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**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

6:00 PM

**City of Huntington Beach
Civic Center Council Chambers
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648-2702**

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Kreitz called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. at which time the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Burkart; Michael Couey; Nicolina Cuzzacrea;
Roger Forest; Bridget Kaub; Jay Kreitz; Amy Kwon;
J.D. Miles; Roy Miller; Jerry Moffatt; Norm Westwell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Albert Gasparian (excused); Dick Thiel (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: David Dominguez; Charlene Gomez; Janeen
Laudenback; Nashya Sadono

B. PRESENTATIONS:

Certificates for the 2016 Winter Basketball Championship teams and the Harry W. Montague Sportsmanship Awards were presented to youth sports participants by Community Services College Intern, Nicole Fukuzawa.

Certificate of Exceptional Character was presented to Isaac Renteria by Community Services College Intern, Nicole Fukuzawa.

Instructors and students from Cal State Long Beach (CSULB) Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies Department made a presentation on the undeveloped portion of Irby Park to the Commission. As part of a class assignment, students in the CSULB REC 423, Facilities Design and Operations, class reported on findings of a survey sent out to residents adjacent to the park and presented concepts on development options based upon the survey input. Community Services Director Janeen Laudenback informed the Commission that staff was directed to work with CSULB on the class project as part of City Council's Strategic Plan Goals and that no Commission action was being requested. Commissioner Westwell asked for the number of letters sent out to residents. Dominguez replied that he would provide the information at the May meeting.

C. MINUTES:

Motion: A motion was made by Westwell and seconded by Moffatt to approve the minutes as written for the March 9, 2016 Community Services Commission meeting.

Ayes: Couey; Cuzzacrea; Forest; Kwon; Miles; Miller; Moffatt; Westwell

Noes: None

Abstain: Burkart; Kaub; Kreitz

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Jean Nagy addressed the Commission regarding the number of benches in Central Park. Ms. Nagy felt that there were more than enough benches in the park and that other park amenities should be considered for donations by the community. She also spoke about the possibility of utilizing goat herds to graze in the areas of Central Park adjacent to the Urban Forest to control address tumbleweed problem.

Shari Engle addressed the Commission regarding maintenance concerns in Central Park including tree trimming.

Steve Engle informed the Commission on the cleanup efforts of the "Secret Garden" in Central Park adjacent to the Central Library. He also spoke in favor of a plan to address the undeveloped portion of Irby Park.

E. DIRECTOR/MANAGER ITEMS:

Community Services Manager David Dominguez informed Commission that letters have been sent to each of the school districts requesting their recommendations for Commission representatives for the July 1, 2016 term. He also reported on the efforts currently underway by Visit HB to create a way finding program for the City, including the beach areas.

F. PUBLIC INPUT MEETING: None

G. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Approve the wording for the park identification sign at Lake Park as presented to read: "Lake Park Historic Park Site, Acquired October 21, 1912".

A motion was made by Burkart and seconded by Kaub to:

"Approve the wording for the Lake Park identification sign to read: "Lake Park, Historic Park Site, Acquired October 21, 1912".

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Couey; Cuzzacrea; Forest; Kaub; Kreitz; Kwon; Miles; Miller; Moffatt; Westwell

Noes: None

H. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- 1.) Dominguez provided Commission with updates on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, indicating that the plan was set to be approved by City Council at the April 18, 2016 meeting.
- 2.) Dominguez reported on the status of the new senior center in Central Park, noting that the project was on schedule and of the planned grand opening ceremonies to take place on July 10, 2016.
- 3.) Dominguez informed the Commission on improvements made at Bartlett Park by volunteers from First Christian Church completed the week of March 28, 2016 and of an additional volunteer effort by the Interfaith Council for continued improvements at the park on April 23, 2016.
- 4.) Dominguez gave a brief overview of the agenda process as well as the purview of the Commission as an advisory board to City Council.

I. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

J. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Park Naming and Memorials Committee Chair Couey provided an overview of the March 16, 2016 Committee meeting. Dominguez added that staff at the direction of the Committee requested the assistance of the Historic Resources Board (HRB) to develop suggested criteria in addition to Resolution #2004-90 to be utilized by the Committee in making their recommendation to Commission.

K. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS:

Commissioner Westwell commented that the number of trash cans in Central Park seem to be diminishing. Dominguez replied that he would follow up with Public Works on the status.

Commissioner Moffatt stated that some of the park playgrounds he has visited recently have issues with the rubber surfacing. Dominguez replied that he would follow up with Public Works on the status.

Commissioner Kaub asked about the status of the Rodgers Seniors' Center site and if the recommendation in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the property had change from disposing of the property. Dominguez replied that it was change to look into another recreation use at the site.

Chairman Kreitz commented on the poor condition of the trash cans on the pier and the cleanliness of the benches. He stated Commission should support recommending additional for maintenance to City Council.

L. ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO COMMISSION:

The Irby Park resident survey was distributed to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Commissioner Miller called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Westwell moved for adjournment with Couey seconding. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Submitted by:

David C. Dominguez
Secretary
Community Services Commission