



**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE  
MINUTES OF THE  
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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, November 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the City of San Clemente City Council Chambers located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, California. Commissioner Wohlfarth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**ABSENT** Commissioner Charlie Smith

**STAFF PRESENT** Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager  
Niki Beach, Water Conservation Analyst  
Carrie Brill, Aquatics Supervisor  
Maile Stivers, Administrative Assistant

**1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. August 13, 2019 Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting**

MOTION BY CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DOREY, AND CARRIED 5-0, to approve the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of August 13, 2019.

**B. October 29, 2019 Joint Council, Commissions, and Committees Meeting**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DOREY, SECOND BY CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK, AND CARRIED 4-0-1 WITH COMMISSIONER WOHLFARTH ABSTAINING, to approve the Joint Council, Commissions, and Committees meeting minutes of October 29, 2019.

**3. CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

**A. Recreation Division Update**

Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, presented photos and reviewed recent activities and events including a beach concert, SC Open Skateboarding Contest, skate park lighting installation project completion, pickleball court installation and resurfacing at San Gorgonio Park, Spooky San Clemente event at the Community Center, and Pumpkin Splash event at the Ole Hanson Beach Club.

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

Received and filed.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Wyland/MWDOC Water-wise Pocket Park Award and Potential Locations**

Niki Beach, Water Conservation Analyst, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding the Wyland Foundation and Municipal Water District of Orange County's Pocket Park Award and potential locations and responded to Commission inquiries.

Commissioners either individually or in agreement provided the following comments:

- The Pico site is the most visible, but not safe and usable.
- The Calafia site would need crosswalks and parking improvements.
- The Linda Lane site is already a nice area for picnics and passive use that would be lost if converted to another use.
- The Beach Trail should be considered to further educate people where we are already water wise and sees high traffic.
- San Gorgonio Park should be considered with good parking and high use.
- The Pico site is located at a dangerous intersection.
- Undeveloped areas of Vista Hermosa Sports Park should be considered.
- The Calafia site has a safety concern.
- Linda Lane is preferred over the other locations presented, but may not be the best location.
- The Beach Trail should have a wide enough location to accommodate a pocket park.
- This should be expanded to involve residents to commit changes to their own landscapes.
- The conversion of a dedicated area of a park makes a statement.
- The former lawn bowling site at San Luis Rey Park should be considered.

MOTION BY CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WOHLFARTH, AND CARRIED 5-0, to table discussion on this item to the next Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to consider additional sites.

**B. Recreation Sports Partnership Review – San Clemente Girls Softball & South Coast Youth Football**

Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding recreation sports partnership applications from San Clemente Girls Softball and South Coast Youth Football and responded to Commission inquiries.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DOREY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WOHLFARTH, AND CARRIED 5-0, to recommend the City Council grant Platinum Partnership status to San Clemente Girls Softball and South Coast Youth Football with a three-year agreement.

**C. Consideration of Long Course Swim Hours at the San Clemente Aquatics Center**

Carrie Brill, Aquatics Supervisor, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding consideration of hours of long course swim at San Clemente Aquatics Center and responded to Commission inquiries.

Steve Adams, San Clemente resident, expressed support for SCA and youth swimmers; opined summer is the busiest time of the year and a bad time to add long course swim; opined the activity pool is too warm for lap swimming; expressed support for Option 1 and Option 4; and opined limited lanes are crowded, and beginning pool users do not circle swim.

Brittany Vocke, acting Head Coach of San Clemente Aquatics, opined additional long course hours would benefit SCA swimmers; stated the Head Coach would like long course hours extended weekday mornings between mid-June and the end of July; stated SCA senior swimmers use three long course lanes on Tuesday and Thursday; stated long course swim has an aerobic advantage needed for SCA swimmers; stated long course swim meets begin in March; stated local swim groups train long course more often; and stated she purchases a lap swim membership from Carlsbad due to the greater availability of long course swim.

Sandy Kos, San Clemente resident, stated there was a decrease in lap swimmers on Fridays during the extended long course pilot program; opined there was not a need for long course hours March through June as youth could not take advantage of it; stated there are seasons in competitive swimming, and the public can be educated on the seasons and temporary changes; opined lap swimmers do not like to share lanes, but need to learn to circle swim; opined Tuesday, Thursday, Friday long course would work best for Master's Swim; and opined swimmers could tolerate a June through July temporary change to have long course available on weekdays.

Jerry Davis, opined the Aquatics Center prefers Option 2, however the Activity Pool was not staffed consistently on Fridays during the pilot program limiting availability; opined if the Activity Pool was staffed that would be an acceptable option; and opined Option 1 makes the most sense.

Commissioners either individually or in agreement provided the following comments:

- Swimmers do not like to share lanes with novice swimmers.
- Limited public resources need to be shared by competing uses.
- The 50M pool would not be best used if limited to 25yd use.
- Option 1 is the easy solution.
- Option 2 is the preferred option.

- Adding long course swim to Wednesday instead of Friday would be easier to remember.

MOTION BY CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WOHLFARTH, AND CARRIED 5-0, to recommend the addition of long course swim hours on Friday mornings, 5:30-10am from June 1 through July 31.

**6. PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Recreation Manager Report**

Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, communicated the winter San Clemente magazine including a 2020 calendar was issued; established the replacement of park monument signage is included in the current budget; and established palm trees removed near the Ole Hanson Beach Club are being replaced.

**B. Ad Hoc Water Quality Committee**

Commissioner Dorey communicated the Committee is working to schedule a meeting.

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION**

**A. Subcommittee Reports**

None.

**B. Items from Commissioners**

1. Friends of San Clemente Foundation – Commissioner Dorey reported the Foundation will be participating in the snow hill at Santa's Village by the Sea; reported the Foundation's annual meeting is upcoming; and reported the Carnival was successful and raised approximately \$25,000.
2. Courtney's Sandcastle Charitable Foundation (CSC) – Chair Pro Tem Bandaruk reported CSC had a successful fundraiser at the Outlets; and reported a park docent program will be considered by the Commission at a future meeting; reported PierPride organization had a successful October raising funds for pier restroom improvements, hosting the Light Up the Pier event; and raising funds through bingo nights.
3. Public Safety Task Force – None.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business before the Commission, Chair Streger adjourned at 7:48 p.m. to a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 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