



**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
MINUTES OF THE
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012, 6:00 P.M.**

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A regular meeting of the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of San Clemente was called to order on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ole Hanson Fireside Room of the Community Center.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Chair Pro Tem Swartz.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Dagmar Foy, Chris McCormack, Bill Osier (arrived at 6:08 p.m.), Steven Streger, Eric Swartz, William Thomas, Tom Wicks

Absent: None

Staff present: Sharon Heider, Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director
Pam Passow, Recreation Manager
Nick Giugni, Marine Safety Officer
Rita DeForrest, Administrative Assistant

Please note that agenda items are presented in the originally agendized format but were not necessarily heard in that order.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. **November 8, 2011 - Special Joint City Council Minutes**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WICKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER McCORMACK, CARRIED 6-0-0, to approve the special joint City Council minutes of November 8, 2011.

B. **December 13, 2011**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WICKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STREGER, to approve the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of December 13, 2011.

Commissioner Wicks requested the minutes be amended on page 9, last sentence at the bottom of the page, as follows: "...the Golf Tournament scheduled on July 13, 2012 and the Carnival scheduled from October 11th through the 14th, 2012." CARRIED as amended 6-0-0.

4. **CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

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A. Recreation Division – Verbal Report by Recreation Manager Pam Passow

Manager Passow reported the holiday event partnership with the Casa was successful and plans are to continue the partnership in the coming year; there was an increase in class registration; spring session is underway; substantial financial assistance was received from various groups; reviewed various other Recreation Division activities as listed in the activities report.

Commissioner Osier arrived at 6:08 p.m.

B. Marine Safety Division – Verbal Report by Marine Safety Officer Nick Giugni

Officer Giugni reviewed the statistical information listed in the Department Activity Report; described a rescue by lifeguards and a surfer in the late afternoon of December 25th; noted that the Junior Lifeguard Program would soon be initiated and the first session begins on June 25th; reported that there was big surf this past weekend; the WSA surf contest was held this past weekend; advised that a seminar by lifeguards is planned to provide the public with knowledge to recognize and respond to a person in need of help while in the ocean.

Director Heider stated that Officer Giugni, who she said was being modest, was the lifeguard who made the rescue on December 25th; advised that Officer Giugni received some bumps and bruises from the incident and that it was a difficult situation he handled very well.

C. Park Planning – Verbal Report by Landscape Architect Tim Shaw.

In Mr. Shaw's absence, Director Heider reported that the grand opening for Vista Hermosa Sports Park will be extended to the latter part of February due to challenges with the pool construction and to provide more time for turf germination on the sports fields; advised that the sneak preview event by the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation on January 26th, by invitation only, is on schedule.

D. BP&R Activities Report – received and filed.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Senior Partnership Fee Recommendation

Director Heider reviewed the contents of the report, submitted by Recreation Manager Passow, on the Senior Partner Youth Sports Groups flat fee; explained that, though the Commission did take action, Council questioned the increase in the fee from \$500 to \$5,000 at its January 3, 2012 meeting and requested the Commission revisit this topic; indicated that the topic can be revisited by the partnership sub-committee for further study.

Following discussion, the Commission made the following motion.

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MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WICKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, CARRIED 7-0-0, to have the partnership sub-committee members, composed of Commissioners Streger and Swartz, send an e-mail to Director Heider to explain the rationale for the fee increase from \$500 to \$5,000.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request to Name Baseball Fields at Vista Hermosa Sports Park

Director Heider reviewed the contents of the report on a request from John Springman, Jr. to name the baseball fields at Vista Hermosa Sports Park for his father, John Springman; explained that there is no policy for naming amenities after people, and there is an existing agreement with the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation to solicit a sponsor for naming rights; advised that the Commission can revisit this topic at any time; informed the Commission that the city can generate money for naming rights, other cities have different cultures, and it is in the purview of the Council to make any changes that would benefit the city.

The Commission discussed the importance of saving the existing naming rights for soliciting by the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation during the next year that can generate funds.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, SECOND BY CHAIR PRO TEM SWARTZ, CARRIED 7-0-0, the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that City Council deny the request to name the baseball fields at Vista Hermosa Sports Park for John Springman.

Chair Streger recognized Kurt Conone from the audience.

Mr. Conone spoke in behalf of naming the sports fields after John Springman; opined that Mr. Springman had a tremendous positive impact on the youth of this city; questioned the Commission voting on a motion before calling for any comments from the public. (Note: The Commission was unaware that Mr. Conone wanted to speak to the subject because he had not submitted a request to address the Commission card.)

