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Scheduled for consideration by the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission at its regular meeting on September 10, 2019.



**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE  
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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, August 13, 2019, at 6:07 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, Bernie Wohlfarth, Chair Pro Tem John Bandaruk, Chair Steven Streger

**ABSENT** Commissioner Nick Gates

**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 3-1-2 WITH CHAIR STREGER OPPOSED AND COMMISSIONERS SMITH AND WOHLFARTH ABSTAINING, to approve the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of June 11, 2019.

**B. July 9, 2019**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DOREY, AND CARRIED 5-0-1 WITH COMMISSIONER WOHLFARTH ABSTAINING, to approve the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of July 9, 2019.

**3. CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

**A. Recreation Division Update**

Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, presented photos and reviewed recent activities and events including beach concerts and Float Fest at the Ole Hanson Beach Club.

**B. Recreation Division Activity Update – Spring 2019**

Received and filed.

**4. OLD BUSINESS****A. 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, stated the Historical Society is supportive of the modified verbiage; opined a plaque that gives credit to Ole Hanson should also be installed on the building; and stated the Woman's Club would prefer 11" x 14" plaque size.

Commissioners either individually or in agreement provided the following comments:

- The modified design is an improvement.
- "Funded" should be capitalized.
- "The" should not be included before Historical Society.
- The location Option B should be recommended due to its illumination at night.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, SECOND BY CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK, AND CARRIED 5-1 WITH COMMISSIONER AYER OPPOSED, to recommend the City Council approve the installation of a plaque recognizing the replica of the historic weathervane at the Ole Hanson Beach Club on the east wall detailed in Attachment 2 as Option A in the 11" x 14" size.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Streger reordered items to be considered.

**B. Hours of Operation of Lights at Ralphs Skate Court**

Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding hours of operation of lights at Ralph's Skate Court and responded to Commission inquiries.

Commissioners either individually or in agreement provided the following comments:

- The idea of the lights turning off is concerning.
- The lights turning on automatically not manual operation is preferred.
- It seems safer for the lights to stay on until 10pm rather than an automatic shutoff prior.
- There is a safety aspect to the lights being on when users arrive rather than manual operation.
- This is a much needed sport opportunity.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WOHLFARTH, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER AYER, AND CARRIED 6-0, to recommend the City Council approve the skatepark lights be turned on at dusk and remain on until 10:00pm.

**A. Review of Pickleball Pilot Program & Installation of Pickleball Lines on Court #1 at San Gorgonio Park**

Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding a review of the pickleball pilot program and installation of pickleball lines on Court #1 at San Gorgonio Park and responded to Commission inquiries.

Yvette Sanville, San Clemente resident, stated she has lived immediately adjacent to the San Luis Rey tennis court for 23 years; opined there have been no problems with tennis use or users; stated pickleball noise is constant with many players, radios, parties, and lessons beginning as early as 6:15am and continuing until 10pm; opined the noise from pickleball use and users is impactful and she is unable to open her windows or enjoy her patio; stated players can be heard from the street; opined San Luis Rey Park is not the place for pickleball; encouraged listening to pickleball noise outside of the court; opined pickleball players do not realize how noisy the game is until outside the court, and would not want pickleball play in their backyard; stated this is an ongoing problem across the country noting litigation; opined pickleball should be eliminated from San Luis Rey Park and moved to San Gorgonio Park; and opined if not moved, pickleball should be limited to two days per week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, with a later start time of 9am and no lessons allowed.

Phil Dunmeyer, San Clemente resident, thanked the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Department for all activities and opportunities that enhance living in San Clemente; opined pickleball use during the pilot program has already enriched the lives of many people; noted pickleball growth throughout the country; encouraged approval of the addition of pickleball lines to Court #1 at San Gorgonio Park; opined the priority days of Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday should be continued; and thanked Raudel Barba for his contributions to pickleball.

Betsy Jorgensen, San Clemente resident, opined the staff report accurately captured what occurred during the pilot program; opined the videos and photos sent demonstrate the continued interest in pickleball and the need for additional courts; opined additional lines should be added to the tennis court at San Gorgonio Park to reduce long wait times and accommodate increasing numbers of players; stated the pickleball community has provided payment to cover the cost of added lines; noted high use on Mondays and Wednesdays at San Gorgonio including lessons; introduced a high school student starting a pickleball club at the high school; and encouraged pickleball participation on a Saturday morning.

Marty Weinberg, San Clemente resident, USAPA ambassador, stated he participated in the first pickleball class offered by the City with four registrants; thanked Raudel

Barba for introducing pickleball to San Clemente; stated there are now hundreds of players in San Clemente; stated there are players of all ages; and opined more pickleball courts are needed to accommodate more players and pickleball striping should be added to the additional court at San Gorgonio Park.

Barry Friedman, San Clemente resident, stated the Recreation Division mission statement; stated there is a diverse constituency who want to remain active in a good climate; noted other sport and recreation amenities provided in the City; stated Rancho Mission Viejo communities' awards noting the provision of more pickleball courts than tennis courts; opined pickleball is for all ages and is a unifying family activity; opined loneliness and lack of exercise are enemies of aging and should be alleviated by providing activities such as pickleball; opined the pickleball community is underrepresented and deserved higher recognition; and opined pickleball lines should be added to the additional court at San Gorgonio Park.

