



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

Wednesday, July 9, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Huntington Beach Civic Center
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Chair Bloom called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Bloom; Albert Gasparian; David Hubbard; Susie Jones; Jay Kreitz; Dan Moss; Allan Pogrund; Buddy Roberts

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Myers (excused); Barbara Steel (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Jim B. Engle; David Dominguez; Mary Loadsman

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR – Chair Bloom welcomed new commissioners Gasparian and Pogrund, and opened the floor for nominations for Commission Chair. Commissioner Roberts nominated Kreitz. Chair Bloom called for additional nominations for Commission Chair. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed and the following motion was made:

MOTION:

Moved by Roberts, seconded by Moss to elect Kreitz as Commission Chair.

Ayes: Bloom, Gasparian, Hubbard, Jones, Kreitz, Moss, Pogrund, Roberts
Absent: Myers, Steel

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Kreitz opened the floor for nominations for commission Vice Chair. Commissioner Moss nominated Roberts. There being no further nominations the following motion was made:

MOTION;

Moved by Moss, seconded by Bloom, to elect Roberts as Vice Chair.

Ayes: Bloom, Gasparian, Hubbard, Jones, Kreitz, Moss, Pogrund, Roberts

Absent: Myers, Steel

Motion passed unanimously.

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MOTION:

Moved by Roberts, seconded by Bloom, to approve the June 11, 2008 Community Services Commission minutes as amended to include Dan Moss in attendance.

AYES: Bloom, Hubbard, Jones, Kreitz, Moss, Roberts
ABSTAIN: Gasparian, Pogrund
ABSENT: Myers, Steel

Motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS - Engle welcomed Gasparian and Pogrund's return to commission and noted that Huntington Beach City School District had currently not submitted an appointment. He mentioned that staff intends to bring the Worthy Park Master Plan public hearing to the August commission meeting. He noted the November meeting would be held at Central Park Library and not at the Council Chambers.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS -

Talbert Lake Diversion Project - Engle introduced Geraldine Lucas, Principal Civil Engineer, Public Works Department to provide an overview of the project. Consultant Bruce Phillips with Pace was also on hand to provide project information. Lucas explained that the Wintersburg Channel receives from 500 gallons to 1.5 million gallons dry weather run-off water from outlying areas daily. The proposed plan would intercept water from the channel, filter it, and divert to Huntington Central Park. The water would run through a series of streams and natural bio filters and end in Talbert Lake. Proposition 13 and Proposition 50 funds are planned for the project.

Pogrund asked if a cost benefit analyst had been performed, any ongoing maintenance costs, and what the timeline is for the project. Lucas explained the environmental impact review comment period would end July 18, 2008. Public Works will move forward with filing permit applications with a timeline for project completion the end of 2010. Lucas noted that cost analysis information would be performed after the final design had been completed.

Moss asked if mosquito issues had been addressed. Phillips responded that Vector Control issues would be addressed with the county. Moss also asked if the project included Shipley Nature Center. Phillips responded that interconnect to Shipley is included in the plan and that research with the Orange County Water District was underway to understand how ground water elevations may be addressed to bring a balance for water elevation.

Pogrund asked if the public had been notified about the project. Phillips confirmed public notification included 500' from park boundary and that public comments already received were being addressed.

Kreitz commented the project appeared to enhance the experience for patrons of Huntington Central Park in addition to benefits of reclamation and water conservation efforts.

MOTION:

Moved by Roberts, seconded by Bloom, to approve the concept of creating the Talbert Lake Diversion Project in Huntington Central Park as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS –

Edison Park Reconfiguration – Dominguez reported the project had been approved by Planning and is scheduled for review with the Design Review Board on July 10, 2008. He noted the construction timeline for the project would be based upon the bid results, noting that phasing for the project would be necessary.

Beach / Bluff Top Park Restroom Project – Dominguez noted staff recently met with the on-call engineer and Water Operations Manager to review cost benefit analysis and three types of infrastructure systems options for the project. The options included a sewer gravity system, tank, and combination sewer/tank system. He reminded commission that City Council had approved the restroom design concept with changes to the roof system to include a green friendly tile design vs. the metal roof design recommended by commission.

Worthy Park – Dominguez reported that City Council approved terminating the lease agreement for the Pay N Play Racquetball facility at the June 6, 2008 Council meeting. He said an asbestos evaluation had been performed and mitigation is complete. He reiterated that staff would bring the item before commission and public input would be requested at the August meeting, to consider recreational uses for the facility.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION –

Kreitz commented he would review the committee survey results and thanked commission for their support.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS –

HCP Equestrian Center - Kreitz noted the quarterly HCPEC meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Dominguez reminded Kreitz that former commission Rechsteiner had been the commission representative.

Youth Sports Grants - Kreitz thanked Bloom for representing commission at the Youth Sport Grant recipient presentation at the June 16, City Council meeting.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS -

Moss welcomed the new commissioners and praised staff on the 4th of July events.

Gasparian said he was glad to be back and here to do what he can to support the commission.

Bloom said he appreciated the honor to serve as Chair and congratulated Kreitz and Roberts.

Roberts welcomed the new members.

Hubbard welcomed the new commissioners and praised the 4th of July events.

Jones welcomed the new commissioners, praised the 4th of July events and Concert in the Park series.

Pogrund said he was delighted to be back and looked forward to serving the commission.

Kreitz welcomed the new members. He commented that there are great projects to support, and thanked everyone.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

Project Self-Sufficiency Newsletter for July 2008
Council on Aging (COA) Bright Outlook for July 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Community Services Commission regular meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

DAVID C. DOMINGUEZ
Secretary
Community Services Commission

By: Mary Loadsman