



**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015, 6:00 P.M.**

Chair Streger called the Regular Meeting of the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of San Clemente to order on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, 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. Chair Pro Tem Wicks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT Commissioners John Bandaruk, Linda Chitwood, Chris McCormack, Sherry Murphy, Chair Pro Tem Tom Wicks, Chair Steven Streger

ABSENT Commissioner Dagmar Foy

STAFF PRESENT Pamela Passow, Recreation Manager
Rod Mellott, Marine Safety Lieutenant
Maile Stivers, Administrative Assistant

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. C.A.R.E. Program Update

Pamela Passow, Recreation Manager, presented photos and information regarding the current phase I of the C.A.R.E. program including custom bench and picnic table donations, previewed future program goals, and responded to Commission inquiries.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 31, 2015 Joint Council Commissions and Committees Meeting

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MCCORMACK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BANDARUK, AND CARRIED 6-0, to approve the Joint Council, Commissions and Committees meeting minutes of March 31, 2015.

B. April 14, 2015 Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MCCORMACK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MURPHY, AND CARRIED 6-0, to approve the Beaches, Parks, and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of April 14, 2015.

3. CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

A. Recreation Division

Pamela Passow, Recreation Manager, reviewed and presented photos of recent events including the 25th Annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta on May 2, and the Summer Camp Palooza information and registration event on May 9.

B. Marine Safety Division

Rod Mellott, Marine Safety Lieutenant, reported towers are in place and will be fully staffed during Memorial Day weekend; reported registration for the Junior Lifeguard Program opened May 6; reported sea lion pups are being reported in fewer numbers; reported Marine Safety Headquarters will host an open house on June 13 for National Rip Current Awareness and Safety Week; and reported rookie training will be concluding this week, and 15 new lifeguards will be hired.

C. BP&R Activities Reports dated 5/12/15

Received and filed.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Fencing at Bonito Canyon Park for Boys and Girls Club

Pamela Passow, Recreation Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding the proposed fencing near the basketball courts at Bonito Canyon Park for Boys and Girls Club and responded to Commission inquiries.

Allen Reese, Chief Professional Officer of the San Clemente Boys and Girls Club, noted the Club received an audit by Boys and Girls Club of America who made safety recommendations; noted controlling the perimeter and entry and exit is a high priority to improve safety; established a Boys and Girls Club staff person sweeps the courts daily, and court maintenance is performed by the City; established the desired height of the proposed fence is 8-10 feet; established the proposal includes locking the basketball court access gates in the open position during hours the Boys and Girls Club is closed; established the estimated cost of the chain link fence is \$10,000, and an upgraded fence is \$15,000-\$20,000; expressed a willingness to install signage; opined the Club usage of the basketball area would increase if a fence was installed; and established public usage of the courts is low during the day, and increases in evening hours.

During discussion, Commissioners, either individually or in agreement, provided the following comments:

- The proposed fence will increase safety for the children at the Boys and Girls Club.
- The fence proposal will eliminate public access to the courts when they are not in use by the Boys and Girls Club during Club hours.
- The fence should have an additional access gate from the walkway on the north side.
- The fence around the courts should match the existing fence at the front of the building.
- The basketball court area is a public amenity that should be open to the public as much as possible.

- The doors to the gym can be secured in another way that still allows ventilation.
- The posted sign with priority use hours by Boys and Girls Club shows an existing agreement.
- Signage with available public hours should be installed on the fence.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BANDARUK, SECOND BY CHAIR PRO TEM WICKS, AND CARRIED 5-1 WITH COMMISSIONER MCCORMACK VOTING NOE, to recommend approval for the Boys and Girls Club to install an upgraded fence in a similar style to the existing fence in front of the Boys and Girls Club building with the inclusion of an additional public access gate from the walkway on the north side of the fence and informational signage.

MOTION BY CHAIR STREGER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BANDARUK, AND CARRIED 6-0, to direct staff to agendize proposed hours of Boys and Girls Club exclusive use of the Bonito Canyon basketball courts for additional discussion.

B. Proposed Signage at Courtney's Sandcastle in Vista Hermosa Sports Park

Pamela Passow, Recreation Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding proposed banner signage at Courtney's Sandcastle playground in Vista Hermosa Sports Park.

MOTION BY CHAIR PRO TEM WICKS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MCCORMACK, AND CARRIED 6-0, to recommend approval of the proposed signage at Courtney's Sandcastle Playground in the Vista Hermosa Sports Park.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Pamela Passow, Recreation Manager, communicated a City Council request for Commissions and Committees to provide regular brief updates during Special Presentations at City Council meetings.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Organized Activities in Public Spaces Subcommittee – Chair Streger reported he attended the subcommittee meeting for Commissioner Murphy who will no longer be available to participate; reported two primary issues were identified: 1) use of public amenities by private entities for profit, and 2) use of public amenities that are in limited supply; reported the next steps may include public outreach surveys and/or workshops; and reported the subcommittee will continue with Commissioners Bandaruk and Chitwood.

B. Items from Commissioners

1. Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) – None.
2. Friends of San Clemente Foundation – Chair Pro Tem Wicks invited Commissioners to the upcoming “Friendraiser” on 5/16 including the presentation of three new inductees to the Sports Hall of Fame; reported the Golf Tournament on 6/26 is seeking participation and donations; and displayed donated woodwork items by Commissioner Chitwood.
3. Courtney’s Sandcastle Charitable Foundation – Commissioner Bandaruk reported the Courtney’s Sandcastle Charitable Foundation is in the middle of a quarterly playground attendance study, and looking for interested volunteers; and reported a strategic planning meeting will be held June 1. Pamela Passow, Recreation Manager, added that Mina Santoro, Foundation President, was recently awarded Volunteer of the Year, and the Foundation received the CPRS District 10 Volunteer Merit Award.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business before the Commission, Chair Streger adjourned at 7:29 p.m. to the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting on June 9, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., in the Ole Hanson Fireside Room of the Community Center, 100 N. Calle Seville, San Clemente, CA.

Chairperson and Commissioner of the
Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission

Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director