



**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE  
MINUTES OF THE  
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019, 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, July 9, 2019, at 6:05 p.m. in the City of San Clemente City Council Chambers 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

**ABSENT** Commissioners Nick Gates, Bernie Wohlfarth

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

**1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. June 11, 2019**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DOREY, SECOND BY CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK, AND CARRIED 4-0-1 WITH COMMISSIONER SMITH ABSTAINING, to approve the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of June 11, 2019.\*

*\*Note: this action was reversed later in the meeting. See pages 5 and 6 for subsequent action.*

**3. CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

**A. Recreation Division Update**

Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, presented photos and reviewed recent activities and events including the World's Largest Swim Lesson event, Beach Concert, and the opening of the San Clemente Trolley Blue Line.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Dorey recused himself and left the dais at 6:10pm due to his position on the Board of the Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation.

**A. Acceptance of 2019 Donation from Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation.**

Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding a donation from Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation.

MOTION BY CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, AND CARRIED 4-0, to recommend the City Council accept a donation from the Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation in an amount of \$30,500 to be used towards recreation programs and scholarships.

Commissioner Dorey returned to the dais at 6:12pm.

**B. Consideration of a Commemorative Tile at the Ole Hanson Beach Club to Recognize Evangeline "Van" Rutan**

Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding a proposed commemorative tile at the Ole Hanson Beach Club to recognize Evangeline "Van" Rutan and responded to Commission inquiries.

Ken Nielsen, San Clemente resident, stated Van taught him how to swim along with other San Clemente residents; presented a photo of San Clemente residents who would be supportive of the commemorative tile; stated the cost of the tile has been raised and the tile has been designed by Kathryn Stovall Dennis; presented his swim card; opined Van is an important person to old time residents; opined people don't like the Ole Hanson Beach Club due to money spent; opined the commemorative tile will make people proud to have been a part of the pool; and opined other similar instructors should be honored in the same way, and offered to raise funds for others.

Commissioners either individually or in agreement provided the following comments:

- The addition of commemorative plaques helps create a community environment.
- A commemorative tile helps respect our history and those who helped form our community and culture.
- It is unlikely that many similar requests will be received, and a formal policy would not be necessary.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DOREY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, AND CARRIED 5-0, to recommend the City Council approve the installation of a commemorative tile for Evangeline "Van" Rutan to be located at the Ole Hanson Beach Club in location Option 2.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER AYER, FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SECOND, to decline to provide a recommendation on a formalized policy to manage future similar requests.

**C. Consideration of the Design of Monofilament Recycling Canisters on the Pier Donated by PierPride**

Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding the design of monofilament recycling canisters on the Pier donated by PierPride and responded to Commission inquiries.

Jim Nielsen, PierPride representative, established there is not a preference on the design of the canisters; stated PierPride raised money for the canisters last year; stated fishing line is lethal to birds, fish, and divers; stated years ago divers were sent to collect debris under the Pier and found a considerable amount of fishing line; stated the decals from the U.S. Boat Foundation are not currently available, and this fishing season will be missed; stated the water quality near the pier received an F grade, and the canisters may be encouraging to visitors; and established the 4-inch canisters have already been made and are ready for installation.

Ken Neilsen, San Clemente resident, stated similar canisters are installed in the harbor and work well; opined 6-inch pvc pipe and fittings are very expensive; opined many canisters should be installed, and the 6-inch design would make that expensive; opined maintenance is most important; opined 4-inch is the perfect size; opined fisherman know the purpose of the canisters; and opined it is not a problem if trash is deposited into the canisters.

Commissioners either individually or in agreement provided the following comments:

- There is a concern a person may mistake the canisters for trash cans.
- The sticker on top of the canister is most visible from against the railing, and should say "no trash."
- The decal should say "fishing line" as people may not understand "monofilament."
- The sooner the canisters are installed, the sooner we can begin protecting our water.
- People fishing know the purpose of the canisters.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER AYER, AND CARRIED 5-0, to recommend the City Council approve the design originally proposed by PierPride with a 4-inch pipe for five (5) monofilament recycling canisters to be installed on the Pier, donated by PierPride.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consideration of a Public Mural at San Luis Rey Park**

Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding the establishment of a mural entitled "Envision Unity" at San Luis Rey Park and responded to Commission inquiries.

Jay LaRue, Baha'i Faith representative, provided information regarding a previous mural application; stated the mural is a gift as a positive gesture to the City of San

Clemente to promote unity and optimism; and stated based on the comments, the group would like to hold the application and reconsider.

Larry Culbertson, San Clemente resident, opined the public has not seen the proposed mural; expressed support for existing public art and diversity and inclusiveness; opined the proposed mural is strange with too many references to diversity; and opined the public would be better served by a design more subtle.

Commissioners either individually or in agreement provided the following comments:

- The goal of a mural should be to celebrate San Clemente.
- The tree in the proposed mural is large.
- The mural at North Beach was a nice image and not overly detailed.
- The image should be placed in the newspaper requesting comment.

