

**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITIZENS AMPHITHEATER COMMITTEE
AUGUST 25, 2023**

Committee Members Present: Wayne Eggleston; Susie Lantz; Kirsti McCleary; Amanda Quintanilla, Pamela Roth

Committee Members Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Beaches, Parks, and Recreation Director Samantha Wylie
Acting Administrative Assistant Debbie Fields

Call to Order at 1:05 p.m.

1. MINUTES

A. Citizen Amphitheater Committee Minutes – August 17, 2023

Motion by Committee member Lantz, second by Committee member McCleary, passed (5-0).

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion on feasibility of an amphitheater

Committee member Eggleston stated that a non-profit should be formed first. He is not interested in doing that because he has the Marine Monument one. However, he suggested forming a non-profit twice. He also mentioned the Krikorian and Zion Church who has put in an offer on the Krikorian.

Committee members decided on excluding Krikorian Movie Theater property as the site for the amphitheater due to extreme costs and lack of parking.

Committee member McCleary will find out if Capistrano Unified School District is interested in partnering.

Committee member Quintanilla suggested the Community Center as well as Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens as possible locations. Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens includes a wide range of cultural programming, including music, art, dance, theater, horticulture, and a lecture series and that is being leased out to them, the Casa Foundation. She also spoke with Alexis Honens at the Community Center and what types of activities and programs that are provided; line dancing, ballroom dancing, belly dancing and tap dance. The dressing rooms could be where City Council closed sessions were held at the Community Center.

Committee member Quintanilla mentioned she has reached out to Halau Hula Lana Ola and spoke with Val Hongo-Whiting about a potential partnership, and they are good where they are at now.

Committee member Quintanilla mentioned her communication with Leslie Eisner, Artistic Director and President at Camino Real Playhouse and the information obtained from Mr. Hall the City Manager about a partnership with possible stakeholders who are just in the gathering of information stage.

Committee member Quintanilla responded to the Cabrillo Playhouse representative, the importance of working collaboratively with Camino Real Playhouse. In the past, our city had Sebastian's Dinner Playhouse and Cabrillo Playhouse with that theater.

Members of the public made the following comments either individual or as a group:

- Camino Real Playhouse is a non-profit and is willing to take on the role of overarching the non-profit and lease. They would consider 10,000 – 11,000 sq. ft. warehouse to lease. Will be setting up a meeting with Samantha Wylie and City Manager, Andy Hall do discuss further.
- Cabrillo Playhouse is interested in space 1 – 2 times per year.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee members discussed and shared dates and times that work best for a future date. It was determined that Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. at San Clemente City Hall located at 910 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, CA 92673.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 2:12 p.m. to a date to be Friday, August 31, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. at San Clemente City Hall located at 910 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, CA 92673.

Respectfully submitted,



 Wayne Eggleston, Member



 Susie Lantz, Member

Kirsti McCleary

Kirstin McCleary, Member

Amanda Quintanilla

Amanda Quintanilla, Member

Pamela Roth

Pamela Roth, Member

Attest:

Samantha Wylie

Samantha Wylie,
Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director