



**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 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, January 14, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the City of San Clemente City Council Chambers located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, California. Chair Pro Tem Bandaruk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT None

STAFF PRESENT Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager
Niki Beach, Water Conservation Analyst
Maile Stivers, Administrative Assistant

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. November 12, 2019 Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
MOTION BY CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DOREY, AND CARRIED 5-0-1 WITH COMMISSIONER SMITH ABSTAINING, to approve the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of November 12, 2019.

3. CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS
A. Recreation Division Update
Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, presented photos and reviewed recent activities and events including Doggie Dive and Santa's Village by the Sea.

B. Recreation Division Activity Update – Fall 2019
Received and filed.

4. OLD BUSINESS
A. Wyland/MWDOC Water-wise Pocket Park Award and Potential Locations
Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, and 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.

Kevin Waggoner, San Clemente resident, expressed support for the Ola Vista and Madrid location; opined a destination for dog walkers is needed in that area; opined the Beach Trail has already been enhanced, and other areas could use improvement and beautification; noted previous pedestrian improvements in that area; stated a petition with 500 signatures was previously submitted to the City in support of a four-way stop sign and pocket park at that intersection; and stated one quarter of the area shown is usable.

Commissioners either individually or in agreement provided the following comments:

- The Beach Trail location makes sense due to its size.
- The Beach Club location is the best option due to its traffic.
- Parking would be an issue at the Ola Vista location.
- The Beach Trail location is run down, and could use improvement.
- The Beach Trail location has the most exposure.
- The Beach Trail location would not involve turf removal, and would not save water.
- Water-wise improvements would not be dog friendly.
- The Ola Vista location has greater square footage than the available grant.
- It would be a powerful message to remove turf for water conservation.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DOREY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, AND CARRIED 6-0, to recommend the City Council approve the Dije Court Beach Trail site as a primary location, and Ole Hanson Beach Club site as a secondary location to install the awarded pocket park from the Wyland Foundation and Municipal Water District of Orange County.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Initiation of a Docent Program at Courtney's Sandcastle Playground Sensory Garden**
Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding a proposed docent program at Courtney's Sandcastle Playground Sensory Garden and responded to Commission inquiries.

Ryan Perez, OC Bridges representative, presented information regarding OC Bridges operations and activities; stated a business card with helpful verbiage is used in existing operations to redirect the public to assistance if they make contact with OC Bridges personnel; and responded to Commission inquiries.

Ed Doll, Courtney's SandCastle Charitable Foundation representative, opined the docent program could be extended to assist with maintenance of the previously

discussed water-wise pocket park; stated the docent program will assist with seasonal and sensory plantings; stated previous plantings were donated and donations can be solicited again; opined docent may not be the correct term; and opined Park Semper Fi could be used as a demonstration garden for water-wise use.

Commissioners either individually or in agreement provided the following comments:

- The OC Bridges staff should have a distinct uniform so as not to be confused with City staff by the public.
- Enforcement of rules at Courtney's Sandcastle Playground can be confrontational, and should not be the responsibility of OC Bridges.
- The word "docent" does not seem appropriate for the volunteer opportunity.
- If OC Bridges staff is able to provide additional docent services and information to the public, it would be beneficial.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WOHLFARTH, SECOND BY CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK, AND CARRIED 6-0, to recommend the City Council approve a one-year Sensory Garden Docent Program at Courtney's SandCastle Playground.

B. Request for Fee Waiver – Hawaiian Surf Club of San Onofre

Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding a fee waiver request from the Hawaiian Surf Club of San Onofre for costs associated with its Polynesian Festival and Luau and responded to Commission inquiries.

Kim Bryant, Hawaiian Surf Club of San Onofre representative, provided information regarding the Hawaiian Surf Club of San Onofre organization and Polynesian Festival event.

MOTION BY CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER AYER, AND CARRIED 6-0, to recommend that that City Council approve a one-time fee waiver of all rental fees, not to exceed \$643, associated with the 2020 Polynesian Festival and Luau hosted by the Hawaiian Surf Club of San Onofre.

C. Consideration of Ordinance Expanding No Smoking in Public Places

Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding consideration of expanding no smoking in public places and responded to Commission inquiries.

Rick Loeffler, San Clemente resident, presented a petition with 500 signatures in support of a smoking ban; opined this is not about smokers, but smoke and health and safety; opined a smoking ban is overdue as other communities have already adopted a ban; opined this is not about the homeless community, and there do not seem to be larger instances of smoking within the homeless community; opined no

residents should be exposed to vape or smoke involuntarily; and encouraged the Commission to recommend a smoking ban to City Council.

Linda Williams, San Clemente resident, referenced a recent article regarding a smoking ban citing concerns about pollution associated with cigarette butts; presented 67 cigarette butts picked up on El Camino Real very near a cigarette receptacle; stated cigarette filters take 18 months to ten years to degrade; opined the exposure to second hand smoke and associated litter is not limited to Avenida Del Mar; and expressed support for a ban city wide.

Commissioners either individually or in agreement provided the following comments:

- A requirement for vehicles to be enclosed where smoking is taking place should be considered.
- The smell of second-hand smoke is not appreciated.
- Personal freedom is appreciated.
- There is a current ordinance about littering.
- Enforcement will be difficult.
- Voluntary compliance from the public is expected.
- Approving a ban could save lives.
- Incremental bans have been leading to a ban of smoking in all public places.
- Impacts to businesses should be considered.
- A city-wide ban oversteps the bounds of Beaches, Parks and Recreation.
- A city-wide ban limits the ability for people to make their own decisions.

MOTION BY CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, AND CARRIED 4-1-1 WITH COMMISSIONER AYER OPPOSED AND COMMISSIONER WOHLFARTH ABSTAINED, to recommend the City Council prohibit smoking city-wide in all public spaces.

John Dorey recused himself and left the dais at 7:39pm due to his position on the Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation Board.

D. Renewal of Partnership Agreement with the Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks & Recreation Foundation

Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding renewal of a partnership agreement with the Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation and responded to Commission inquiries.

John Dorey, Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation President, responded to Commission inquiries regarding the proposed partnership agreement.

Commissioners either individually or in agreement provided the following comments:

- The cap on annual donations is confusing.
- Converting to a percentage of raised funds would be supported.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, SECOND BY AYER, AND CARRIED 5-0, to recommend the City Council approve the partnership agreement with the Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation.

John Dorey returned to the dais at 7:57pm.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

Linda Williams, San Clemente resident, stated as a volunteer with Police Services, she receives many requests for trolley service during the off-season; and opined trolley service should be extended through the Seafest event weekend.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Recreation Manager Report

Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, communicated an update regarding the Request for Proposal issued for site specific master plan updates; and communicated an update regarding proposed changes to the City's Commissions and Committees.

B. Ad Hoc Water Quality Committee

Commissioner Dorey communicated the Committee received results of a study regarding water quality under the pier identifying bacteria related to birds, as well as bacteria related to humans and other animals requiring additional study.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

A. Subcommittee Reports

None.

B. Items from Commissioners

1. Friends of San Clemente Foundation – Commissioner Dorey reported a successful Doggie Dive event, opining additional vendors should be included in future years; reported Santa's Village by the Sea was successful with the Foundation sponsoring the snow hill; and reported nominations for the Sports Wall of Fame are being accepted.
2. Courtney's Sandcastle Charitable Foundation (CSC) – Chair Pro Tem Bandaruk reported approval of the proposed docent program.
3. Public Safety Task Force – None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business before the Commission, Chair Streger adjourned at 8:14 p.m. to a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 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

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