

Scheduled for consideration by the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission at its regular meeting on October 10, 2023.



**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023 6:00 P.M.**

Director Wylie called the Regular Meeting of the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of San Clemente to order on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 6:01 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers located at 910 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, CA. Commissioner Foremaster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT Susan Ambrose, John Dow, Jennifer Elliott, Rob Feuerstein, Errol Foremaster, Thor Johnson, and Ed Kweskin

STAFF PRESENT Samantha Wylie, Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director
Andy Hall, City Manager

1. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

Ruth (no last name provided), San Clemente, presented slides on Rosenberg’s Rules of Order and the Brown Act and reminded Commissioners that beaches and parks were intended for the residents first and commended the Commissioners for serving the City.

Amanda Q, San Clemente, welcomed the new Commissioners and indicated she looked forward to attending the meetings. She reiterated the importance of following Rosenberg’s Rule of Order and the Brown Act.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ELLIOT, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER AMBROSE, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to nominate Rob Feuerstein to serve as Chair.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER AMBROSE, to nominate Ed Kweskin to serve as Vice Chair.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ELLIOT, to nominate Errol Foremaster to serve as Vice Chair. Commissioner Foremaster declined to serve.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ELLIOT ON THE INITIAL MOTION, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to nominate Ed Kweskin to serve as Vice Chair.

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 13, 2023 Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER FOREMASTER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER AMBROSE, AND CARRIED 6-0, COMMISSIONER KWESKIN ABSTAINING, to approve the minutes of the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of June 13, 2023, as amended.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ruth (no last name provided), San Clemente, requested the Commissioner consider installation of an ADA compliant picnic area and table at San Gorgonio Park.

Amanda Q, San Clemente, discussed the lack of ADA compliance of restrooms at City parks and need to update the ADA Transition Plan.

George Gregory, San Clemente, requested play equipment and a picnic table at North Beach.

5. CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

A. Recreation Activities and Events

Samantha Wylie, Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director, discussed the successful annual fireworks display and Summer Concert series. She announced the upcoming Movie in the Park on August 11; Chamber's Annual Music Festival on August 13, San Clemente Art Association Arts and Craft Fair on August 19 and 20; and Skate Contest and Coastal Clean-up Day on September 23.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Development of Work Plan for FY 2023-24

Director Wylie presented the staff report and responded to questions.

The Commission discussed the proposed process for determining work plan items

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER AMBROSE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ELLIOT for Commissioners to submit recommendations and conduct a special meeting to consider the work plan.

Commissioners either individually or in agreement commented:

- Modifying the work plan form by numbering the work plan items, and including fiscal impacts.
- The Commission needs to consider the Master Plan, and including fiscal impacts.
- The Commission did not have control over allocating funds.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT BY VICE CHAIR KWESKIN, AND ACCEPTED BY COMMISSIONERS AMBROSE AND ELLIOT, to number the work plan items and consider the Master Plan, with recommendations due to staff by August 17, 2023. The amended motion carried unanimously.

Amanda Q, San Clemente, summarized the history of the lot at North Beach and explained the only allowable plan was construction of a parking lot.

B. Design Review of Pickleball Facility at Richard T. Steed Memorial Park

Director Wylie and City Manager Hall presented the staff report.

In response to Commission questions, City Manager Hall explained that the Pickleball concrete slab would be used for the skate park; funding for park improvements including additional soccer space and ADA compliance; possibility of tournaments and revenue generation; public participation; timing for the Commission's recommendation to the City Council; environmental review update; location of Pickleball courts; and consideration of noise during the environmental review.

Amanda Q, San Clemente, expressed concern regarding limited information in the staff report, and inclusion of pro shop and championship court. She discussed the importance of determining funds for Steed Park. She suggested renaming the pro shop.

George Spooner, San Clemente, expressed concern with the lack of parking and public transportation. He suggested keeping San Gorgonio open and using \$1.2 million to expedite completion of the 24 courts.

