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**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

Wednesday, August 13, 2014  
6:00 p.m.  
City of Huntington Beach  
Civic Center Council Chambers  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Chairman Tomaino called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and Commissioner Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Paul Burkart; Michael Couey; Albert Gasparian; Roy Miller; Juana Mueller; Jean Nagy; Nick Tomaino; Maura Van Strien

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bridget Kaub (excused); Jay Kreitz (excused); Shay Reardon (excused); Norm Westwell (excused)

**STAFF PRESENT:** David Dominguez; Chris Slama; Michelle Roesner

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Election of Chair and Vice Chair. Commissioner Burkart nominated Tomaino as Chair, with Couey seconding the selection.

Motion passed

Ayes: Burkart; Couey; Gasparian; Miller; Mueller; Nagy; Van Strien

Noes: None

Absent: Kaub; Kreitz; Reardon; Westwell

Couey nominated Kreitz as Vice Chair. Seconded by Miller.

Motion passed

Ayes: Burkart; Couey; Gasparian; Miller; Mueller; Nagy; Tomaino; Van Strien

Noes: None

Absent: Kaub; Kreitz; Reardon; Westwell

Community Services Manager Chris Slama spoke about the summer programs and participation, which totaled 10,000 participants in various programs and camps. Approximately 300 3-13-year-olds participated in sports programs, 2,700 3-17-year-olds participated in day camps, and over 3000 youth participated in our swimming programs.

Community Services Recreation Specialist Erin Burke introduced summer part-time staff and recognized them for their outstanding work.

Zachary Mueting from RJM Design Group gave a presentation to outline the process of completing a City wide Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

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**MINUTES:**

**Motion: Moved by Commissioner Burkart, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the Community Services Commission minutes as amended for the June 11, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Commission Miller.**

**Amendment to add Couey to the MEMBERS PRESENT at the June 11, 2014 meeting**

Ayes: Burkart; Couey; Miller; Mueller; Nagy; Tomaino  
Noes: None  
Absent: Kaub; Kreitz; Reardon; Westwell  
Abstain: Gaparian; VanStrien  
Motion passed.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Diane Abruscato spoke about the success Pickleball has been. There are currently 42 regular participants, with a steady increase in demand. She has successfully trademarked the name "Surf City Pickleball." She hopes in the future they can offer Pickleball classes through the Sands Program.

**DIRECTOR ITEMS:** None

**PUBLIC INPUT MEETING:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

Dominguez requested that Commission consider referring the naming of three (3) park sites to the Park Naming and Memorial committee. Arevalos, Wardlow and Lamb parks are all located on land that use to be adjacent to school sites. The schools these parks were named for no longer exist. This provides the Commission an opportunity to consider re-naming the parks in accordance with Resolution 2004-90.

Burkart moved to approve motion. Gasparian seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ayes: Burkart; Couey; Gasparian; Miller; Mueller; Nagy; Tomaino; Van Strien  
Noes: None

Absent: Kaub; Kreitz; Reardon; Westwell

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:** Dominguez informed Commission that Council Member Joe Shaw requested that City Council approve reinstating the Youth Sports Grant Funding for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. Dominguez stated council has requested that Commission review the criteria for issuing grant funds. Staff will seek Commissions review and recommendations at a later date.

Commissioner Nagy asked about the history of the Youth Sports Grant Program. Dominguez stated that approximately 15 years ago the program was used as seed money for youth sports groups to repair fields or irrigation. The funds come out of the Park Acquisition and Development Fund and there are guidelines on what the money can be used for.

Tomaino stated it was a great program that did a lot of good work.

Mueller asked if the program will be effective. Dominguez stated with appropriate criteria the Youth Sports Grant Program can be beneficial. Mueller also asked for clarification about the timeline and the fiscal year being targeted. Dominguez stated the grant is intended to be part of the 2015/2016 fiscal year. Grant applications would be distributed in November and due at the end of the year. The Sub-Committee would review the applications and provide their recommendations to Commission in April 2016. This will be followed by a ceremonial announcement at a City Council Meeting in May, 2016.

Nagy asked how we get the word out that a grant is available. Dominguez stated the program would be posted on the city website, along with mailings to the school districts and youth sports organizations.

Burkart asked if the approval of the grant program would cause a re-prioritization of the Park Fund. Commission has already approved projects that are waiting for funds. Dominguez stated Commission will be deciding the funding level and the criteria for the projects.

Dominguez informed Commission on August 4, 2014 City Council approved Griffith Structures to provide Construction Management Services on the new Senior Center. He added that Council will vote to approve seeking bond financing for the project which will go out to bid in September.

Miller asked if Council foresees any additional obstacles that might prevent this timeline. Dominguez stated there have been legal challenges, but at this time the Challenges or court actions do not prevent the city from moving forward.

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**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS:** Gasparian stated he believes the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is a great idea and will be helpful to the Commission.

Nagy informed Commission that they had 4 large plantings at the Urban Forrest and high school students came out to help.

Miller stated he is a member of the General Plan Update Committee and when an outside company did a survey for them there was concern about the size of the survey. RJM states they will survey 300 residents by phone and he does not feel that is nearly enough to get a good sense of our community considering the population of our city. Dominguez stated the phone survey is not the only tool RJM will use to get information, they will also mail surveys to residents and talk to groups that utilize our parks and will compile all the information together. Miller also stated that at this time there are only 2 commissioners on the Park Naming and Memorial Sub-Committee and encouraged members to be a part of this sub-committee.

Tomaino stated each committee can have up to 5 people. He also stated the City's General Plan is very important but to have a specific Parks Master Plan is especially important to the commission.

Tomaino also asked how the Commission could go about funding maintenance of play equipment in the parks. He was recently at Peter Green Park and noticed broken glass in the parking lot, and play equipment that was either broken or rusted. Dominguez stated Public Works is responsible for maintenance and the funding for repairs.

**ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO COMMISSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Submitted by:

David C. Dominguez, Secretary, Community Services Commission

By: Michelle Roesner, Recording Secretary