

**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITIZENS AMPHITHEATER COMMITTEE
JULY 24, 2023**

Committee Members Present: Wayne Eggleston; Susie Lantz; Kirstin McCleary; Amanda Quintanilla

Committee Members Absent: Laura Ferguson

Staff Present: Beaches, Parks, and Recreation Director Samantha Wylie

1. MINUTES

A. None.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Oath of Office/Brown Act Overview

Deputy City Clerk Megan Jimenez provided the Oath of Office for all committee members in attendance. She provided a copy of the Committee/Commission Handbook to each member and summarized the Brown Act. All committee members were encouraged to review the contents of the handbook to be versed in the

B. Work plan & discussion on the feasibility of an amphitheater

Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director Wylie summarized the purpose of the Committee. The purpose of the Council-Appointed Committee is to understand the feasibility of what an amphitheater may look like in San Clemente. The Committee should consider all factors of development and use and provide a recommendation to City Council on how to proceed. Additional consideration should be given to funding sources and potential costs. The Committee has approximately 60 days to return to Council with an update.

The Citizens Amphitheater Committee (CAC) discussed the project, and made the following comments either individually or as a group:

- Noise should be considered and evaluated with an outdoor amphitheater;
- It may be advisable to consider an indoor performing arts center instead of an outdoor venue given the potential environmental impacts;
- The former "Krikorian Movie Theater" may be an option for a location;
- The outdoor space provided for San Clemente High School theater productions attracted several hundred audience members but lacked adequate areas for the performers to get ready;
- Underutilized areas exist in San Clemente exist including, Miramar Theater property, Krikorian Theater commercial space, Linda Lane Park, and Richard

- T. Steed Park; many of these locations pose some type of barrier to entry/development;
- Vista Hermosa Sports Park (VHSP) undeveloped areas were reviewed for possible location;
 - A future community center at VHSP could include an indoor theater/center;
 - Funding must be considered in reviewing options;
 - Starting from “scratch” is going to be expensive;
 - Open space will be difficult to develop and could require a vote of the people under Measure V;
 - Partnership with San Clemente High School, the Cabrillo Playhouse, and/or other entities may be an option for support;
 - Laguna Niguel Crown Valley Park has a large amphitheater that hosts approximately 80 concerts per year, but there is a significant grade and it may be challenging to traverse;
 - Consider exploring indoor and outdoor options;
 - Moonlight Amphitheater in the city of Vista would be ideal to have in San Clemente, but is likely too large to work within the city;
 - Moonlight has been funded by grants and private donors, with city support;
 - Other public spaces include the City of Anaheim amphitheater which provides free or low-cost programming annually;
 - Consider a Joint Use Agreement with the Capistrano Unified School District for the upper campus area at San Clemente High School;
 - The size of the facility is important;
 - Different user groups require different size facilities;
 - The Krikorian Theater space has established infrastructure and parking; the surrounding businesses operate during the day while a theater would operate in the evening;
 - Star Theater in the city of Oceanside was a former movie theater that has been converted into a performing arts facility;
 - The rental price should be considered;
 - Funding and development should start small with an established indoor space, given the significant undertaking a large outdoor amphitheater would require;
 - Other stakeholders and interested parties are welcome to attend a future meeting.

Committee member Lantz and Committee member Eggleston will connect with the realtor representing the Krikorian Theater, Jim Wynne, to consider an on-site meeting in the future. Each committee member will communicate with interested stakeholders and invite them to the next meeting or gather input on the use of a future facility to share at the next Committee meeting. Committee members will bring a list of interested user groups/genres to the next meeting.

C. Future Meeting Date

Committee members shared dates and times that work best for a future date. BP&R Director stated she will follow up with the group on a confirmed date.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 3:54 p.m. to a date to be determined, at the off-site location of 641 Camino De Los Mares B, San Clemente, CA (formerly Krikorian Movie Theater).

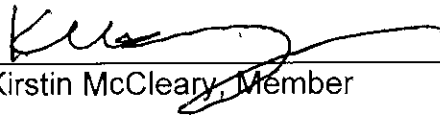
Respectfully submitted,



Wayne Eggleston, Member



Susie Lantz, Member



Kirstin McCleary, Member



Amanda Quintanilla, Member

Attest:



Samantha Wylie,
Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director