

**PAVILION**

**Holbrook-Palmer Park**

**150 Watkins Avenue**

**Atherton, California**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**Vice Mayor Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.**

**1. ROLL CALL**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Alan B. Carlson</b>	<b>Polly Berquist</b>
	<b>William R. Conwell</b>	<b>Charles Marsala</b>
	<b>Malcolm H. Dudley</b>	<b>Robert Simonds</b>
	<b>Dianne M. Fisher</b>	<b>Jeanne Wangsness</b>
		<b>Marion Oster</b>
		<b>Mike McPherson</b>

**Commissioner Paul Tonelli arrived after the roll was called. Interim City Manager Ralph Freedman and City Attorney Marc Hynes were also present.**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Shirley Carlson, Atherton Tree Committee, asked for donations to produce a brochure to inform residents of Sudden Oak Death disease.**
- Estelle Hoffman, Atherton Dames, announced that the Atherton Dames, the Atherton Civil Interest League, and the Atherton Arts Committee are sponsoring the annual Town Bar-b-cue, Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Pavilion.**
- Bob Simonds, 26 Wilburn Avenue, congratulated the Friends of the Atherton Library on the grand opening of the remodeled Library.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Appointment to fill the vacancy on the City Council.**

**MOTION – Appoint Bob Huber to fill the vacancy on the City Council.**

**M/S Fisher/Carlson**

**Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0**

**Comments: Bob Andrews, 76 James Avenue  
Marion Oster, 38 Flood Circle  
Jack Ringham, 197 Fair Oaks Lane**

**Council Member Huber took his seat on the Council.**

**4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Appointment of a member to the Park and Recreation Commission.**

**MOTION – Appoint Henry Cartan to the Park and Recreation Commission to fill the term of Robert Simonds.**

**M/S Fisher/Carlson**

**Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0**

**5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Future direction of Holbrook-Palmer Park.**

**Interim City Manager Ralph Freedman introduced the discussion with questions regarding the current and future uses of the Park and its facilities, and whether the Town should promote more community usage. He discussed the proposed expansion and renovation of the Pavilion, and how that might be financed. A report prepared by Staff was handed out reflecting the current Park budget, revenue detail of recreation programs, and the cost impacts of varying park use levels.**

**Discussion ensued regarding the reporting of Park revenues and expenditures, revenues generated by programs, and the rental of facilities. Concerns were expressed on the impact various uses have on neighboring Felton Gables. Park and Recreation Commissioners commented on the problems of providing maintenance for the Park and the under utilization of the Park by Atherton residents. They requested guidance from the City Council on addressing those issues.**

**The following members of the audience spoke:**

**Jim Dobbie, 124 James Avenue  
Gloria Berry, 230 Oak Grove Avenue  
Bob Jenkins, 36 Irving Avenue  
Harvey Slate, Felton Gables  
Jack Ringham, 197 Fair Oaks Lane  
Sandy Crittenden, 117 Heather Drive  
Estelle Hoffman, 61 Selby Lane**

**The City Council agreed that the Park and Recreation Commission should prepare a report making recommendations to the Council regarding maintenance, improvement, and use of the Park. Council Members Carlson and Huber will prepare a resolution outlining the issues the Commission should address.**

**6. ADJOURN**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Sharon Barker, City Clerk**