



**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**

Chair Feuerstein called the Regular Meeting of the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of San Clemente to order on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 6:02 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers located at 910 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, CA. Commissioner Rousseau led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT Jennifer Elliott, Chair Rob Feuerstein, Shari Grace, Thor Johnson, Chair Pro Tem Ed Kweskin, Teri Rousseau, and Amelia Weinstein

STAFF PRESENT Samantha Wylie, Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 13, 2024 Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Chair Pro Tem Kweskin suggested amending City Manager Hall's comment on Page 1 to indicate the railroad right of way retaining wall was 50 feet on either side of the center line of the track.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ELLIOT, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GRACE, AND CARRIED 7-0, to approve the minutes of the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of February 13, 2024, as amended.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

4. CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

A. Recreation Activities and Events

Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director Wylie provided an update on the successful San Clemente Day Fishing Derby, and Springtacular. She reminded the Commission of the Cinco De Mayo Fiesta on May 4, at Max Berg Plaza Park and Memorial Day Observance on May 27.

5. OLD BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Art on Public Property Review – San Clemente Lifeguard Sculpture

Director Wylie presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Greg Hulsizer, President of the San Clemente Lifeguard and Junior Lifeguard Foundation, presented a slide show outlining the purpose and services of the Foundation; reviewed the proposed sculpture, potential locations, and community support.

Larry Moore, Vice President of the San Clemente Lifeguard and Junior Lifeguard Foundation, provided a history of lifeguard services in the City.

Mr. Hulsizer indicated they would work with the City on the best location, and their goal was installation by late 2025, or early 2026. He discussed the intent for as many people to see and interact with the sculpture as possible.

Bill Limebrook, the sculpture artist, discussed his preferred location and indicated the sculpture would be strong and anticipated it would be interactive.

Commissioners either individually or collectively provided the following comments:

- Suggested the City Council be included on the plaque;
- Expressed concern regarding view protection and safety of the platform

MOTION BY CHAIR PRO TEM KWESKIN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROUSSEAU, AND CARRIED 4-3, COMMISSIONERS WEINSTEIN, GRACE AND ELLIOT DISSENTING, to support the project and the location identified by the yellow flag in the staff report.

B. Consideration of Establishing a Partnership between the Hawaiian Surf Club and the City of San Clemente

Director Wylie presented the staff report.

Director Wylie responded to questions from the Commission and confirmed that the request for partnership was consistent with policy.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ELLIOT, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to recommend the City Council approve a partnership agreement fee waiver of all rental fees, not to exceed \$1,245, associated with the annual Polynesian Festival and Luau hosted by the Hawaiian Surf Club of San Onofre.

C. Consideration of Establishing a Pilot Program to Allow Dog Access on City Beaches

Director Wylie presented the staff report.

In response to Commission questions, Director Wylie discussed waste stations; the purpose of the pilot program; enforcement and feedback; pending response from risk management and insurance authority; completion of Initial Study; and proposed location based on accessibility.

Stephanie Curry, San Clemente, discussed her use of the Beach Trail; presented photographs of the use of the beach and trail in the morning hours; and indicated support for allowing dogs on the beach.

The Commission discussed the proposed pilot project and expressed concern about the Pier area, dog waste, signage, and policing.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON, SECOND BY CHAIR PRO TEM KWESKIN, to allow dog access on select City-owned beaches including North Beach - Tower 12 to Tower 14 and T Street to South of City Beach; permit dogs on city beaches before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. between Memorial Day and Labor Day, and from dawn to 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. from Labor Day to Memorial Day; Dogs must be licensed; owners must pick up waste; Prohibit loitering with dogs; and establish a one-year pilot program from the date of adoption/municipal code amendment.

The Commission discussed the proposed motion including concerns about allowing dogs off-leash, and seasonal hours.

AMENDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON AND CHAIR PRO TEM KWESKIN ACCEPTED THE AMENDMENT to retain Dogs must be on a 6' or shorter leash at all times.

The Commission expressed concern about public use on T Street, allowing dogs in the water, signage, enforcement, and dog waste.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT BY CHAIR FEUERSTEIN, ACCEPTED BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON AND CHAIR PTO TEM KWESKIN, to allow dog access on South T Street from Tower 7 to Tower 9.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED AND THE MOTION CARRIED 4-3, COMMISSIONERS WEINSTEIN, GRACE AND ELLIOT DISSENTING.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director Report

i. Master Plan Update – Richard T. Steed Park

Director Wylie indicated that staff and the consultant were working on the environmental analysis of the pickleball courts. She discussed upcoming Council consideration of pickleball usage fees at Steed Park; and Council approval of the Sponsorship and Donation Policy recommended by the Commission.

In response to Commission questions, Director Wylie clarified that staff was proposing fees for all pickleball courts. She stated fees would be collected online through the recreation software at both pickleball court sites

ii. Beaches, Parks & Recreation Items

None.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

A. Subcommittee Reports

i. Funding and Sponsorship Committee – Feuerstein, Elliot, Johnson

Chair Feuerstein summarized the Committee's focus on obtaining funds for playground updates.

Commissioner Elliot discussed Friends of San Clemente donations and sponsorships.

ii. "Beautify San Clemente" Subcommittee – Grace, Johnson, Weinstein

Commissioner Johnson stated the subcommittee met on March 1 and discussed budget and financing, potential partnerships and projects, and delegation of tasks.

Commissioner Grace indicated she had provided the information to Mayor Pro Tem Enmeier and Councilmember Duncan and she announced Arbor Day on April 27.

B. Items from Commissioners

i. PierPride Foundation - Feuerstein

Chair Feuerstein discussed the recent Pier Pride meeting at which the Avenida Victoria project was discussed and he announced upcoming Pier Pride events.

ii. Public Affairs - Kweskin

Chair Pro Tem Kweskin stated legislation was still in committee. He discussed his plan to go to Sacramento.

iii. Proposed Agenda Items

Chair Pro Tem Kweskin reiterated Commissioner Rousseau's recommendation to consider trail maintenance and "Goats Pass." He requested consideration of the recreation amenities for older residents, specifically beach exercise equipment, and maintenance of baseball fields.

Chair Feuerstein stated beach equipment was in the Commission's work plan and suggested a subcommittee.

Chair Feuerstein announced that Councilmember Duncan was the Commission's liaison. He announced upcoming interviews and appointments for commission members and indicated he would not be reapplying.

Commissioner Elliott announced that the San Clemente Chamber awarded the Friends of San Clemente as non-profit of the year.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN, SECOND BY MEMBER JOHNSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. to a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 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

Date

Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director

Date

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