MOTION BY CHAIR STREGER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DOREY, AND CARRIED 5-0, to recommend discussions regarding the establishment of a mural entitled "Envision Unity" at San Luis Rey Park be tabled until the site specific master plan for San Luis Rey Park is considered.

**B. Consideration of a Plaque Recognizing the Replica of the Historic Weathervane at the Ole Hanson Beach Club**

Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding a proposal to install a plaque recognizing the donation and installation of a replica weathervane at the Ole Hanson Beach Club and responded to Commission inquiries.

Larry Culbertson, Historical Society representative, opined many locations for a plaque have been considered, and the best location would be closest to the steps; and opined the facility does not have many people at night, and a lighted location is not necessary.

Louisa Spinelli, Historical Society representative, encouraged the Commission to review the lettering and the verbiage of the plaque; stated Councilmember Ward had expressed interest in a plaque on the building; stated historical information on the plaque has been added for visitors; opined the location closest to the stairs is preferred; established the some text can be removed; and established the interior of the Ole Hanson Beach Club has an opportunity for historical information for the public.

Loretta Busam, Woman's Club representative, established Woman's Club prefers "funded" verbiage; and established the Woman's Club is open to changes in the plaque.

Commissioners either individually or in agreement provided the following comments:

- The words “funded by” should be changed to “courtesy of” or “sponsored by.”
- There are a lot of words on the plaque.
- Text referring to the history of the building is unnecessary.
- A version with fewer characters is preferred.
- The donation of Ole Hanson looks equal to the donation of the weathervane.
- The font of the plaque is good.
- It would benefit visitors to the building to include historical information on the plaque.

MOTION BY CHAIR STREGER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, AND CARRIED 5-0, to continue discussions regarding the plaque recognizing the replica of the historic weathervane at the Ole Hanson Beach Club to the next Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to consider additional design proposals.

## 6. PUBLIC INPUT

Betsy Jorgensen, San Clemente resident, stated pickleball takes patience; thanked the Commission for supporting pickleball; stated the temporary courts at San Luis Rey and San Gorgonio are being enjoyed by many; stated photos and videos have been sent to City staff to document pickleball use; opined there is an overwhelming demand to play pickleball at San Gorgonio; requested additional pickleball lines at San Gorgonio be added to a future agenda; stated the pickleball community is willing to fundraise to pay for additional court lines; stated a petition was presented in support of additional pickleball lines at San Gorgonio; and opined additional court lines at San Gorgonio would ease long wait times to play.

Marty Weinberg, San Clemente resident and USAPA ambassador, thanked staff and Commissioners for support of additional court striping at San Gorgonio Park; presented a check for the estimated cost to paint the court lines; requested approval of San Gorgonio court lines be expedited to be considered by City Council; and encouraged Commissioners to participate in pickleball.

Vern West, San Clemente resident, thanked the Commission on behalf of a senior group for support of additional court striping at San Gorgonio Park; thanked Commission and staff for all recreation amenities in the City; and invited Commissioners to participate in pickleball.

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### A. June 11, 2019

Chair Streger requested previous approval of minutes be reconsidered with questions regarding adjournment.

MOTION BY CHAIR STREGER, SECOND BY CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK, AND CARRIED 4-0-1 WITH COMMISSIONER SMITH ABSTAINING, to rescind approval of the minutes of June 11, 2019, item 2.A., and request inclusion of public comments made after Commissioner Ayer left the meeting.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Recreation Manager Report**

Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, communicated City Council reviewed potential changes to Commissions and Committees potentially moving the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission to five members and bimonthly meetings with a report available online.

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION**

**A. Subcommittee Reports**

1. Community Events – Commissioner Smith and Chair Streger expressed interest in participating on the Community Events Subcommittee. Chair Streger tabled discussion regarding the Community Events Subcommittee until the next Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

**B. Items from Commissioners**

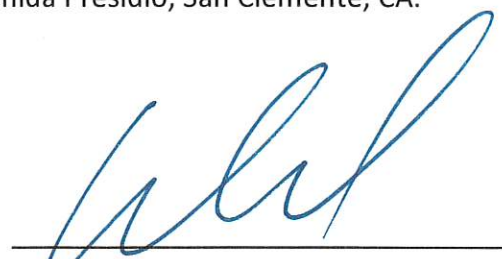
1. Friends of San Clemente Foundation – Commissioner Dorey reported the Foundation held a golf tournament in June raising approximately \$20,000 noting efforts to reduce expenses in future years.
2. Courtney's Sandcastle Charitable Foundation (CSC) – None.
3. Public Safety Task Force – None.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business before the Commission, Chair Streger adjourned at 7:49 p.m. to a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the at City of San Clemente Council Chambers located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, CA.



Chairperson and Commissioner of the  
Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission



Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director