



**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE  
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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, August 13, 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 Bandaruk 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** None

**STAFF PRESENT** Sharon Heider, Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director  
Pamela Passow, Recreation Manager  
Bill Humphreys, Marine Safety Chief  
Rod Mellott, Marine Safety Lieutenant  
Aeryn Donnelly, Park Planner  
Maile Stivers, Administrative Assistant

**1. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WICKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SMITH to nominate Steven Streger for Chair. There were no other nominations. Steven Streger was elected Chair by unanimous vote.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, SECOND BY CHAIR STREGER to nominate Tom Wicks for Chair Pro Tem. There were no other nominations. Tom Wicks was elected Chair Pro Tem by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENT BY CHAIR STREGER of Commissioner Smith to Coastal Advisory Committee representative. No other interest was expressed.

APPOINTMENT BY CHAIR STREGER of Commissioner McCormack, Commissioner Bandaruk, and Chair Streger to the Steed Park Lease Subcommittee. No other interest was expressed. A sunset date, lead commissioner, and new name for the subcommittee will be established at a future subcommittee meeting.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. July 9, 2013**

MOTION BY CHAIR PRO TEM WICKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MCCORMACK, AND CARRIED 7-0, to approve the Beaches, Parks, and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of July 9, 2013.

**3. CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

**A. Recreation Division**

Pamela Passow, Recreation Manager previewed upcoming events including the Max Berg Plaza Park playground grand opening on Saturday 8/17 at 10am, the grand opening of San Clemente Playschool at Tierra Grande Park on Friday 8/23 at 10am, and the last beach concert on Thursday 8/22 at 6pm.

**B. Marine Safety Division**

Rod Mellott, Marine Safety Lieutenant, noted two Sundays ago Marine Safety had 169 rescues and 740 preventative actions in one day between Mariposa and T-Street; stated Ocean Festival was a success; stated Junior Lifeguard Program is ending and encouraged Commissioners to attend the awards show at the Community Center; stated last week the Division sent 40 Junior Lifeguards to the USLA national competition; and stated the Division went to OC Fair on three occasions for the Project Wipeout booth with water safety information for the public.

**C. Park Planning**

Aeryn Donnelly, Park Planner, presented photos of the newly replaced Max Berg Plaza Park play equipment; restated the grand opening celebration will be held on Saturday 8/17; and complimented the Beaches and Parks Maintenance staff for the landscaping in and around the play area.

Pamela Passow, Recreation Manager, reviewed the City's procedure for inspecting the park and responding to graffiti.

**D. Beaches and Parks Maintenance**

None.

**E. BP&R Activities Report dated 8/13/13**

Received and filed.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

Chair Streger reordered items to be considered.

**B. Overview of Parks and Trails in Marblehead Coastal Development.**

Park Planner Aeryn Donnelly reviewed the proposed plans and schedule for the parks and trails in the Marblehead Coastal development and responded to Commission inquiries. This item was for information purposes only. No action was taken.

Director Heider established that the plans have already been approved, and the ability to affect the overall design of the parks at this time is limited; established the habitat restoration area will be maintained by the Center for Natural Lands Management; and reviewed the naming history on Jim Johnson Memorial Sports Park.

**A. Revisit Ball Field Rental Restrictions at Bonito Canyon Park – Continued.**

Recreation Manager Pamela Passow summarized the contents of the administrative report and responded to Commission inquiries.

William Baker, San Clemente, stated concern over previous usage by softball leagues at Bonito Canyon Park in the 1970's including alcohol consumption and after hours lighted field use.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MURPHY, AND CARRIED 7-0, to recommend to the City Council to remove the rental restriction at Bonito Canyon Park that prohibits ball field reservations on Sundays.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consider Modification of Regulations for Bike Riding on the Beach Trail South of the Pier During Summer Months.**

Marine Safety Lieutenant Rod Mellott summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding modification of regulations for bike riding on the Beach Trail south of the pier during summer months and responded to Commission inquiries.

Commissioners discussed public complaints or requests for change of bike regulations, pedestrian traffic in the T-Street area, the width of the trail, and the safety of the trail users.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, SECOND BY CHAIR PRO TEM WICKS, AND CARRIED 5-2 (COMMISSIONER FOY AND COMMISSIONER MURPHY VOTING NOE), to recommend to the City Council that no change be made to the current bicycle regulations on the Beach Trail.

**B. Park Semper Fi Hours.**

Recreation Manager Pamela Passow summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding the hours of operation at Park Semper Fi and responded to Commission inquiries.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MURPHY, SECOND BY CHAIR STREGER, AND CARRIED 7-0, to recommend to the City Council to modify section 9.12.06 of the San Clemente Municipal Code to read “no person shall be in Park Semper Fi after dusk and before dawn.”

**C. Unsolicited Proposal to Lease Unimproved Lot at Richard T. Steed Park.**

Director Sharon Heider summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding an unsolicited proposal by the Shoreline Church to lease an unimproved portion of Richard T. Steed Park for the development of a parking lot.

Commissioners discussed the exclusivity of the agreement, uses and value of the lot, traffic patterns on La Pata, potential benefits to the public, and potential parking alternatives.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BANDARUK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER FOY, AND CARRIED 5-2 (COMMISSIONER SMITH AND COMMISSIONER MCCORMACK VOTING NOE), to table the item until the next meeting to allow the Shoreline Church time to respond to Commission comments.

**6. PUBLIC INPUT**

Bradley Peoples, San Clemente, presented a proposed Eagle Scout project to install a 30 foot fiberglass flag pole at Vista Bahia Park; and proposed the flag only be flown during baseball games, and the raising and lowering of the flag be included in the responsibilities of the snack bar operators.

Don Kunze, San Clemente, opined that open space was not addressed in the General Plan; and opined that open space and trail connectivity should be addressed before the General Plan goes to City Council.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Wicks communicated that Commission members are eligible for a parking permit.

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION**

**A. Subcommittee Reports**

None.

**B. Items from Commissioners**

1. Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) – Commissioner Smith reported that on July 11, the CAC approved three items for recommendation to City Council including:
  1. an environmental sustainability grant application to support education for responsible dog ownership and waste clean up,
  2. clean ocean outreach strategy to focus on reducing watering times, avoiding fertilizer application before rain, and encouraging drought tolerant plantings and low flow sprinkler systems, and
  3. The renewal of the clean ocean fee.
  
2. BP&R Foundation – Commissioner Wicks previewed upcoming Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation events including the surf contest in partnership with the Gudauskas brothers on 9/14 at T-Street, the skate contest on 9/21 at the Ralph’s Skate Court, and the Carnival Colossal & Expo on 10/10-10/13 in partnership with the noon Rotary who is assisting with the expo.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER FOY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MCCORMACK, CARRIED 7-0, to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. to the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting on September 10, 2013, 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