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City Clerk Department



CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION APPLICATION

1. Name: Amelia Mae Weinstein

2. How long have you lived in San Clemente? 8 months (since September 9, 2021)

3. What is your occupation? Primarily retired/volunteer

4. Please explain why you would like to serve on the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission.

I want to learn more about the City of San Clemente. With approximately 25 parks and 11 beaches there is so much space and maintenance, and I want to understand how and what changes can be implemented to best serve the needs of the community. I have twenty years of experience in youth sports and worked with city administrators together to implement positive alterations that benefited both the sports programs and the city.

5. Please explain how your background and experience would contribute to the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission.

As the retired financial director of the USC Alzheimer's Center, I have experience in grant writing, research, and collaborating on multi-levels simultaneously. As a former youth soccer board member (at a city level, area and Southern California) of almost 20 years, I have experience in balancing the use and needs of many fields for many sports, collaborating with many individuals to resolve conflicts, and providing creative solutions that are beneficial to the sports programs and city. Personally, I am an athlete that enjoys playing volleyball, pickle ball and running. I want to ensure that the parks and beaches are maintained not just for my enjoyment but the entire community. I have also started to surf. Learning about swells and currents has been interesting but also sand erosion has been detrimental to our local beaches. As a member of the Ocean Institute, in Dana Point, I have reached out to them to educate myself on resiliency. I am also in contact with Jorine Campopiano to better comprehend stormwater and ocean water quality and simply how to get sand back on the beaches.

6. Please explain any expertise that you may have in the area of ocean water quality and/or beach environmental stewardship.

Upon moving to San Clemente, I joined the Ocean Institute not only because of my science interests but also to help with cleaning up the beaches. Recently the Sunrise Rotary Club has committed to cleaning up the San Clemente Beaches on the first Saturday of the month. My home is located in Shorecliffs and our beach club is at Poche Beach. We recently had to install multiple sand bags and tons of rocks in an effort to prevent further erosion. At the Ocean Institute, I have learned that ocean water quality, presence or absence of pollutants, effects not only the sea life but humans too. This seems so basic but the sedimentation, sewage, and heavy metals really require more monitoring and public policy change. My background is in public policy and working with others to accomplish positive results.

7. What is your educational background?

High School/Colleges Attended	Major Field of Study	Degree?
William S. Hart High school	N/A	yes
University of Southern California	Public Administration	B.S.

8. Please explain any experience that you have in community, governmental, charitable or educational affairs.

Prior to moving to SC, I lived in Chino Hills and was a public education teacher, youth soccer/volleyball coach, recreational board member, religious education teacher, and foundation volunteer. Within the last 8 months in SC, I am an active member at Casa Romantica, a member of the Ocean Institute, a volunteer with OC Alzheimer's Association, a supporter of the Sunrise Rotary Club, substitute teacher in the CUSD, and once again coaching youth soccer. I enjoy getting involved and giving back to the communities where I reside.

9. The Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission meets on the second Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December at 6:00 p.m. Please explain any challenges, if any, you may have in meeting this commitment.

I do not have any challenges at this time with the above mentioned dates and time.

10. Please describe your views on the quality of City beaches and parks, including any steps you feel should be taken for improvement.

The beaches and parks are a safe haven for individuals, families and tourists to enjoy. Maintenance and improvements are on going. I think the City would benefit from more advertisement - of what the parks and beaches truly offer, not just for locals but to draw in tourists to increase revenue. I would recommend more public classes offered for adults and children in sports and recreation. Additionally, I would like to see (more) recycle trash cans installed. More planning for the future should be considered as newer homes are being built and the population continues to grow.

11. Please use the space below to explain any other factors about yourself that you would like for the Councilmembers to consider as they review your application.

I raised my family to enjoy and appreciate the outdoor life style. San Clemente offers this opportunity and the beaches and parks need to be preserved for many generations to come. Ole Hanson wanted a village by the sea - I want a community enjoying the sea (and parks) with appreciation and understanding how fortunate we are to just live here.