B. Allow Park Fundraising Activities in San Clemente Aquatic Center

Director Heider reviewed the contents of the report to allow Courtney's SandCastle Foundation a one-year fundraising display at San Clemente Aquatic Center and responded to Commission inquiries.

From the audience, Chair Streger recognized Don Glasgow, Courtney's SandCastlesub-committee member.

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Mr. Glasgow, along with Mina Santoro, requested Commission support to allow the one-year fundraising display at the Aquatic Center; explained the importance for continued fundraising; thanked the Commission for its support.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WICKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER McCORMACK, CARRIED 6-0-1, the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that City Council approve a Courtney's SandCastle fundraising display in the San Clemente Aquatic Center lobby for one year. Commissioner Thomas recused himself.

C. BP&R Dept. Annual Strategic Priorities

Director Heider reviewed the contents of the report on the FY 2011-12 strategic priorities for the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Department; reminded the Commission of the uncertainty of available Redevelopment Agency (RDA) funds which would add pressure on the General Fund; advised that no new program increases or facilities were proposed by staff, the need for financial constraints is in a holding pattern, and continued operating as cost effectively as possible.

Base of the Pier Restroom Rehab

Director Heider explained that the restroom at the base of the pier is number one on the priority list of restrooms because of high usage and has the best structure for rehabilitation; stated that it is the hope and intent that T-Street restroom would be next as its condition is deteriorating.

The Commission discussed and commented on the Base of the Pier Restroom rehabilitation as follows: Questioned why it was number one on the priority list when there are park restrooms that are in dire need of rehabilitation; Vista Bahia restrooms need improvement and should be a top priority; within two months after refurbishing the base of the pier restroom, the restroom will be trashed and the money wasted; the heavy usage and sheer numbers of people by the community and visitors makes the base of the pier restroom a high priority; if this is a priority because of the RDA funding, questioned whether it would still be a priority if the RDA funds are not available.

The meeting was opened to public input.

George Gregory, resident, stated that North Beach was important to the community and second only to public safety; opined that the city was going in a dangerous direction by replacing sidewalks because they are dirty; applauded the structured fee schedule; commented that the Beach Club rehab will make a statement for San Clemente; expressed concern that the DBA and Chamber squander the city's money; suggested the beach trail be extended and accessible to everyone; favored expanding public transportation because of its importance to the community; mentioned that Amtrak stopped at the base of the pier and would serve better stopping at North Beach; offered to help in any way that he could; called the Ole Hanson tiles decadent because of their high cost and high maintenance; stated that the \$300,000 charged by the architect for

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the Ole Hanson Beach Club rehab was an incredible amount of money; thanked the Commission for doing a wonderful job.

Larry Culbertson, resident, suggested the now closed trap and skeet range be considered for a dog park on the priority list; opined that the location would be easier to access for many dog owners than the current dog park; suggested a replacement fund be initiated for future replacement costs; requested that the Ole Hanson Beach Club building be refurbished to what it once was without any changes; opined that the beach trail is too small and asked for its expansion; commented that \$600,000 has already been spent on Courtney's SandCastle and urged that it not be recommended on the priority list.

The meeting was closed to public input.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER FOY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WICKS, CARRIED 4-3-0, to recommend Council include the Base of the Pier Restroom Rehabilitation on the priority list. Commissioners McCormack, Osier, and Streger voted no.

Ole Hanson Beach Club Rehab

Director Heider provided the following information to Commission inquiries: The Beach Club was on last year's priority list; there will not be much change at the Beach Club pool except that there will be two sister locations; the Beach Club will be unique in that it has two pools; staff does not anticipate any change in use; there are funds to stabilize the building, but improvements will not be noticeable; the priority would be to rehab the pool and list the priority as the Ole Hanson Beach Club rehab, phase 2.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER McCORMACK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER OSIER, CARRIED 7-0-0, to recommend Council include the rehab of the pool at the Ole Hanson Beach Club, phase 2, on the priority list.

BP&R Master Plan

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WICKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER McCORMACK, CARRIED 7-0-0, to recommend Council include the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Master Plan on the priority list and incorporated the Universal Playground Master Plan and Park Restroom Master Plan with it.

Community Garden

MOTION BY CHAIR STREGER, SECOND BY COMMISSION McCORMACK, to recommend Council include a Community Garden on the priority list.

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The motion was withdrawn following a discussion to identify whether the motion was to build a community garden or to continue to seek a location in which to build it.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER McCORMACK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER FOY, CARRIED 7-0-0, to recommend City Council consider a location for a community garden on the priority list

Increase Dog Access

MOTION BY CHAIR STREGER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, CARRIED 7-0-0, to recommend Council include increase dog access to parks and the beach on the priority list.

