



# AGENDA REPORT

BEACHES, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
Meeting Date: August 13, 2013

Agenda Item 5.B.  
**Approvals:**  
Dept. Head [Signature]  
Manager \_\_\_\_\_  
Admin. Assistant \_\_\_\_\_

**Department:** Beaches, Parks & Recreation  
**Prepared By:** Pamela Passow, Recreation Manager

**Subject:** *PARK SEMPER FI HOURS.*

**Fiscal Impact:** None. An estimated \$500 of existing maintenance budget will be used for signage.

**Summary:** Park Semper Fi opened in November of 2005. Rentals in this park have primarily ended at dusk, but the park remains open until 10:00 p.m. under the current San Clemente Municipal Code. Staff recommends the Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission revisit the closing time, and provide a recommendation to the City Council to help preserve the integrity of the park.

**Background:** Park Semper Fi was developed by the City of San Clemente and the Heritage of San Clemente Foundation to serve as a tribute to the United States Marine Corps, past, present, and future. The Park was designed to capture the picturesque views from the site, and to provide an appropriate setting for the monument dedicated to the Marine Corps. The Park is small, approximately one-eighth of an acre, and is situated on a slope above Parque Del Mar in the Pier Bowl. The park is landscaped with beautiful gardens, decomposed granite paths, and six park benches, and hosts many visitors daily.

**Discussion:** It has been reported by the Heritage of San Clemente Foundation that vandalism and loitering has been increasing at Park Semper Fi, and they have requested that the City consider changing the closing time of the park from 10 p.m. to dusk.

Staff has conferred with the Orange County Sheriff's Department, and they agree that with proper signage, the deputies will better be able to enforce an earlier curfew in the park and would help curtail disruptive activities.

Staff recommends adjusting the time of closure at Park Semper Fi to close at dusk and change the San Clemente Municipal Code accordingly.

## **Recommended**

**Action:** STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT the Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission recommend to the City Council to introduce Ordinance titled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 9.12.06 OF THE SAN CLEMENTE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE USE OF MUNICIPAL PARKS AND TRAILS.

**Attachments:** Ordinance amending San Clemente Municipal Code Section 9.12.06

**Notification:** Residents within 300 feet of park  
The Heritage of San Clemente Foundation

ATTACHMENT

9.12.060 Municipal parks and trails.

A.

.....No person shall remain or be in any municipal park between the hours of ten (10:00) p.m. and six (6:00) a.m. except as provided below.

B.

.....No person shall remain or be in Richard T. Steed Memorial Park between the hours of twelve (12:00) midnight and six (6:00) a.m.

C.

.....No person shall remain or be in Park Semper Fi after dusk and before six (6:00) a.m.

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.....No person shall remain or be in any of the following municipal parks between the hours of twelve (12:00) midnight and four (4:00) a.m.: Linda Lane Park; Parque Del Mar; and T-Street Park.

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.....No person shall remain or be on any municipal trail from sunset to sunrise except as noted below. For the purposes of this section, the term "municipal trail" shall mean any trail identified in the City of San Clemente General Plan.

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.....No person shall remain or be on the San Clemente Coastal Trail, from the northern terminus at North Beach to the South T-Street restroom building, between the hours of twelve (12:00) midnight and four (4:00) a.m., and no person shall remain or be on the San Clemente Coastal Trail, from the South T-Street restroom building to the southern terminus at Calafia Beach parking lot, between the hours of ten (10:00) p.m. and six (6:00) a.m.

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.....Appropriate notices shall be posted to inform the public of the curfew set forth in this section. In the event special circumstances warrant, the City Manager, in his or her discretion, may modify the hours of curfew for approved events and activities.

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.....No vehicle will remain parked in any City park parking lot past the posted curfew set forth in this section, or said vehicle shall be removed pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 22651 sub.(n).