

Scheduled for consideration by the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission at its regular meeting on February 9, 2021.



**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE  
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021 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 12, 2021, at 6:01 p.m via teleconference. Commissioner Dorey 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  
Maile Stivers, Administrative Assistant

**1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. December 8, 2020 Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, SECOND BY CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK, AND CARRIED 6-0, to approve the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of December 8, 2020.

**B. December 17, 2020 Joint Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission and Public Safety Committee Meeting**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WOHLFARTH, AND CARRIED 6-0, to approve the Joint Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission and Public Safety Committee meeting minutes of December 17, 2020.

**3. CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

**A. Recreation Division Update**

None.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Use of Electric Bicycles on Beach Trail, Inland Trails, and Parks**

Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report and responded to Commission inquiries.

Recreation staff read the following communications which are on file with the City Clerk:

Mike Innis, communication dated January 12, 2021.

JL, communication dated January 12, 2021.

Kelly Ferry, communication dated January 12, 2021.

Susan Brewer, communication dated January 12, 2021.

Laurie Jones, communication dated January 12, 2021.

Ann Worthington, communication dated January 12, 2021.

Vincent Macias, communication dated January 12, 2021.

Heather Goulet, communication dated January 12, 2021.

Lynn Hopper, communication dated January 12, 2021.

Anonymous, communication dated January 12, 2021.

Martin Goggins, communication dated January 12, 2021.

Pete Van Nuys, communication dated January 12, 2021.

Shari Grace, communication dated January 12, 2021.

Anonymous, communication dated January 12, 2021.

Jill Watson, communication dated January 12, 2021.

Joan (no last name provided), communication dated January 12, 2021.

McDonald (no last name provided), communication dated January 12, 2021.

Anonymous, communication dated January 12, 2021.

Vonne Barnes, communication dated January 12, 2021.

Commissioners either individually or in agreement provided the following comments:

- Clear and visible rules signage would be a good solution at many public spaces.
- Turf damage from vehicles would be considered vandalism.
- E-bikes could be defined as motorized vehicles in the municipal code.
- For parks, bicycles should be prohibited from turf without further restrictions.
- Outdoor family activities should not be greatly restricted during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Damage to turf may be unintended.
- Children do not damage turf on bicycles, but can on e-bikes.
- Wet turf can be damaged by bicycles.
- Section 10.68.060 related to motorized vehicles could also reference parks.
- The stairs on the Sea Summit Trail make it unpopular for bicycles.
- There have not been incidents on the Beach Trail reported to public safety entities.
- There should not be a ban if there is not a problem with incidents.
- Licensing, an educational program, and/or a public service announcement should be considered.
- Certain areas have been already identified as problem areas for special consideration, and the area between Dije and the pier, and the Mariposa Bridge should also be included as areas with special consideration.

- The speed limit needs to be addressed and lowered.
- The bridges are not suitable for riding.
- More areas bicycles need to be walked will cause slower speeds in between.
- 5mph is a comfortable jogging speed.
- There are alternative areas for faster transportation through the City.
- E-bikes are a problem, not bicycles.
- The problem is recklessness coming from people already not following rules.
- The increase in engagement in outdoor activities is encouraging.
- E-bikes should not be banned from the Beach Trail.
- There are many respectful cyclists on the Beach Trail.
- There are not realistic options for enforcement on the Beach Trail.
- The Beach Trail is not a transportation corridor, it is for recreation.
- E-bikes do not need to be listed as all bicycles are listed in the municipal code.
- Unicycles could also be included in the list of vehicles.
- Signage should be increased.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SMITH, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WOHLFARTH, AND CARRIED 5-1 WITH COMMISSIONER AYER VOTING NOE, to include in park rules a prohibition of motorized vehicles, e-bikes, and bicycles on turf within parks.

Consensus was reached to take no action related to changes to regulations on inland trails.

MOTION BY CHAIR STREGER, SECOND BY CHAIR PRO TEM BANDARUK, AND CARRIED 5-1 WITH COMMISSIONER WOHLFARTH VOTING NOE, to amend section 12.32.130 in the following ways: 1. Subsection A, include e-bikes on the list of vehicles, 2. Subsection B, add Mariposa Bridge to the list of areas where bicycles are walked, 3. Subsection B, reduce the speed limit from 10mph to 5mph, and 4. Include that bicycles are required to yield to pedestrians.

Chair Pro Tem Bandaruk left the meeting at 7:58pm.

Commissioners requested sign designs for the Beach Trail to be brought to the Commission for review.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**6. PUBLIC INPUT**

Recreation staff read the following communications which are on file with the City Clerk:

Alicia (no last name provided), communication dated January 12, 2021 regarding lighted tennis court hours.

Clint Mathis, communication dated January 12, 2021 regarding building a community activity area in Vista Hermosa Sports Park.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Recreation Manager Report**

None.

**B. Ad Hoc Water Quality Committee**

None.

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION**

**A. Subcommittee Reports**

None.

**B. Items from Commissioners**

1. Friends of San Clemente Foundation – Commissioner Dorey reported the Foundation has a new steering committee and president, Bill Hart; and reported the Foundation is hopeful for future fundraisers.
2. Courtney’s Sandcastle Charitable Foundation (CSC) – None.
3. PierPride – None.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business before the Commission, Chair Streger adjourned at 8:01 p.m. to a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference.

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Chairperson and Commissioner of the  
Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission

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Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director