



**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE  
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018, 6:00 P.M.**

Chair Streger called the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of San Clemente to order on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 6:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers at San Clemente City Hall located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, California. Commissioner Dorey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT** Commissioners Richard Ayer, John Dorey, Nick Gates, Charlie Smith, Bernie Wohlfarth, Chair Pro Tem John Bandaruk, Chair Steven Streger

**ABSENT** None

**STAFF PRESENT** Samantha Thomas, Recreation Manager  
Maile Stivers, Administrative Assistant

**1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**  
None.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. December 12, 2017**

MOTION BY CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GATES, AND CARRIED 7-0, to approve the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of December 12, 2017 with a change to page 4, replacing "either individually or in agreement provided" with "unanimously voted to include."

**3. CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

**A. Recreation Division Update**

None.

**B. BP&R Activities Report dated 1/9/18**

Received and filed.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Beaches, Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Final Draft Review**

Samantha Thomas, Recreation Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Master Plan and responded to Commission inquiries.

Stephanie Aguilar, San Clemente resident, thanked the Commission for supporting and listening to the community; and offered support related to plans and guidance regarding skateboarding and skateboarding amenities.

Howard Sharp, Lawn Bowling Club President, opined San Luis Rey Park assessment should state the lawn bowling surface is in very bad condition; expressed support for the statement to evaluate the lawn bowling facility for possible repair; and questioned the possible other referenced replacement activities.

Nick Petrocelli, San Clemente resident, proposed a project to add fencing and signage to the Rancho San Clemente Ridgeline Trail referencing a recent fire in the area; stated cigarette butts were found as well as motorized vehicles witnessed on the trail; and stated the funding for the project could be used from dedicated funds per a 1995 easement agreement.

Sophia Mains, San Clemente resident, provided detail regarding location and content of proposed signage and fencing at the Rancho San Clemente Ridgeline Trail; opined a sharp blind turn on the trail is potentially dangerous and proposed signage; and stated funding could be used from dedicated maintenance funds per a 1995 easement agreement.

James Gilbert, San Clemente resident, provided information about a fundraising event; opined the Olympics in ten years should construct a facility and have the skateboarding event held in San Clemente; and expressed support for the skatepark and a possible addition.

Susan Ambrose, San Clemente resident, thanked the Commission and public for work on the report; opined attention to beaches is lacking in the report; expressed support for the removal of the word beaches from the report; and expressed support for the recommendation for a beach specific master plan.

Commissioners either individually or in agreement provided the following comments or changes to be made to the Draft Beaches, Parks and Recreation Master Plan:

- The San Luis Rey evaluation should make specific reference to the lawn bowling facility being in disrepair.
- Square footage of proposed amenities was never discussed.
- All changes recommended at the last meeting should be resubmitted.
- There is a numerical error on page 87 in regards to sand volleyball courts.
- "Beaches" should be removed from the title of the document as they are not adequately addressed.
- Beaches were not recognized in the Plan as an important part of recreation.
- The executive summary should include a statement acknowledging beaches are not addressed.

- In 6.4.1, reference to a future beach related master plan should be a separate bullet point.
- Recommendation for a beach master plan should not be limited to beach front and activating elements on it, and should include broader beach dynamics.
- Beaches need to be addressed in greater detail.
- CIP Short Term #3: Should be reworded to "improve and develop off leash options for dogs."
- San Gorgonio would be a preferred location for a skateboarding amenity.
- Parks CIP estimated costs should be divided among all proposed amenity sites.
- CIP Mid Term 30 should be combined with Short Term 4 regarding skateboarding amenities.
- Volleyball courts at Forster Ranch are not frequently used.
- Sand replenishment on the beach is a higher priority for beach volleyball.
- Small projects of the same type could be combined to reduce costs.
- ADA access from parking lot at Marblehead Park was recommended to be removed.
- San Luis Rey Park does not mention analysis or repair of lawn bowling facility.
- Attachment 3 should be removed from the Plan.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WOHLFARTH, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GATES, AND CARRIED 7-0, to have everything unanimously voted to include at the previous meeting resubmitted to be included.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DOREY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, AND CARRIED 7-0, to eliminate the word "Beaches" from the front of the document.

MOTION BY CHAIR STREGER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WOHLFARTH, AND CARRIED 7-0, to strike Attachment 3 from the official master plan, and treat it as informative only.

Discussion regarding the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Master Plan was tabled to the next Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Request for Fee Waiver for San Clemente Village to Use City Facility

Samantha Thomas, Recreation Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding a request by San Clemente Village to waive City facility rental fees and responded to Commission inquiries.

Jan Montague and Ret Wixted, representatives from the San Clemente Village presented information regarding San Clemente Village organization and Mind Boosters program.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GATES, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DOREY, AND CARRIED 7-0, to provide a recommendation to the City Council to waive the facility rental fees associated with the San Clemente Village Mind Boosters to be held at the Community Center during the month of April 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$500.

**6. PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

Samantha Thomas, Recreation Manager, communicated there is an upcoming California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) Conference in March, and invited Commissioner participation.

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION**

**A. Subcommittee Reports**

1. Community Events – None.
2. Integrated Pest Management Subcommittee - None.

**B. Items from Commissioners**

1. Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) – Commissioner Ayer reported the CAC received a report and film regarding the health of kelp beds in the Laguna Beach area, and reported the CAC discussed beachfront ecology and attempts to revive the estuary near Aliso Creek.
2. Friends of San Clemente Foundation – Commissioner Dorey reported the Friends Foundation is working on its annual budget; reported the Foundation is looking for a new facility to house Foundation operations; and reported the Foundation is working to select new honorees for the Sports Wall of Fame with a ceremony coming in May.
3. Courtney's Sandcastle Charitable Foundation (CSC) – Chair Pro Tem Bandaruk reported a recent Special Spokes event where children were outfitted with bicycles; reported the CSC Foundation is networking with other organizations; and noted Special Fishies swim program is being offered through the Recreation Division.
4. Public Safety Task Force – None.
5. Commissioner Bandaruk requested to agendaize discussions regarding encouraging the Surfing Heritage Museum to remain in San Clemente noting a possible move to Dana Point.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business before the Commission, Chair Streger adjourned at 7:57 p.m. to a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the at City Hall located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, California in Council Chambers.

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Chairperson and Commissioner of the  
Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission

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Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director

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