

Scheduled for consideration by the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission at its regular meeting on August 13, 2013.



**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2013, 6:00 P.M.**

Chairman Streger called the Regular Meeting of the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of San Clemente to order on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, at 6:02 p.m. in the Ole Hanson Fireside Room at the San Clemente Community Center located at 100 North Calle Seville, San Clemente, California. Commissioner Wicks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT None

STAFF PRESENT Sharon Heider, Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director
Dennis Reed, Beaches and Parks Maintenance Manager
Aeryn Donnelly, Park Planner
Samantha Thomas, Recreation Coordinator
Maile Stivers, Administrative Assistant

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks & Recreation Foundation Essay Contest Winners

Andrea Workman, Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks & Recreation Foundation, presented prizes and certificates to Sydney Seefeldt, Andrew Mendoza, Sophie Stapleton, Madison Neuhausen, Rian Harris, Spencer Zibas, Mason Ord, Roxana Hernandez, Zack Reilich, Rebeca Ortega, Marisa Alvare, John Dzhabiyev, Sydney Beldon, and Sara Rinkel - Grand Prize Winner.

B. Helen Putnam Award for Excellence

Samantha Thomas, Recreation Coordinator, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding the recent receipt of the Helen Putnam Award of Excellence in the area of health and wellness from the League of California Cities. Samantha Thomas added that Fun on the Run has received many awards including the LERN award and the Governor's Council Award on Physical Fitness.

Sharon Heider, Director of Beaches, Parks & Recreation added that the Swim and Learn component of the Fun on the Run program was made possible this year by

funding from the Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation.

Chair Streger added item 1.C., the introduction of newly seated Commissioners

C. Introduction of Newly Seated Commissioners

Commissioner John Bandaruk stated he was associated with San Clemente High School for 34 years as a biology, chemistry and marine science teacher and coach for six different sports, mainly swimming, over 55 seasons during those years; stated he retired one year ago, and while he enjoyed skiing, scuba diving, and body surfing among other sports during that time, he would like to give back to the community as he and his wife, who works at Lobo School, are residents, and his children grew up in San Clemente.

Commissioner Sherry Murphy stated she has 26 years in the Recreation profession, worked for the City of San Clemente 1987-2007, and has since worked for the City of Dana Point where she is now the Recreation Manager; stated she is a resident of San Clemente, her mother's family moved to San Clemente in the 1930's, her uncle, Cliff Russell, was the first full-time San Clemente Lifeguard, and her father is Max Berg; stated she hopes to bring her experience in the Recreation field and long history in San Clemente to help promote the improvement of the quality of life for the citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 11, 2013

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MCCORMACK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WICKS, AND CARRIED 7-0, and Chair Streger added an executive order to approve the Beaches, Parks, and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of June 11, 2013.

3. CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

A. Recreation Division

Samantha Thomas, Recreation Coordinator, previewed upcoming events including Summer Splash at the Aquatics Center from 6-8pm on alternating Thursdays and Beach Concerts at the pier at 6pm on alternating Thursdays; stated summer camps, swim lessons, and Fun on the Run are continuing, and the Swim and Learn program begins next week; established summer camps are run by both City staff and contract instructors.

B. Marine Safety Division

None.

C. Park Planning

Aeryn Donnelly, Park Planner, stated the Marblehead Coastal Trail is going through plan check; stated Park Planning is working with Engineering and Maintenance on the recycled water project which will affect five parks; stated Courtney's Sandcastle Phase II is also in plan check; stated major lamp replacement has taken place at Steed Park; established Marblehead Coastal parks and trails are already designed; and established recycled water is not planned to be used for private residences.

D. Beaches and Parks Maintenance

Dennis Reed, Beaches and Parks Maintenance Manager, stated due to the few fiscal requirements from winter storms, Beaches & Parks Maintenance was able to complete many projects in June which is traditionally the busiest month for the Division; stated the Division replaced several trees, replaced picnic tables at Mira Costa Park, resurfaced Bonito Canyon tennis courts, replaced damaged plant material on slopes at Forster Ranch Park, completed second sidewalk pressure washing in the T-zone and Pier Bowl, replaced plant material in the Los Mares median, began summer sand grooming program, and trimmed all 60 palm trees on the Police Station/City Hall bank all while short staffed; and complimented contractual staff for work and trash removal during and following the 4th of July holiday.

E. BP&R Activities Report dated 7/9/13

Received and filed.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Streger reordered items to be considered.

B. Revisit Ball Field Rental Restrictions at Bonito Canyon Park.

Director Sharon Heider summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding the ball field rental restrictions at Bonito Canyon Park and responded to Commission inquiries.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BANDARUK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WICKS, AND CARRIED 7-0, to table the item until the next meeting to allow staff time to further investigate.

A. Establishment of a Steed Park Lease Subcommittee.

Director Sharon Heider summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding the establishment of a Steed Park Lease Subcommittee to meet regarding the unsolicited proposal by the French Soccer Institute to lease undeveloped land at Richard T. Steed Park for the development of a public/private soccer facility.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MCCORMACK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER FOY, AND CARRIED 7-0 to establish a subcommittee.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

George Gregory, resident of San Clemente, presented photos of the Beach Trail and opined that the trail surface is substandard and needs an all-weather surface; opined the trail is only ADA accessible at the ends, and is too narrow throughout; opined the turns at crossings are too sharp, and that bicycles should not be required to be walked; and opined the trail should be continued south through the state park to reach the lagoon at Trestles.

Larry Culbertson, resident of San Clemente, stated agreement with George Gregory that the Beach Trail is too narrow; opined the bulb outs on Del Mar are dirty and need more frequent cleaning; opined the City should start a campaign to stop the use of illegal fireworks on the Fourth of July; and opined that the name Max Berg Plaza Park should maintain the historic correctness including "Plaza" in the name, and not be referred to as Max Berg Park.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Streger communicated we will have elections for Chair, Chair Pro Tem, Coastal Advisory Committee, and Steed Park Lease Subcommittee on August 13, 2013

Director Heider read communication on behalf of Former Commissioner Thomas congratulating new and returning commissioners, encouraging continued practice of subcommittees and spheres of influence, and communicating there are director openings at the Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks & Recreation Foundation.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

A. Subcommittee Reports

None.

B. Items from Commissioners

1. Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) – Commissioner Smith reported in May, the CAC held a field tour of the Prima Deshecha Watershed from the landfill area to the Poche outfall; and reported in June, the CAC received material about a clean ocean outreach program to educate the community on how to prevent pollutants at the source, discussed the disposal of pharmaceuticals and the possibility of implementing a drop box for collection, and discussed the City's involvement in an expanded Styrofoam compliance program to check on vendors still utilizing Styrofoam.
2. BP&R Foundation – Commissioner Wicks stated the purpose of the Foundation as a support foundation for Beaches, Parks & Recreation formed in 2000, and is becoming more well-known and fundraisers more successful; reported the 3rd annual Golf Tournament on June 28 was very successful raising funds for Courtney's Sandcastle and recreation scholarships; previewed upcoming events including the surf contest, skateboarding contest, and the carnival in October; and established regular meetings are held the third Monday of each month at noon and encouraged involvement.
3. Commissioner Smith complimented the 4th of July fireworks display and the celebration on the pier, and established from Director Heider that the fireworks are paid by the City from the General Fund, and the pier celebration and dinner is operated by the Ocean Festival as a fundraiser.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MCCORMACK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, CARRIED 7-0, to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. to the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting on August 13, 2013, 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