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**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
MINUTES OF THE
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 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, March 13, 2012, at 6:03 p.m., in the Ole Hanson Fireside Room of the Community Center.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Landscape Architect Dick Fisher of Fisher and Associates.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Dagmar Foy (arrived at 6:25 p.m.), Bill Osier, Steven Streger, Eric Swartz, William Thomas, Tom Wicks

Absent: Chris McCormack

Staff present: Sharon Heider, Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director
Pam Passow, Recreation Manager
Blake Anderson, 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. **PRESENTATIONS**

Chair Streger presented commendations to Landscape Architect Dick Fisher of Fisher and Associates for his contribution in making Courtney's SandCastle a remarkable play area for people of all physical capabilities, and to City of San Clemente Landscape Architect Tim Shaw for his management of Vista Hermosa Sports Park project.

Director Heider read aloud each commendation. Each recipient received a standing ovation for their contributions in making the Vista Hermosa Sports Park and San Clemente Aquatics Center and Courtney's SandCastle such a success.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. **February 14, 2012**

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MOTION BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SWARTZ, CARRIED 4-0-1, to approve the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of February 14, 2012. Commissioner Wicks abstained.

5. CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

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

Manager Passow reported: Vista Hermosa Sports Park and San Clemente Aquatics Center attracted an exceptionally large crowd for the grand opening on February 25th, since use of the pool was free. With the warm weather, staff estimates that at least 200 people each day have stopped at the park counter just to ask questions to find out what it is about, as well as others out using the park; next month, staff will begin to record the number of park visitors and the pool rescues; the public is being educated on pool safety; the number of pool rentals and pool passes have increased significantly that will show in next month's report; the number of lifeguards on duty depends on the level of activity.

B. Marine Safety Division – Verbal Report by Marine Safety Officer Blake Anderson

Officer Anderson reported: There were 67 applicants for the lifeguard tryouts; 12 have been invited to training from which five to six will be hired. Large crowds are expected at the beach for spring break; the lifeguard towers will be placed on the beach soon. Staff has contacted 1,200 students regarding the Neighborhood Beach Watch Program and delivered presentations to the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs regarding the program. The Junior Lifeguard Program will start at 7:00 a.m. on May 5th; the minimum age for the program has been reduced to nine years old. Last Sunday, someone in a boat located off the end of the pier was shooting a hand gun; OC Sheriff's were alerted and found that four Marines were joy riding in the area. Two weeks ago, a possible suicide was reported; OC Sheriff's were summoned, located the person who was brought to safety. There was a boat rescue off Cotton Point. The water temperature was 58 degrees.

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

In the absence of Mr. Shaw, Director Heider reported that the Steed Park building was re-roofed; some Recreation staff members were relocated to Steed Park and other park locations; the resurfacing of the tennis courts at San Luis Rey Park was completed.

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

6. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

7. NEW BUSINESS

(Please note: New Business items were discussed out of sequence; Item 7.B. was discussed before 7.A.)

A. Friends of BP&R Foundation Vending Machine Agreement

Director Heider reviewed the contents of the report on adding additional vending machine sites to the agreement with the Friends of the Beaches, Parks and Recreation

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Foundation and responded to Commission inquiries as follows: Staff is taking a proactive approach to prevent vandalism by selecting sites that are more visible. Staff is comfortable with the agreement, its flexibility, and satisfied with the product selection. Staff wants to expand the opportunity for more vending machines at different locations. Four machines are in place at the new park. Vending machine revenue generation benefits the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Department, and staff is supportive of the Foundation's efforts.

Commission Wicks, President of the Foundation, provided the following information with reference to the agreement: The vendor prefers keeping the machines un-caged, but the machines are caged to prevent vandalism. The vendor encourages public input and is willing to change vending machine content, when needed. It is a three-year agreement with a 60-day cancellation clause.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER OSIER, CARRIED 6-0-0, to approve the list of additional vending machine sites in the Agreement for Installation of Vending Machines in Public Locations between the Foundation and Department.

B. Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) City Resolution

Recreation Manager Passow reviewed the contents of the report outlining grant funding for a city-wide focus on the prevention of obesity and obesity related illness and the draft resolution.

Chair Streger recognized, from the audience, Dolores Barrett of Community Action Partners HEAL OC.

Ms. Barrett provided her credentials and thanked the Commission for their support; commented that it was just another step toward a healthy community; thanked staff for moving the city in that direction and urged the Commission to recommend approval of the resolution.

Commissioner Foy arrived at 6:25 p.m.

Staff responded to Commission inquiries as follows: Staff is working to expand the city's Wellness Program. The city needs to offer incentives that work for the Wellness Program which does not provide cash incentives. The Program offers a monthly opportunity drawing for those who log their physical activities. The NuPac grant will provide clout and opportunities for more grant funds. Its goal is to encourage healthy eating, not a guideline for healthy eating.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WICKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SWARTZ, the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that Council adopt a Resolution supporting the Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Cities Campaign.

Further discussion ensued, and the motion was restated as follows:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WICKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SWARTZ, CARRIED 6-0-0, the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that Council adopt the present Resolution, as written, supporting the Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Cities Campaign.

C. Use of Beach for Holiday Photo Fundraiser

Director Heider reviewed the contents of the report on a request from the Friends of the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation to waive fees to hold a two-day holiday photo fundraising event on a portion of the beach; explained that staff and the Foundation are working together for a community event to generate revenue, show off the city’s facilities, and, perhaps, form a partnership.

The Commission commented and raised concerns as follows: This event may create more work for staff. There is the possibility that people would like a picture taken with their pets at the beach. The public needs to be aware that it is a Foundation fundraiser for the city. The event is more than a money maker but is more to promote friend building, and educating the public on the purpose of the Friends. People need to clearly understand the link between the Foundation and the city.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SWARTZ, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER OSIER, CARRIED 6-0-0, to recommend City Council approve use of a portion of the beach and waive fees, for the Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation for a two-day holiday photo fundraising event.

8. PUBLIC INPUT

Fred Butler, resident and tennis advocate, thanked the Commission and staff for the resurfaced tennis courts and repairs to the fence at San Luis Rey Park; reported that the skate boarders have found the newly resurfaced courts and have made skid marks.

Erik and Lisa Klipfel, residents, reported that youngsters using scooters would like to utilize Ralphs Skate Court; advised there has been a dramatic increase in use of scooters; requested a future agenda item to discuss incorporating use of scooters in the rules at the skate court; submitted written statistics on the percentage of use by skateboarders, in-line skaters, and scooters at the court during a one-week period.

Director Heider advised that the current rules do not allow scooters; however, staff is aware of the evolution of the sport, and conducting research with other cities on their experience with scooters.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

No communications.

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10. 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 suggested extension of the sunset date; advised that Chief Humphreys will take the staff lead with the sub-committee on this topic.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WICKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER OSIER, CARRIED 6-0-0, to extend the Beach Trail and Park Use Policy Sub-Committee sunset date to March 2013.

B. Items from Commissioners

- 1. General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) – Commissioner Osier reported the GPAC Committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow, 3/14, to review the draft of safety element policies and draft climate action plan, the consultants are writing the General Plan, and additional meetings are scheduled on April 25 and May 14.
- 2. Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) – Commissioner Foy attended the CAC meeting on 3/8 and reported: (1) there was a request to place a bench at the Mariposa ramp, and (2) George Gregory spoke to the CAC about attracting a new vendor for the North Beach snack bar by replacing the decking, benches, and adding new sand to the beach.
- 3. BP&R Foundation – Commissioner Wicks, Foundation president, advised that the Foundation is working to increase public awareness of its presence in the community; reviewed the Foundation’s planned fundraising events for the coming year; encouraged the Commission to partner with the Foundation as much as possible.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STREGER, CARRIED 6-0-0, to adjourn to the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting on April 10, 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

Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director

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