APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

June 3, 2010
Convened 8:30am
Adjourned 3:00pm

Projects Reviewed
Jefferson Skatepark
Sally Bagshaw and Tim Burgess
Playgrounds of Parks and Greenspaces Levy

Commissioners Present
Mary Johnston, Chair
Andrew Barash
Brendan Connolly
Julie Bassuk
Graham Black
Lauren Hauck
Laurel Kunkler
Julie Parrett
Norie Sato
Donald Vehige

Staff Present
Guillermo Romano
Valerie Kinast
Tom Iurino
Jenny Hampton
SUMMARY
The Design Commission thanked Michael Shiosaki for a great presentation on the play area renovations and unanimously approved the work to date. Commissioners commended the work that is being done given current budget and maintenance challenges. The process of interfacing with the community was also commended. The following recommendations were offered:

- Encourage the provision of a variety of activities that maintain a balance between structured and unstructured play.
- Integrate play areas with bike / trike circuit routes.
- Use natural elements such as rocks, logs, etc. in the play areas.
- Provide a combination of innovative bike rack options.
- Consider other options of non structured activities such as rolling on grass hills, climbing walls and rocks, etc. that could complement manufactured playground equipment use.
- Consider the Design Commission as a resource for future design consulting on individual playgrounds.

The Design Commission supports Parks and Recreation in maintaining as many wading pools open as possible.