John Clark, San Clemente resident, stated he has three daughters who play water polo; opined pickleball gives his family an opportunity to participate in a sport together; opined there is an opportunity for San Clemente to be a leader in pickleball; opined pickleball could be a reason for people to relocate to San Clemente; opined being active is key; opined pickleball play has allowed him health to go out dancing; and encouraged participation in pickleball.

Juliette Clark, San Clemente resident, stated she began as a water polo player and now plays pickleball; opined playing a competitive sport with her family has been an awesome opportunity; opined pickleball has been an outlet as a social opportunity to hang out with friends; and stated her sister Lyla is starting a pickleball club at the high school.

Lyla Clark, San Clemente resident, opined more pickleball courts are needed for her to start a pickleball club at the high school and allow more players; and opined the tennis court at San Gorgonio Park should be lined for pickleball.

Vern West, San Clemente resident, stated he is an 81 year old pickleball player; thanked staff for beginning senior pickleball classes; opined he would like to get seniors out to exercise, make friends, and have fun; noted high registration for pickleball classes; noted an article in the San Clemente Journal about pickleball; stated he has a pickleball machine that he will provide at no cost to lessons; and encouraged pickleball participation.

Kevin Chaidez, San Clemente resident, opined there are resources for everyone; opined this is about sharing; stated there are 13 tennis courts at seven locations and pickleball is requesting two courts at one location on limited days; opined sharing is harder than giving due to the need for continued cooperation; stated there are not

unlimited resources to build more courts; and stated the pickleball community is requesting to share existing resources with the tennis community.

Michael Sterner, San Clemente resident, stated he loves pickleball and lives near San Gorgonio Park; stated he has two daughters that play tennis and walk to San Gorgonio courts; opined it is difficult to play tennis on San Gorgonio courts; stated the courts are messier, require moving the pickleball equipment, and the extra lines are complicated; opined the noise at San Gorgonio Park is not a disturbance to the neighborhood; stated there are noise concerns while trying to play tennis next to pickleball play; opined the additional court should not be dual lined; stated his daughters are intimidated trying to utilize the court for tennis on tennis priority days; and encouraged looking at another location to add pickleball lines.

Crystal Stoej, San Clemente resident, stated she participated in the first pickleball class and has enjoyed it since; stated the original request was for dedicated pickleball courts; opined the need is for permanent pickleball courts; and opined the dual lined courts are confusing and the nets are easily broken.

Manny Romero, San Clemente resident, stated he grew up playing sports in gyms with lines for multiple sports; opined lines for multiple sports are not confusing; and opined statements about dual line confusion are attempting to stop the addition of more pickleball court lines.

Commissioners either individually or in agreement provided the following comments:

- A problem has been created by adding pickleball to San Luis Rey Park.
- San Gorgonio Park does not have problem with noise.
- Pickleball at San Luis Rey Park should be eliminated or time restricted.
- San Luis Rey Park is not the location for pickleball due to impacts to residents and the golf course.
- San Gorgonio Park is the location for dedicated pickleball courts.
- The reopening of a private tennis facility will ease pressure on tennis courts.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WOHLFARTH, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER AYER, AND FAILED 2-4 WITH DOREY, SMITH, BANDARUK, AND STREGER OPPOSED, to recommend the City Council eliminate pickleball usage at San Luis Rey Park and dedicate the existing tennis courts at San Gorgonio Park to full-time pickleball courts.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, AND FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SECOND, to recommend the City Council eliminate pickleball usage at San Luis Rey Park and designate the existing tennis courts at San Gorgonio Park to shared use of pickleball and tennis on a first-come, first-served basis.

MOTION BY CHAIR STREGER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, AND CARRIED 5-1 WITH COMMISSIONER WOHLFARTH OPPOSED, to recommend the City Council eliminate pickleball usage at San Luis Rey Park and convert Court #4 back to tennis use, dual stripe court #1 at San Gorgonio Park for pickleball, and dedicate five days per week to pickleball play.

**6. PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Recreation Manager Report**

Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, communicated City Council will consider several items including the monofilament recycling canisters and the Friends Foundation donation at its upcoming meeting.

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION**

**A. Subcommittee Reports**

1. Community Events – Commissioner Wohlfarth requested the Community Events Subcommittee be disbanded. Chair Streger disbanded the Community Events Subcommittee.

**B. Items from Commissioners**

1. Friends of San Clemente Foundation – Commissioner Dorey reported the Foundation is working with the City on the SC Open Skate Contest on September 14; and reported the Foundation is working on the Carnival scheduled in October featuring the Highland Strongman Games.
2. Courtney's Sandcastle Charitable Foundation (CSC) – Chair Pro Tem Bandaruk reported CSC is having fundraisers at Ballpark Pizza and the Oulets; and reported CSC will be participating in a portion of the Carnival optimized for those with special needs.
3. Public Safety Task Force – None.

Commissioner Dorey requested updates from the Ad Hoc Water Quality Committee be added to future agendas.

**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.

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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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