

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
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023 6:00 P.M.**

Director Wylie called the Special Meeting of the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of San Clemente to order on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 6:05 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers located at 910 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, CA. Commissioner Ambrose 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

1. OLD BUSINESS

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KWESKIN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER FOREMASTER, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY; to reorder the agenda to hear Item 1.B. prior to Item 1.A.

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

Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director Samantha Wylie presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Ellie Hammagren, San Clemente, requested information on inclusion of volleyball courts at Steed Park and suggested transitional net posts.

Amanda (no last name provided), stated Option A was the least fiscally responsible option. She stated the pro shop and championship court were never discussed by the City Council. She suggested Option D eliminating the pro shop and Championship Court and expressed concern with the reduced size of the pro shop.

David Hennings, San Clemente, addressed the Commission representing the skateboarding community and need for a skate park.

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR KWESKIN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER AMBROSE, to select Option A.

Commissioners either individually or in agreement commented:

- Support for Option C due to additional parking, restroom location, and championship court.
- A championship court does not exclusively mean use for tournaments but is for advanced players to demonstrate skill.
- The Council determined 24 courts, with a championship court.
- There is a need for the championship court.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED AND THE MOTION FAILED 1-6, Commissioners Ambrose, Dow, Elliott, Feuerstein, Foremaster, and Johnson dissenting.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER FOREMASTER, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to select Option C for the design of the 24-court pickleball facility at Richard T. Steed Memorial Park.

A. Development of Work Plan for FY 2023-24

Director Wylie presented the staff report summarizing the proposed work plan items submitted by the Commission in the categories of Maintenance and Operations, Capital Projects/Development, Policy and Procedures, and Staff Proposed Items.

The Commission discussed potential work plan items including water bottle refill stations, work out equipment on beaches, ADA compliance, and feedback on prioritization of park projects.

City Manager Hall explained the proposed procedure for staff to deal with ADA compliance.

Commissioner Ambrose left the dais at 7:18 p.m.

Erica Kingsolver, San Clemente, requested a trial for dog friendly beach hours.

Susan Ambrose, San Clemente, read a letter from Ruth Martin requesting prioritizing ADA compliance for City Park restrooms and picnic areas, that the Commission discard the 2021 Five Park Master Plan, and address the Council direction on Pickleball courts.

Commissioner Ambrose returned to the dais at 7:22 p.m.

Amanda (no last name provided) stated the pro shop and championship court were never discussed by the City Council. She presented slides on the proposed work plan items and prior actions on miniature golf, North Beach place making plans, storage of military equipment, and beautify San Clemente.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KWESKIN, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to add the following Policy and Procedures to the work plan: 1)

Implement options for dog access on beaches; 2) Consider off-leash dog options in parks; and 3) Funding and sponsorships committee.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DOW, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER AMBROSE, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to add the following Staff Proposed Items to the work plan: 1) Fee study for beaches, parks, and recreation facilities; and 2) Placemaking at North Beach – Review of options for the use of the lot located at North Beach (1832 N. El Camino Real) and consideration of playground replacement at North Beach.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER AMBROSE, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to add the following Maintenance and Operations work plan items: 1) Beautify San Clemente: collaboration with garden club and local nurseries to beautify our parks by planting succulents, flowers, and beautiful plants; and 2) install more workout equipment on beaches.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER FOREMASTER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DOW, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to close discussion.

2. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER AMBROSE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DOW, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to adjourn at 8:02 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