



**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014, 6:00 P.M.**

Chair Streger called the Regular Meeting of the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of San Clemente to order on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at 6:01 p.m. in the Ole Hanson Fireside Room at the San Clemente Community Center located at 100 North Calle Seville, San Clemente, California. Commissioner Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT Commissioners John Bandaruk, Sherry Murphy, Michael Smith, Chair Pro Tem Tom Wicks, Chair Steven Streger

ABSENT Commissioners Dagmar Foy, Chris McCormack

STAFF PRESENT Sharon Heider, Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director
Pamela Passow, Recreation Manager
Ian Burton, Marine Safety Officer
Aeryn Donnelly, Park Planner
Dennis Reed, Beaches and Parks Maintenance Manager
Maile Stivers, Administrative Assistant

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 13, 2014

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BANDARUK, AND CARRIED 5-0, to approve the Beaches, Parks, and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of May 13, 2014.

3. CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

A. Recreation Division

Pamela Passow, Recreation Manager, previewed upcoming events including Bark in the Park on 6/14 at Bonito Canyon Park, the 4th of July fireworks display on 7/4 at the Pier with additional activities planned by the Ocean Festival on the Pier and Casa Romantica at the Casa Romantica, and a Beach Concert on 7/31; and noted the recent Student Beach Concert had the highest ever attendance.

B. Marine Safety Division

Ian Burton, Marine Safety Officer, reported Marine Safety has completed its rookie training and has promoted 9 rookies to seasonal lifeguards; reported a recent safety fair at Camp Pendleton where beach safety information was provided to marines; reported full summer staffing June 25 through Labor Day; and reported a purple flag is flown to indicate “marine life” which may include stingrays or jellyfish.

C. Park Planning

Aeryn Donnelly, Park Planner, reported continued work on ongoing projects including El Portal Beach Access Rehabilitation, Marblehead Coastal Trail Construction, Recycled Water Conversion Project, and responded to Commission inquiries.

D. Beaches and Parks Maintenance

Dennis Reed, Beaches and Parks Maintenance Manager, reported the Division is working to prepare for summer, and has completed the main phase of an erosion control project in Bonito Canyon Park which would install plant material, reduce issues with silt, as well as beautify the park; reported tasks such as emptying trash and servicing fire rings are done more frequently during the summer; and reviewed the City’s sand retention efforts.

E. BP&R Activities Report dated 6/10/14

Received and filed.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. C.A.R.E. Program

Pamela Passow, Recreation Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding the proposed C.A.R.E. Program and responded to Commission inquiries.

Zenith Silva, opined a crash site medallion or similar item should be installed to commemorate crash victims on El Camino Real, but not necessarily the driver of the vehicle.

Gwen Proctor, expressed support for the C.A.R.E. Program; thanked the Commission for considering it; and opined it would provide closure for members of the community.

Dustin Brady, opined bench Option 1 which received the most votes at the public meeting is too much when considering the public at large, and may be viewed

negatively; and opined Option 3 is much more attractive and would be the best compromise.

Mary Russell, expressed support for the Program and thanked the Commission for their work; opined inland trail areas would be great bench opportunities, and if benches were made of different material, they may be less expensive and easier to install; and requested clarification on bench and tree donation proposals.

Lenny Edelman, expressed an interest in a custom bench and for the program to move forward; and requested clarification on lifespan and renewal of benches.

Commissioners discussed lifespans and longevity of proposed amenities, proposed implementation of the program, aesthetics of bench options, quantity of interested parties, and amenities included in phase one.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MURPHY, AND CARRIED 5-0, to recommend to the City Council to approve the C.A.R.E. Program with all presented amenities and design options.

B. Courtney's SandCastle Sensory Garden Update

Aeryn Donnelly, Park Planner, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding Courtney's SandCastle Sensory Garden and responded to Commission inquiries. This item was informational in nature. No action was taken.

C. Park Master Plan Amendment to Jim Johnson Memorial Sports Park

Sharon Heider, Director of Beaches, Parks and Recreation, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding an amendment to the master plan of Jim Johnson Memorial Sports Park and responded to Commission inquiries.

Commissioners discussed possible amenities and uses for the site, natural and synthetic turf options, numbers and locations of trees proposed, and the park name history.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MURPHY, SECOND BY CHAIR STREGER, AND CARRIED 5-0, to recommend the City Council amend the master plan of Jim Johnson Memorial Sports Park to replace the area identified for Courtney's SandCastle with open turf and reduce the number of trees to maximize open play area.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Smith communicated the temporary Library recommended by the Commission is no longer planned to be located on the Community Center grounds area.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. C.A.R.E. Program Subcommittee- Commissioner Murphy recommended the subcommittee remain until the program is accepted by City Council.

B. Items from Commissioners

1. Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) – none.
2. BP&R Foundation – Chair Pro Tem Wicks reported the Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation had a successful Friendraiser event, and will have a golf tournament on June 27.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business before the Commission, Chair Streger adjourned at 8:13p.m. to the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting on July 8, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., in the Ole Hanson Fireside Room of the Community Center, 100 North Calle Seville, San Clemente, CA.

Chairperson and Commissioner of the
Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission

Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director