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**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

7:00 p.m.

City of Huntington Beach  
Civic Center – Council Chambers  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Albert Gasparian; David Hubbard; Susie Jones; Jay Kreitz;  
John Myers; Buddy Roberts; Barbara Steel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** David Bloom (excused); Cathy McGough (excused); Dan  
Moss (excused); Allan Pogrund (excused)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jim B. Engle; Dave Dominguez; Janeen Laudenback; Ray  
Frankeny; Rob Frizzelle; Luann Brunson; Mary Loadman

**PRESENTATIONS –**

Youth Sports Awards – Recreation Coordinator Rob Frizzelle presented the Youth Sports Awards to the youth basketball champions and the Harry Montague Sportsmanship Award winners, representing programs held at Edison Community Center, Murdy Community Center, Liberty Christian School, and the City Gym and pool. He explained that the goal of the Community Services Youth Sports Program is to develop the whole person, not just the athlete, and the program is designed to accomplish this. It stresses the importance of teaching young people not only the rules and strategies of games but important lessons about life as well. Positive youth sports programs help young people develop confidence and self-esteem, help them learn to resolve conflicts peacefully, teach them ways to take care of their health and well-being, and help them develop skills for communicating with others....skills that are useful throughout the lives of good citizens!. Frizzelle thanked League Managers Tim Ngo, and Head Referee, Kurt Berry, for their dedication and management of the basketball teams. Frizzelle thanked the commission for their ongoing support of expanding youth sports programs offered to the community.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – none.

**MINUTES -**

**MOTION:**

**Moved by Roberts, seconded by Myer, to approve the March 11, 2009 Community Services Commission minutes.**

**AYES: Gasparian; Hubbard; Jones; Kreitz; Myers; Roberts; Steel**

**ABSENT: Bloom, McGough, Moss, Poggrund**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**DIRECTOR'S ITEMS –**

Engle commented that as of June 30, the terms for commissioners Steel, Roberts and Bloom would be expiring and noted that applications are still being accepted for consideration.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS -**

Youth Sports Grant – Steel reported that the committee members toured facilities and discussed the twelve grant applications in detail. She said that the committee agreed to recommend allocation of all of the available grant funds. Kreitz thanked Frankeny for his valuable input for all of the projects noting it makes the decision process easy. Steel seconded Chair Kreitz comments.

**MOTION:**

**Move by Myers, seconded by Gasparian, to approve funding of \$149,630 for six (6) recipients of Youth Sports Grants for FY08/09 as recommended by the Youth Sports Grant Committee and as presented in Attachment G-1.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Park Acquisition and Development Fund (PA&D) Capital Improvement Project Budget for FY 2009/2010 – Engle reminded the commission that at the last commission meeting, the budget information presented was the mid-year report for the current fiscal year and that the budget information being presented tonight is for FY 2009/2010. He also noted the information presented was for discussion, to be received and filed, and that the next meeting would include the recommended motion for City Council.

Brunson reported the budget included funds from reserves and that funds for FY 09/10 are less than commission has experienced in the recent past. She noted that there are no Quimby Fee's included in the budget and that \$120,000 includes the 230 Park In Lieu Fees and the interest earned from park fund reserves.

She continued to explain the various carry over projects, operating costs and budget constraints,. Brunson explained that some of the grant funded projects would be put on hold until the funds are unfrozen by the state.

Engle added the proposed budget was a product of the economy, however, he has learned from the Planning Department that more applications for Conditional Use Permits are being received than the same time last year (hence potentially more income for the park fund). If this happens, staff would be able to bring more projects forward to commission. There was also discussion that due to the city's financial problems the 8<sup>th</sup> field at the sports complex had to be put on hold, as well.

**MOTION:**

**Moved by Roberts, seconded by Gasparian, to receive and file the Park Acquisition and Development Fund Capital Improvement Project budget for FY 2009/2010 as presented, with action at the next meeting.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**INFORMATION ITEMS –**

Wardlow Park – Dominguez reported the developer was going through the environmental process, including public input meetings, and that a long escrow existed for the school property. He said that staff is working to get the irrigation and water service changed over from the school district to tie directly into city services. He added the developer is interested in working with the city on the parking issues, including support as a condition of approval from planning.

Visitor's Kiosk – Dominguez reported staff has received plan check comments and that demolition of the existing kiosk is scheduled. He said after site preparation and utilities are tied in, the new kiosk would take one week to install. He added the Huntington Beach Marketing & Visitors Bureau is scheduled to complete tenant improvements in May.

Worthy Skate Park – Dominguez reported the Request For Proposal (RFP) process for skate park design services was closed April 7<sup>th</sup>. He said that after the RFP process is concluded, the public input process would begin to get feedback for a basic skate park layout to present to commission and City Council.

Bartlett Park – Engle noted the project is moving forward in preparation for public input meetings and that he would know more by the next meeting. The consultant is reviewing/updating the opportunities and constraints study. Kreitz asked if there were enough funds for Public Works to continue maintenance efforts. Engle responded that it is currently in the Public Works budget and hopefully the maintenance funds would not be part of the budget cuts.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION** – none.

**COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS** –

Youth Sports Grant Committee – Kreitz commended the efforts of the committee members and staff on the recommendation for allocation of grant funds.

**COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS** –

Roberts asked for an update on the Permanent Pier Buildings and Blufftop Park Restroom projects. Engle responded that the Permanent Pier Building Project is moving forward with plan preparation by the developer. The concessionaire agreements with the existing tenants are in progress. He noted the third building would include a snack bar element with pre-packaged type goods, and that health regulations require a restroom facility be included in the building. He added staff has been meeting with the concessionaire's to coordinate tenant improvements and that the buildings were being fabricated with some prior improvements. He said that if there are not developer delays the buildings would be ready for occupancy by mid-June and that the concessionaires planned to continue operation in existing relocated facilities while improvements are completed. Engle also responded the plan is for one new beach restroom to be in operation by mid summer season.

Myers commended staff on having a positive attitude during these economic times, and appreciated the positive attitude while presenting the upcoming budget. He complimented staff on a clean and easily understood presentation of the budget and a plan for reinstating projects for when funding returns. He asked staff to continue to fight for additional parking at Wardlow Park.

Steel expressed her appreciation of staff efforts and encouraged keeping a positive until things improve. Hubbard, Myers and Jones concurred, thanking staff for having a plan in place for moving forward with projects placed on hold.

**ITEMS DISTRIBUTED**

Project Self-Sufficiency Newsletter, April 2009.  
Council On Aging Newsletter, April 2009.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Community Services Commission regular meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

David C. Dominguez  
Secretary  
Community Services Commission

By: Mary Loadsman, Recording Secretary