



**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017, 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 9, 2017, at 6:00 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, Nick Gates, Tim Shaw, Charlie Smith, Chair
Pro Tem John Bandaruk, Chair Steven Streger

ABSENT Commissioner John Dorey

STAFF PRESENT Samantha Thomas, Recreation Manager
Rod Mellott, Marine Safety Lieutenant
Bill Humphreys, Marine Safety Chief
Maile Stivers, Administrative Assistant

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 14, 2017

MOTION BY CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GATES, AND CARRIED 6-0, to approve the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of March 14, 2017.

3. CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

A. Recreation Division Update

Samantha Thomas, Recreation Manager, presented photos and information regarding recent events including the San Luis Rey Park playground opening, weekly Market at North Beach, Springtacular and Splashtacular events, and Cinco de Mayo Fiesta; and previewed the grand opening of the Jim Johnson Memorial Sports Park on 5/10/17.

B. Marine Safety Division Update

Rod Mellott, Marine Safety Lieutenant, reported recent shark activity, sightings, and beach closures noting Marine Safety is coordinating with other agencies and the drone is being used for observation; noted a presentation last year by Dr. Chris Lowe about sharks is available on the City website; reported coordination with the Orange County Sheriff Department to address transient issues on the beach including threats,

overdoses, camping, and other issues; reported significant activity increases due to spring break and warm weather; reported an upcoming headquarters open house for National Beach Safety Week 5/29/17; reported free ocean clinics in June and July; reported completion of Lifeguard Academy with new lifeguards hired; reported Junior Lifeguard registration has begun; and established the City follows a policy related to sharks that is consistent with other agencies.

C. BP&R Activities Reports dated 4/11/17 and 5/9/17

Received and filed.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. T-Street Surfing Policy

Rod Mellott, Marine Safety Lieutenant, and Bill Humphreys, Marine Safety Chief, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding the surfing policy at T-Street Beach and responded to Commission inquiries.

Barry Trauger, San Clemente resident, stated the need to blackball is understood and expressed support for lifeguards; opined crowds of bodyboarders and crowds of surfers need to be separated; opined modification to the blackball hours is needed to allow all user types before 9am and after 7:30pm; and expressed support for an orange flag separating surfers in front of Tower 5.

Andrew MacBeth, San Clemente resident, stated the need to blackball is understood; and opined a modification should be made when the surf is large to open T-Street to surfing.

Commissioners either in agreement or individually commented:

- If the existing policy is good in the opinion of the Marine Safety Division, no changes should be made.
- Providing consistency in times and rules is nice.
- Waves change constantly, and a policy that fits every situation is difficult.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Park Master Plan Amendment to Vista Hermosa Sport Park's Courtney's Sandcastle Playground

Samantha Thomas, Recreation Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding a proposed park master plan amendment to Vista Hermosa Sports Park's Courtney's Sandcastle Playground to include a shade structure in the sandbox area and responded to Commission inquiries.

Bill Thomas, Courtney's Sandcastle Charitable Foundation President, provided history of the Courtney's Sandcastle Charitable Foundation; established the Foundation is committed to a donation of up to \$20,000 toward the project; and noted it is currently May, and timing of the project is important.

Commissioners either in agreement or individually commented:

- Courtney's Sandcastle Playground gets hot.
- Adding shade is a good idea.

MOTION BY CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GATES, AND CARRIED 6-0, to recommend the City Council amend the master plan of the Vista Hermosa Sports Park's Courtney's Sandcastle Playground to include an additional shade structure to be located over the sandbox area adjacent to the picnic table shelter.

Chair Pro Tem Bandaruk and Commissioner Shaw recused themselves due to their involvement with the Courtney's Sandcastle Charitable Foundation Board and left the dais at 6:55pm.

John Bandaruk, Courtney's Sandcastle Charitable Foundation representative, opined Courtney's Sandcastle Playground gets hot and there is a need for shade; opined Option 1 and necessary funding should be recommended to the City Council; and noted it is May and the project should move forward quickly.

Tim Shaw, San Clemente resident, noted the sandbox is an irregular shape that will not be covered perfectly by the rectangular or square options, but either option will provide a significant amount of shade for sandbox users.

Commissioners either in agreement or individually commented:

- The gap in shade in the center of Option 1 makes a difference in the sandbox.
- The two structures (Option 1) covers less than the single (Option 2).
- Additional funds do not need to be requested with Option 2.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GATES, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, AND CARRIED 4-0-2, WITH CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK AND COMMISSIONER SHAW RECUSED, to recommend the City Council approve shade structure Option 2.

Chair Pro Tem Bandaruk and Commissioner Shaw returned to the dais at 7:05pm.

B. Public Safety Task Force Representative

Samantha Thomas, Recreation Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding the City of San Clemente Public Safety Task Force and responded to Commission inquiries.

CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK APPOINTED CHAIR STREGER to the San Clemente Public Safety Task Force.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Samantha Thomas, Recreation Manager, communicated an update regarding the Beaches, Parks, and Recreation Master Plan progress will be presented to the Commission at its June meeting.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Landscape Management Policy Update Subcommittee – Commissioner Shaw reported the subcommittee has met several times with staff and members of the public working on an updated policy for landscape management, and the issue will be brought back to the Commission at its June or July meeting.

B. Items from Commissioners

1. Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) – None.
2. Friends of San Clemente Foundation – None.
3. Courtney's Sandcastle Charitable Foundation (CSC) – Commissioner Shaw reported the CSC Foundation has been discussing the proposed shade structure.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business before the Commission, Chair Streger adjourned at 7:13 p.m. to an adjourned regular meeting on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 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