



**DRAFT
CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
MINUTES OF THE
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 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, May 14, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ole Hanson Fireside Room at the San Clemente Community Center located at 100 North Calle Seville, San Clemente, California. Vice Chair Swartz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT Commissioners William Thomas, and Tom Wicks; Chair Pro Tem Eric Swartz and Chair Steven Streger, Commissioner Dagmar Foy arrived at 6:02pm after Roll Call

ABSENT Commissioners Chris McCormack and Michael Smith

STAFF PRESENT Sharon Heider, Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director
Pam Passow, Recreation Manager
Aeryn Donnelly, Park Planner
Rod Mellott, Marine Safety Lieutenant
Nathan Bluhm, Beaches and Parks Maintenance Contract Inspector
Maile Stivers, Administrative Assistant

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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

Andrea Workman, Friends of the Beaches, Parks & Recreation Foundation, presented prizes and certificates to Jonas Sharp, Helen Greenia, Taylor Harvey, Gunnar Punak, Dean Westerberg, Gavin Ensich, Trevor Hartwig, Maverick Hadsall, Nelly Morville, Paige Lajeunesse, Sydney Belden, Emma Karns, Emily Lindquist, and Brittany Ridley – Grand Prize Winner. Essays were selected as winners from 300 entries.

B. Volunteer Day – LDS Helping Hands

Nathan Bluhm, Beaches & Parks Maintenance Contract Inspector, narrated a PowerPoint presentation with photos from a slope planting event in which 150-200 volunteers from the LDS Helping Hands group assisted in planting a slope in Bonito Canyon Park.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 12, 2013

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WICKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, AND CARRIED 5-0, to approve the Beaches, Parks, and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of March 12, 2013, with the following revisions:

Page 3, last paragraph, under item 6. A., delete “and has been assured by Chair Streger that there is no conflict”.

Page 7, last paragraph, delete “cap its administrative costs at 20%”, and replace with “manage its administrative costs”.

3. CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

A. Recreation Division

Pamela Passow, Recreation Manager, discussed past events including Cinco de Mayo Fiesta at Max Berg Plaza Park on May 4, Summer Preview Day at San Clemente Aquatics Center on May 10, Sports Hall of Fame unveiling hosted by Friends of Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation at San Clemente Aquatics Center on May 11; previewed upcoming events including Memorial Day Observances on May 27 at the Community Center and Park Semper Fi, Student Beach Concert on May 30, Beach Concert Series beginning July 25 made possible by donation from Friends of Beaches, Parks & Recreation Foundation, Fireworks show on July 4; recognized Kelsey Davidson as the first Lifeguard of the Month at the San Clemente Aquatics Center; noted Aquatics Center lifeguards performed 6 medical aids during the month of April.

B. Marine Safety Division

Rod Mellott, Marine Safety Lieutenant, discussed the recently completed Rookie Training, which had 67 applicants, invited 12 to training, and hired 4; discussed Marine Safety’s public education efforts at local elementary schools and Camp Pendleton; encouraged children ages 9-15 to join Junior Lifeguard program; previewed upcoming events including a Missing Person Drill on May 15 involving Harbor Patrol, Orange County Fire, State Lifeguards among others, Neighborhood Beach Watch presentation on May 30 at 5:30pm, National Beach Safety Week and Rip Current Week on June 2-9, and Marine Safety Open House on June 8, 9am-12pm at Marine Safety Headquarters; gave kudos to Beaches and Parks Maintenance

Division for doing a great job with beach maintenance even though they are currently understaffed.

Commissioner Wicks encouraged everyone to attend a Neighborhood Beach Watch Presentation.

C. Park Planning

Aeryn Donnelly, Park Planner, summarized an informational report titled Update on Max Berg Plaza Park Play Equipment; added the color scheme of the play equipment was selected by the children attending the Fun on the Run program.

Sharon Heider, Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director, noted Ole Hanson Beach Club will be going to City Council on May 21 for selection of a final floor plan and potential budget of \$2.5-\$4.4 million; beach restrooms, beginning with Base of Pier Restroom will be presented to Council on May 21 where staff will present two options; responded to inquiry regarding accessibility at Max Berg Park; established with Universal Accessibility, 70% of the play experiences are to be accessible; likely one of the two swings will be accessible.