Inventory of Facilities

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WICKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER OSIER, CARRIED 7-0-0, to recommend Council include on the priority list the Inventory of Facilities.

Sand Erosion

MOTION BY CHAIR PRO TEM SWARTZ, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER McCORMACK, CARRIED 7-0-0, to recommend Council include sand erosion involving the Marine Safety Building on the priority list.

Annual Beach Trail Review

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WICKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER McCORMACK, CARRIED 7-0-0, to recommend Council include an Annual Beach Trail Review on the priority list.

Courtney's SandCastle

MOTION BY CHAIR STREGER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WICKS, CARRIED 6-0-1, to recommend modification of Courtney's SandCastle be reflected on the priority list. Commissioner Thomas recused himself.

Director Heider advised the Commission that staff has the Trail and Park Use Policy on its to-do-list.

D. Application to California Association of Parks and Recreation Commissioners and Board Members (CAPRCBM) for Special Award

Director Heider reviewed the contents of the report that recommended the Commission submit an application to CAPRCBM, under the special awards section, for Courtney's SandCastle; advised that Commissioner Thomas crafted the wording for the application; remarked it is an appropriate project for a special award.

From the audience, Chair Streger recognized Don Glasgow, Courtney's Sand Castle Subcommittee member.

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Mr. Glasgow advised that the board is fully in support of this project; opined that the city can be proud of the project; thanked Commissioner Thomas for the report.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SWARTZ, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER OSIER, CARRIED 7-0-0, to approve the preparation of the award application for Courtney's SandCastle.

7. PUBLIC INPUT

No public input.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

No communications.

9. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

A. Sub-Committee Reports

1. Beach Trail and Park Use Policy - Commissioners Thomas, Wicks, and Osier (sunset date: March 2012) – no report.

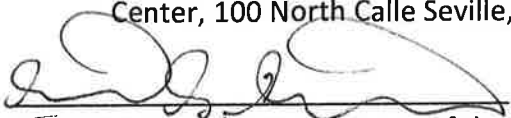
9.B. Items from Commissioners

1. General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) – Commissioner Osier reported that the Committee is meeting tomorrow, 1/11/12; there are four more meetings to follow before disbanding.
2. Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) – Commissioner Foy reported no meeting in December; the Committee is scheduled to meet on 1/12/12.
3. BP&R Foundation – Commissioner Thomas reported that Commissioner Wicks is now president of the Foundation. The Foundation is starting the new year by studying ways to increase revenue funding, public awareness, and interest in volunteering.

Commissioner Thomas distributed copies of books regarding California Central Coast excursions held by CAPRCBM each year; invited the Commission to join in one of these scheduled excursions; described the excursions as a learning experience; advised that he is attending a Region 5 meeting on Thursday, at Laguna Hills.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WICKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SWARTZ, CARRIED 7-0-0, to adjourn to the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting on February 14, 2012, 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



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Minutes approved by the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission on _____.

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**MINUTES OF THE
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012, 6:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of San Clemente was called to order on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ole Hanson Fireside Room of the Community Center.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Administrative Assistant Rita DeForrest.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chris McCormack, Bill Osier, Steven Streger,
Eric Swartz, William Thomas

Absent: Dagmar Foy, Tom Wicks

Staff present: Sharon Heider, Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director
Pam Passow, Recreation Manager
Rita DeForrest, Administrative Assistant

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3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. **January 10, 2012**

MOTION BY CHAIR PRO TEM SWARTZ, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER OSIER, to approve the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of January 10, 2012.

Chair Streger requested the minutes be amended as follows: on page 5, the word "noe" be changed to "no;" page 5; the second paragraph from the bottom of the page be deleted.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0 to approve the amended minutes.

4. **CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

A. & C. **Recreation Division & Park Planning – Verbal Report by Recreation Manager Passow**

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Ms. Passow combined the report for the Recreation Division and for Park Planning in the absence of Landscape Architect Tim Shaw; narrated a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Vista Hermosa Sports Park and San Clemente Aquatic Center;" invited the Commission and the public to the grand opening of Vista Hermosa Sports Park on February 25 at 8:30 a.m.; responded to Commission inquires.

B. Marine Safety Division – Verbal Report by Officer Nick Giugni

In the absence of Officer Giugni, Ms. Passow reported that lifeguard tryouts are scheduled on March 11 at 7:00 a.m. at Marine Safety Headquarters, invited the Commission to attend and to be aware of the impending time change to daylight savings time on that date.

