



**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016, 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, August 9, 2016, at 6:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers at San Clemente City Hall located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, California. Commissioner Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT Commissioners Richard Ayer, John Dorey, , Charlie Smith, Chair Pro Tem John Bandaruk, Chair Steven Streger, Commissioner Nick Gates arrived at 6:06 p.m. during item 2A.

ABSENT Commissioner Tim Shaw

STAFF PRESENT Pamela Passow, Assistant Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director
Ken Sipes, Provisional Recreation Supervisor
Maile Stivers, Administrative Assistant

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Grant

Pamela Passow, Assistant Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director, presented information regarding a \$10,000 grant received from Kaiser Permanente for the City's Fun on the Run program and health and wellness efforts.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 12, 2016

MOTION BY CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, AND CARRIED 6-0, to approve the Beaches, Parks, and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of July 12, 2016 with amendment to item 1 to change "MOTION BY CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK" to "MOTION BY CONSENT" in reference to the election of Chair Pro Tem, and amendment to item 2A rewording for clarity the reference to former Commissioner Linda Chitwood not being present for the presentation of commendation.

3. CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

A. Recreation Division Update

Pamela Passow, Assistant Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director, presented photos of recent events and activities including the Pico Park Grand Opening on 8/3/16 and the Beach Concerts on 7/21/16 and 8/4/16; and previewed upcoming events including

a concert at Linda Lane Park 8/11/16 and concert and movie in the park at San Geronio Park 8/19/16.

B. Marine Safety Division Update

Rod Mellott, Marine Safety Lieutenant, reported the school year returning ending a busy summer; reported 1600 swimmer rescues so far this year; and reported the last week on Junior Lifeguards with an awards presentation event open to the public on Friday at 7pm on the beach near Marine Safety Headquarters.

C. BP&R Activities Report dated 8/9/16

Received and filed.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recreation Sports Partnership Review – South Coast Youth Football

Ken Sipes, Provisional Recreation Supervisor, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding a partnership application by South Coast Youth Football, and responded to Commission inquiries.

Freddie Kuhn and Matt McCarty, South Coast Youth Football Representatives, established "O.E.C." stands for "Orange Empire Conference" which is the bracket where South Coast Youth Football plays; established the organization has no paid staff; established equipment needs to be replaced and upgraded periodically shown in budget; reviewed the organization's policies and practices regarding concussions; and established the program is coed and has a cheerleading component.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DOREY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, AND CARRIED 6-0, to recommend the City Council grant Platinum Partnership status to South Coast Youth Football with a three year agreement.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

Don Kunze, San Clemente resident, opined the Commission should agendize the General Plan goals and open space designations noting the HEAL resolution, Quimby Act park acreage standards, and natural resource conservation and open space elements.

Pam Gardner, San Clemente resident, opined the Twinges in the Hinges water exercise class should be held at the San Clemente Aquatics Center three days per week, and not moved to the Ole Hanson Beach Club; opined the current instructor, Eileen, should be retained; and invited participation in the class.

Dana M. Boone, San Clemente resident, stated the Twinges in the Hinges class has allowed her to walk; opined, from attending the class at Ole Hanson Beach Club and the San Clemente Aquatics Center, that the San Clemente Aquatics Center has better accessibility.

Virginia von Hartmann, San Juan Capistrano resident, opined the Twinges in the Hinges participants from the local community are dedicated; and noted health improvements due to participation.

Michelle Schumacher, San Clemente resident, expressed concern over the use of toxins for landscaping in San Clemente citing effects on public health, clean ocean, pollinators and the environment; urged a change in landscape maintenance policies; and provided reference information to Commissioners and a list of municipalities that have switched to an organic approach to landscape management.

Stefanie Fetzer, San Clemente resident, opined the City should adopt a non-toxic organic approach to weed and pest control; cited interactions with a biologist regarding the current use of biodegradable chemicals in the Sea Summit area to protect birds; and opined children should also be protected.

Tara Hamilton, San Clemente resident, opined we have a health and genetic epidemic in Orange County with health conditions caused by pesticides; and opined a safer alternative should be used around vulnerable populations.

Lisa Almendarez-Germo, Menifee resident, stated she is a regular visitor to San Clemente; noted family illness; opined it is a city's responsibility to keep the public safe; opined there are cost savings to organic landscape practices; and expressed a desire for safety when visiting.

Scott Schumacher, San Clemente resident, expressed concern over pesticide drift; noted protective equipment required for pesticide applicators and swimwear is not protective; encouraged testing of the Aquatics Center pools for presence of pesticide chemicals; and opined water quality is negatively affected by sediments containing pesticides.

Kathleen Hallal, Irvine resident, opined chronic health conditions are caused by environmental issues; opined EPA considers acceptable risk not safety; stated movement in farming and landscaping of attending to the biology of the soil reduces water use and cost; and noted Irvine received a grant from "Beyond Pesticides" for consultant services for landscape maintenance.

Katie McBride, San Clemente resident, presented a video featuring UCI Professor, Dr. Dean Baker sharing scientific research on health effects of toxic pesticides.

Ellen McGuirk, San Clemente resident, opined opposition the use of pesticides for cosmetic landscaping, specifically glyphosate; cited sources noting negative health effects from glyphosate and children are more vulnerable to health impacts; and opined a new organic landscape maintenance policy should be adopted.

Bob Lloyd, San Clemente resident, stated he has a PHD in microbiology and molecular genetics; expressed concern over side effects and chemical interactions from pesticides sprayed in recreation areas; and opined microbiology is disrupted by killing bacteria with pesticides.

Jill Wood, San Clemente resident, opined natural organic solutions should be adopted to avoid lawsuits from those harmed by pesticides; opined there is a responsibility to protect San Clemente residents; opined people pay more for organic produce, and home values would increase in an organic community; and opined there are water and cost savings from organic landscape practices.

Gene Stone, San Clemente resident, expressed appreciation for parks and recreation areas; encouraged enhancement of parks by agendizing the use of non-toxic chemicals; stated he is a Vietnam veteran who used Agent Orange; and stated he and his children have effects of exposure.

Carolyn King, San Clemente resident, presented a list of less toxic alternatives that can be used.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Pamela Passow, communicated the Stoke-a-Rama fee waiver was approved by City Council; and noted the Joint Council, Commissions, and Committees meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at the San Clemente Municipal Golf Course.

Commissioners communicated interest in agendizing the City's use of pesticides for discussion at a future meeting.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

A. Subcommittee Reports

None.

B. Items from Commissioners

1. Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) – Commissioner Gates reported the CAC discussed the metered hours of the parking meters at the Pier Bowl and the addition of more test points under the Pier to identify pollution sources.
2. Friends of San Clemente Foundation – Commissioner Dorey previewed upcoming events including the SC Open skate contest in September, the

carnival in October including a time optimized for special needs children, and the Concert and Movie in the Park August 19.

3. Courtney's Sandcastle Charitable Foundation (CSC) – Chair Pro Tem Bandaruk reported the coordinated effort with the Friends of San Clemente Foundation to designate carnival hours optimized for children with special needs; reported maintenance efforts at the playground and tide pool feature are working; and reported the rubberized surfacing project is being completed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business before the Commission, Chair Streger adjourned at 7:27 p.m. to an Adjourned Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., at the San Clemente Golf Course, Wedgewood Banquet Room, 150 Avenida Magdalena, San Clemente, California, for the purpose of meeting in joint session with the City Council and City Commissions and Committees.

Chairperson and Commissioner of the
Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission

Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director