D. BP&R Activities Reports dated 4/9/13 and 5/14/13

Received and filed.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Streger reordered items to be considered.

C. Information Regarding the Air Quality Management District's Potential Amendments to Rule 444.

Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director Heider reviewed the contents of the administrative report concerning potential amendments to Rule 444 which would ban the use of fire rings and beach burning, and responded to Commission inquiries. This report was informational in nature. No action taken.

B. Scholarship Program for Marine Families Stationed at Camp Pendleton and Resident Status for Active Military.

Recreation Manager Passow reviewed the contents of the administrative report concerning a scholarship program for Marine families stationed at Camp Pendleton and consideration of resident status for active military, and responded to Commission inquiries.

IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR SWARTZ, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FOY, AND CARRIED 5-0, to provide a recommendation to the City Council to support the addition of a scholarship program for Marine families stationed at Camp Pendleton and add the active military as a resident status for programs, swim passes and rentals.

A. Unsolicited Proposal for Use of Undeveloped Park Land at Richard T. Steed Park.

Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director Heider reviewed the contents of the administrative report concerning a proposal to lease currently unused park land at Richard T. Steed Park to develop a public/private facility, and responded to Commission inquiries.

Commissioners discussed: the amount of undeveloped park land in the City; the potential early development and management of the meadows area at Vista Hermosa Sports Park; the viability and experience of the French Soccer Institute; level of play of the program and existing similar soccer programs; and potential public benefit of the proposed project including revenue.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FOY, AND CARRIED 4-1, WITH COMMISSIONER WICKS OPPOSED, to recommend to the City Council to explore a lease arrangement for a public/private soccer facility at Richard T. Steed Park.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

Tim Brown, Mayor Pro Tem speaking as a resident of San Clemente, states he will be advocating strongly on behalf of the City to AQMD regarding fire pits as they are a cultural icon in our community, and expressed appreciation to Commission for taking up the discussion; stated the French Soccer league idea is intriguing from a resource allocation perspective; stated if someone were to make a capital investment in San Clemente, it frees up our City to not make an investment in that property, and to make investments elsewhere; stated from leasing and real estate background, allocation of a block of time for San Clemente usage can be part of property negotiations.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Streger communicated to members of the Commission to contact him if they are interested in the positions of Chair, Chair Pro Tem or Coastal Advisory. Commission has appointments coming up in July for potential new faces.

Director Heider communicated that there has been a reduction of hours at the San Clemente Aquatics Center, and Staff has received one complaint from an individual.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Beach Trail and Park Use Policy – Commissioners Thomas and Wicks requested an extended sunset date of December 2013.
2. VHSP Multi Purpose Field – Chair Streger noted that the VHSP Multi Purpose Field Subcommittee has been disbanded and reabsorbed into the Commission.

B. Items from Commissioners

1. General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) – Commissioner Wicks noted this committee has been dissolved.
2. Coastal Advisory Committee – Commissioner Wicks noted in Commissioner Smith's absence the plastic bag ban, which was heavily supported by Coastal Advisory went before City Council and was defeated.
3. BP&R Foundation – Commissioner Wicks stated the "Friendraiser" event was held on May 11 with the inaugural San Clemente Sports Hall of Fame which had 150 in attendance, and installed 9 initial inductees to the Sports Hall of Fame; the initial funding for the wall was donated by CR&R, who has agreed to fund the program in perpetuity until the wall is full; stated Valero gas on Palizada is doing a fundraiser for the BP&R Foundation for the month of May where they donate 1 cent for every gallon of gas purchased; stated the 3rd annual Golf Tournament will take place on June 28; stated information about events or the foundation can be found on their website: friendsofsanclemente.org.
4. Commissioner Foy shared that two San Clemente High School swimmers set national high school records this week.
5. Commissioner Thomas noted the Courtney's Sandcastle Foundation is having a poker game for 50 poker players run by the Hope for Hanne group; thanked Pamela Passow for taking the time to apply for the CPRS Award; stated the article about that award was just published in the San Clemente Journal;

Commissioner Thomas as a member of the Wall of Recognition Committee noted, Tony Carbonara is the recipient this year.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER FOY, SECOND BY CHAIR STREGER, CARRIED 5-0, to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. to the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting on June 11, 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