



**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013, 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, December 10, 2013, 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 McCormack led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT Commissioner Sherry Murphy

STAFF PRESENT Sharon Heider, Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director
Pamela Passow, Recreation Manager
Mark Chavez, Beaches and Parks Inspector Coordinator
Nick Giugni, Marine Safety Officer
Maile Stivers, Administrative Assistant

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 10, 2013

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 September 10, 2013.

B. October 22, 2013

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER FOY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MCCORMACK, AND CARRIED 6-0, to approve the Joint City Council/Commissions/Committees meeting minutes of October 22, 2013.

3. CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

A. Recreation Division

Pamela Passow, Recreation Manager previewed upcoming events including the Polar Pooch Plunge at the Ole Hanson Beach Club from 1-3pm on December 14th; and

reviewed the Santa's Village by the Sea event on December 7th at the Community Center.

B. Marine Safety Division

Nick Giugni, Marine Safety Officer, introduced Teddy Weiss, the 2012 lifeguard of the year; reviewed safety tips encouraging the use of lifejackets, swimming near a lifeguard and swimming sober; reviewed recent beach events including Seafest and WSA surf contest; reported Kaleigh Anderson was awarded junior lifeguard of the year and a \$250 scholarship; and reported Marine Safety Officer Ian Burton has been visiting high schools and service groups with information about the neighborhood beach watch program.

C. Park Planning

Sharon Heider, Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director, reported the Base of Pier Restroom project was submitted to Coastal Commission which will determine the construction schedule; reported that proposals for design services for the remaining beach restrooms will be due next week; reported that the Vista Hermosa Sports Park will be receiving a cellular receptor with a small out building near the football field; reported the Ole Hanson Beach Club is currently in plan check; and responded to Commissioner inquiries.

D. Beaches and Parks Maintenance

Mark Chavez, Beaches and Parks Inspector Coordinator, reviewed the City's court resurfacing program noting the recent resurfacing of San Gorgonio and Marblehead courts and the upcoming resurfacing of Talega Park courts; recognized Robbie Forster, Duck Rosensteel, and Nathan Bluhm for their work decorating the City's holiday tree; and responded to Commission inquiries regarding the T-Street beach access, sand pushing, and parking lot striping at Liberty Park.

E. BP&R Activities Report dated 10/8/13, 11/12/13, 12/10/13

Received and filed.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Dog Access to Parks – Phase II

Director Sharon Heider summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding dog access to City parks and responded to Commission inquiries.

Commissioners discussed the provision of dog waste bags, and the allowance of dogs on sports fields, picnic areas and playgrounds.

Don Slater, San Clemente, expressed appreciation for the increased dog access in the City; stated he has begun promoting on his website for dog owners to "pick up an extra poop"; opined that opening the Trap and Skeet Range site to dogs would be

great; opined allowing dog access at all parks would alleviate confusion; and opined allowing dogs at Poche Beach could assist in keeping birds away.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER FOY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BANDARUK, AND CARRIED 6-0, to recommend to the City Council to allow dogs in all City parks except playgrounds and sport fields, and approve the interim use of the former trap and skeet range for off-leash dog use should funds be made available through the Capital Improvement Program for fencing.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Streger reordered items to be considered.

C. Tribute Program Subcommittee

Recreation Manager Pamela Passow summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding the formation of a Tribute Program Subcommittee.

CHAIR STREGER APPOINTED Commissioners Foy, Smith and Murphy to the Tribute Program Subcommittee and established a sunset date of June 30, 2014.

A. Update Regarding Courtney's Sandcastle Phase II Sensory Garden

Director Sharon Heider summarized the contents of the administrative report and responded to Commission inquiries. This item was informational in nature. No action was taken.

B. El Portal Beach Access Rehabilitation Coastal Conservancy Grant Application Support

Director Sharon Heider summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding the El Portal Beach Access rehabilitation project and grant application.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MCCORMACK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, AND CARRIED 6-0, to direct staff to prepare a letter of recommendation from the Commission, in favor of the El Portal Beach Access Rehabilitation project for submittal to the California State Coastal Conservancy in support of the City's grant application.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

Rick Heil, reported that the Farmer's Market held weekly on Avenida Del Mar will increase its contribution to the City from \$250 per month to \$300 per month beginning in January 2014.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

A. Items from Commissioners

1. Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) – Commissioner Smith reported in September, the CAC discussed the renewal of the Clean Ocean Fee and support of the Coastal Conservancy grant application; and reported in November, the CAC selected a Chair and Chair Pro Tem, reviewed the Base of Pier Restroom renovation project, discussed replacing falconers with coyote decoys at Poche Beach, and discussed potential future agenda items.

2. BP&R Foundation – Commissioner Wicks reported the Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation has selected a new president, Peggy Vance; reported the Foundation’s annual public meeting will occur on December 16th at noon at the San Clemente Aquatics Center; and reviewed recent events including the Stoke-o-Rama surf contest, SC Open skate contest, and Carnival Colossal noting the events were well received and more funds were raised this year than last.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BANDARUK, SECOND BY CHAIR STREGER, CARRIED 6-0, to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. to the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting on January 14, 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