



**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE  
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 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, May 13, 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. Administrative Assistant Stivers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT** Commissioners John Bandaruk, Dagmar Foy, Chris McCormack, Sherry Murphy, Michael Smith, Chair Pro Tem Tom Wicks, Chair Steven Streger

**ABSENT** Commissioner Sherry Murphy

**STAFF PRESENT** Sharon Heider, Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director  
Carol Gibson, Recreation Supervisor  
Rod Mellott, Marine Safety Lieutenant  
Aeryn Donnelly, Park Planner  
Dennis Reed, Beaches and Parks Maintenance Manager  
Sean Nicholas, Associate Planner  
Maile Stivers, Administrative Assistant

**1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**  
None.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**A. April 8, 2014**

MOTION BY CHAIR PRO TEM WICKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MCCORMACK, AND CARRIED 6-0, to approve the Beaches, Parks, and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of April 8, 2014 as amended below:

Replace the vote in item 5A of 4-0-2 with 4-0, removing reference to abstentions of recused Commissioners.

**3. CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**  
**A. Recreation Division**

Carol Gibson, Recreation Supervisor, previewed upcoming events including the Fundraiser by the Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation on 5/17, Polynesian Festival by the Hawaiian Surf Club on 5/24, Memorial Day Observances at 11am by the City's Recreation Division at the Community Center

and 2pm at Park Semper Fi by the Heritage of San Clemente Foundation on 5/26, the first beach concert in the Summer Concert Series featuring student bands on 6/6, and the Car Show by the Downtown Business Association on 6/8; and reported high registration and high attendance at the Aquatics Center with the warm weather.

**B. Marine Safety Division**

Rod Mellott, Marine Safety Lieutenant, reported warm weather bringing increased crowds and activity; reported full staffing Memorial weekend, and full summer staffing June 25 through Labor Day; reported the last tryout for Junior Lifeguards will take place Saturday; reported beach patrol will begin full service on June 13; and reported work has begun to repair a fire damaged shade structure north of Marine Safety Headquarters.

**C. Park Planning**

Aeryn Donnelly, Park Planner, reported Courtney's Sandcastle Sensory Garden bid opening was held on April 22, and staff will be recommending a contract award to the City Council on May 20.

**D. Beaches and Parks Maintenance**

Dennis Reed, Beaches and Parks Maintenance Manager, reported two recent volunteer projects: April 14, 230 marines volunteered in painting the pier and nearby shade structures and brush removal, and April 26, almost 100 volunteers from the LDS church planted areas around Parque Del Mar and the Beach Trail; reported Maintenance efforts to reduce water use due to drought conditions including a reduction of water use by 20% overall, with sport fields and active play areas prioritized and passive areas seeing greater watering reductions and diminished turf quality; and reviewed the reclaimed water expansion project currently underway.

Sharon Heider, Director of Beaches, Parks and Recreation, commended the efforts and considerable work of the Beaches and Parks Maintenance staff to coordinate the large volunteer projects.

**E. BP&R Activities Report dated 5/13/14**

Received and filed.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Streger reordered items to be considered.

**B. Consider Allowing Bike Riding on the Mariposa Boardwalk**

Rod Mellott, Marine Safety Lieutenant, summarized the contents of the

administrative report regarding bike riding on the Mariposa Boardwalk and responded to Commission inquiries.

Brenda Miller, expressed support for staff recommendation; stated the Beach Trail was constructed with the intent of being multi-modal; opined a small minority of cyclists have given bicycle users a bad name, and a "Courtesy Counts" sign program could be implemented to encourage positive behavior on the Trail; and expressed support for multi-modal use and facilitating access to the train station.

Michael Metcalf, opined the Beach Trail is a multi-use facility, and cyclists should not be singled out for bad behavior as it is a small percentage of all users including pedestrians, dog walkers, and stroller users that exhibit disrespectful behavior on the Trail; opined enforcement is a drain on resources; opined usage and conditions vary at different times of day and year and a blanket rule is not quite right; opined the Beach Trail should be improved and widened; and expressed support for staff recommendation.

Commissioners discussed enforcement of Beach Trail regulations and the speed of bicycles on the Trail.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BANDARUK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER FOY, AND CARRIED 4-2, WITH CHAIR STREGER AND COMMISSIONER SMITH VOTING NOE, to recommend to the City Council to modify section 12.32.130 of the San Clemente Municipal Code to eliminate Mariposa Point Boardwalk from the list of areas where bicycle riding is not permitted.

**A. Approval of Aloha Surf Company Mini Golf, Surf, and Restaurant Project at Vista Hermosa Sports Park (AM CUP 10-105/AM AP 15-503/AM DSP 14-144)**

Sean Nicholas, Associate Planner, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding the project proposed by Aloha Surf Company within the Vista Hermosa Sports Park and responded to Commission inquiries.

Scott Melcher, Michael Ruffner, and Jourdan Groves, representatives of Aloha Surf Company, and Derek Wolf, project architect, responded to Commission inquiries, and reviewed the history of the project.

Commissioners discussed previous votes against the permission of alcohol service within the park, the quantity of parking within the park, proposed restaurant operations, and public access to park land.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER FOY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, AND CARRIED 5-1, WITH COMMISSIONER MCCORMACK VOTING NOE, to recommend the City Council approve the revised Aloha Surf Company site plan within the Vista Hermosa Sports Park.

**6. PUBLIC INPUT**

Kevin Waggoner, San Clemente, opined a pocket park should be developed on City owned land at the intersection of Ola Vista and Avenida Madrid; stated possession of a petition containing 500 signatures supporting the placement of a stop sign and development of a pocket park at the intersection; expressed support for the recent installation of a sidewalk and narrowing of the street in that area as it has improved safety and slowed traffic; and opined a pocket park would add character to the area.

Sharon Heider, Director of Beaches, Parks and Recreation, established the issue of pocket parks will be discussed as part of the upcoming park master plan update.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION**

**A. Subcommittee Reports**

1. C.A.R.E. Program Subcommittee- Commissioner Foy reported the subcommittee is developing a presentation for the proposed program; and reported a public input meeting will be held at the end of the month.

**B. Items from Commissioners**

1. Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) – Commissioner Smith reported the CAC had ongoing and positive discussions regarding sand replenishment; discussed the consideration of a plastic bag ban; discussed success of the clean ocean program; and continued discussions about a plan to resolve water quality issues at Poche Beach.
2. BP&R Foundation – Commissioner Smith reported the Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation will have a golf tournament in June.

Chair Pro Tem Wicks invited Commissioners to attend the “Friendraiser” event on May 17, noting the event cost includes a free t-shirt and membership in the Foundation.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business before the Commission, Chair Streger adjourned at 7:45p.m. to the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting on June 10, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., in the Ole Hanson Fireside Room of the Community Center, 100 North Calle Seville, San Clemente, CA.

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Chairperson and Commissioner of the  
Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission

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Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director