D. BP&R Activities Report – received and filed.

5. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Swim Across America Fundraising Event

Director Sharon Heider reviewed the contents of the report on a request from Swim Across America to waive rental fees for a fund raising event scheduled on April 15, 2012, at the San Clemente Aquatic Center; introduced Steve Hops and Barbara Helton, local residents, swimmers, and volunteers for Swim Across America Fundraising event.

Mr. Hops briefly described his reasons for involvement in the fundraising event; distributed information regarding Swim Across America that included its mission and goals; informed on how the funds raised will be used; voiced an interest in making the fundraiser an annual event; stated that the Commission should do what is best regarding the fee waiver.

Ms. Helton commented that Swim Across America is similar to the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure fundraisers.

Mr. Hops and Ms. Helton responded to Commission inquiries as follows:

- o Swim Across America charges no fee.
- o Swim Across America produces all the advertising for the event.
- o Twenty percent of the proceeds will go to a charity designated by the Commission.
- o Mr. Hops is a volunteer for Swim Across America.
- o Swim Across America has insurance to cover the fund raiser.
- o Mr. Hops does not have a contract with Swim Across America.
- o Swim Across America is a non-profit agency.
- o The savings from the fee waiver would go to local recipients.

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- The fund raiser will hopefully attract at least 350 people.
- The fundraising event will be held with or without the fee waiver.
- Swim Across America was looking for a partner to help in fund raising efforts.

The Commission discussed the event and raised the following concerns: the major organization, Swim Across America, is not represented at this evening's meeting; there are guidelines for special events that include insurance; approval of the fee waiver would be for some unknown entity, and the Commission has a responsibility to follow the guidelines; Mr. Hops was offered the option to return to the Commission's next meeting with the required information for further Commission consideration to recommend a fee waiver.

Mr. Hops declined the option to return to the Commission for further consideration of a fee waiver due to time constraints.

MOTION BY CHAIR PRO TEM SWARTZ, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, CARRIED 5-0-0, to recommend Council allow the event but not waive fees.

B. Forster Ranch Community Park Development Plan Amendment

Director Heider reviewed the contents of the report amending the Forster Ranch Community Park Development Plan to reflect that the park will not include a community center, gymnasium, or pool and designate soccer field 6 a permanent amenity; responded to Commission inquiries.

The meeting was opened to public input.

Jim Gilbert, resident, advised he lives above Forster Ranch Community Park; suggested a second skate park be built in the park because the current skate park is crowded.

The meeting was closed to public input.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER OSIER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, CARRIED 5-0 to recommend Council approve the amendment to the Forster Ranch Community Park Master Plan.

7. PUBLIC INPUT

Jim Gilbert, resident, reiterated his request that the city build a second skate park since it is needed; opined that Las Palmas Park (Max Berg Plaza Park) would be ideal since it is grassy and not used extensively; stated that he spoke with Ryan Sheckler who advised that he offered to buy city-owned vacant land, but the city refused his offer.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Thomas announced that Courtney's SandCastle project was awarded a special award by the California Association of Parks & Recreation Commissioners & Board Members (CAPRCBM) and that the award will be presented on March 22, 2012 in

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Long Beach at the CAPRCBM banquet; commented that it is a great honor and that Courtney Smith and her mother will be in attendance at the banquet; pointed out that this is the second year in a row that San Clemente has received an award from CAPRCBM.

Director Heider advised that Commissioner Thomas was awarded 2010 Commissioner of the Year by CAPRCBM.

9. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

A. Sub-Committee Reports

- 1. Beach Trail and Park Use Policy - Commissioners Thomas, Wicks, and Osier (sunset date: March 2012) – Director Heider reported that the Beach Trail and Park Use Policy is on staff’s list-to-do, and, after Vista Hermosa Sports Park opening, staff will be working on it.

B. Items from Commissioners

- 1. General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) – Commissioner Osier reported that the committee met on January 11 for goal and policy review; a meeting is schedule tomorrow evening, 2/15/12, and two or three more meetings are scheduled; then, a final phase will be drafted.
- 2. Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) – Commissioner Foy – In Commissioner Foy’s absence, Chair Streger reported that the CAC reviewed the dog access to the beach issue and did not recommend it to Council; the CAC questioned enforcement and other issues; the other agendized item was plastic bags.
- 3. BP&R Foundation – Commissioner Thomas reported that the Foundation had a great pre-opening of approximately 100 people at Vista Hermosa Sports Park; described the opening.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER McCORMACK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, CARRIED 5-0, to adjourn to the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting on March 13, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in the Ole Hanson Fireside Room of the Community Center, 100 North Calle Seville, San Clemente, CA.

Please note: The Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center.

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