Ruth (no last name provided), San Clemente, questioned the information provided to the public and direction from the Council. She urged the Commission to obtain more information and public input prior to making a decision.

Linda Williams, San Clemente, discussed the need for additional Pickleball courts and indicated support for the proposed plan.

Tim Brown, San Clemente, discussed the popularity of Pickleball and demand for additional courts. He indicated support for the proposed courts at Steed Park. He

explained the need for a design plan in order to obtain funding and indicated support for a subcommittee to work on the design.

George Gregory, San Clemente, indicated support for the temporary courts to determine noise impacts. He suggested a land lease for the project.

Marty Weinberg, San Clemente, USA Pickleball Ambassador for San Clemente, discussed the growth of the sport of Pickleball, the need for additional courts and the possibility of revenue. He indicated support for Plan C.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER AMBROSE, to conduct a public workshop to obtain the community's desires for Steed Park. Commissioner Ambrose withdrew the motion.

The Commission discussed the option for a subcommittee to assist in the process; public input during the five park Master Plan process; layout of the proposed plan; need to consider the specific plans and Master Plan; and the need for additional Pickleball courts.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ELLIOT, to continue the matter to the next meeting.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON AND ACCEPTED BY COMMISSIONER ELLIOT, to conduct a special meeting.

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER FOREMASTER. The motion carried unanimously.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director Report

i. Park Projects for FY 2023

Director Wylie summarized the upcoming parks projects.

ii. Site-Specific Park Master Plan

Director Wylie stated the focus was on Steed Park and no action had been taken on the other four Master Plans.

iii. Beaches, Parks & Recreation Items

Director Wylie announced that fall class registration was open.

iv. Memo RE: San Clemente Sand Project Update

Director Wylie referenced the memo in the packet updating the Sand Project.

Ruth (no last name provided), San Clemente, stated she was unable to find Council direction to pause the other park plans and questioned how a volleyball court and dog parks were included. She requested the Commission add it to the work plan or ask Staff to provide the direction from Council.

9. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

A. Subcommittee Reports

- i. Coastal Subcommittee – Commissioner Ambrose discussed the Nature Based Resiliency Project Feasibility Study and report on eight critical erosion hot spots and encouraged the Commission to review the report. She discussed the King Tides invasion and damage to Newport Beach. She announced the California Coastal Commission Annual Ocean and Coastal Amateur Photography Contest from August 1 to September 25; and Coastal Clean Up Day on September 23, 2023. She stated the current report on stabilization of Casa Romantica was available from staff. She discussed underwater trash collection by the Ocean Institute.
- ii. Consideration of establishment of FY 2023-24 subcommittee – Commissioner Feuerstein reviewed the existing subcommittees and new Coastal Subcommittee, and recommended continuing the Funding Subcommittee.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ELLIOT, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KWESKIN, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to continue the Funding Subcommittee.

Chair Feuerstein explained the mission of the Funding Subcommittee. Commissioner Elliot discussed efforts to obtain large donors.

The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER AMBROSE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KWESKIN, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, for Commissioner Elliot, Commissioner Johnson and Chair Feuerstein to serve on the Funding Subcommittee. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Items from Commissioners

- i. PierPride Foundation - Chair Feuerstein reported on the PierPride proposed project presented to the Design Review Committee and its feedback.
- ii. Proposed Agenda Items – Commissioners proposed future agenda items including an update on intended work plan items to be brought back to the Commission; request to consider ADA picnic tables, whereto Director Wylie indicated she would work with the resident to determine the needed locations.

Ruth (no last name provided), San Clemente, encouraged the Commission to consider the ADA compliant picnic area and picnic table. She suggested the Commission discuss finalizing or sunsetting the Park Master Plans.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER FEUERSTEIN, SECOND BY MEMBER ELLIOTT, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. to a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers located at 910 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, CA.


Chairperson of the Beaches, Parks &
Recreation Commission


Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director