



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

Wednesday, August 14, 2013

6:00 p.m.

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

Chair Tomaino called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Burkart; David Hubbard; Albert Gasparian; Bridget Kaub; Jay Kreitz; Roy Miller; Brian Rechsteiner; Nick Tomaino; Norm Westwell

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Janeen Laudenback; David Dominguez

PRESENTATIONS:

Community Services Staff Recognition – Interim Community Services Director, Janeen Laudenback recognized Community Services Department staff members Sage Russo, Gary Erickson, Stephanie Blomquist, Nicole Brashears, Jared Weidner, Kelli Berry, Charlie Webb, Robbie Hoag, Nolan Johnson, Tomoko Kondo, Robin Mora, Meryl Engler, Kaci Thol, Loretta Kornahrens, Erin Bruke and Chris Cole, for their outstanding contributions to summer recreation programming and special events.

MINUTES:

Motion: Moved by Rechsteiner and seconded by Kaub to approve the Community Services Commission minutes dated July 10, 2013.

Ayes: Gasparian; Hubbard; Kaub, Kreitz; Miller; Rechsteiner; Tomaino; Westwell

Abstain: Burkart

Motion passed (8-0, 1 Abstain)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Leslie Gilson, Huntington Beach resident, introduced Diana Abruscato from “Monarch Madness” to speak in support of pickleball courts for Worthy Community Park.

Diana Abruscato, a Huntington Beach resident and USA Pickleball Association Member asked for eight (8) dedicated pickleball courts for Huntington Beach. She thanked the Commission for their action approving the multi-use court at Worthy Community Park for basketball and pickleball, and asked that one of the courts be designated for specific use as a pickleball court.

Commissioner Westwell recommended that Abruscato contact the Ocean View School District to inquire about court availability at Westmont School.

DIRECTOR ITEMS: Dominguez reported no action has been taken regarding changes to the Community Services Commission. The City and School Districts are in the process of discussing possible changes to current agreements. He noted that Commissioner Westwell pointed out the current agreement which includes the make-up of the Commission and a \$15 per regular meeting stipend, is still in effect. Staff therefore will be processing the stipend fees due to Commissioners. Dominguez also reported the senior center project is moving forward with plans and specifications, and that Public Works is taking the lead on the bid process for repairs to the failed wall along Blufftop Park.

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS: -

Worthy Community Park Reconfiguration and Master Plan Update – Dominguez introduced Zachary Mueiting with RJM Design Group to review the conceptual Worthy Community Park Master Plan. Mueiting reviewed the location of the existing Huntington Beach High School (HBHS) soccer fields and explained the city park property next to the HBHS soccer fields would be improved to include lighted practice sports fields. The existing lighted ball field would remain. The former racquetball facility next to the existing basketball courts will be demolished and improved to bridge the intermediate space between the basketball courts and new lighted practice sports field. Improvements include fabric shade structures, hardscape and landscaping. Mueiting also explained basketball courts would be refurbished with one court restriped for multi-use to include pickleball. The play equipment at the children's tot lot would be replaced, a new picnic shelter would be added along with a new park sign facing Main Street. A new restroom facility between the athletic fields, enhancements to the area from the parking lot to create a plaza linking the park amenities, and enhanced landscaping complete the improvements.

Commissioners and staff discussed options for the use of the basketball courts to accommodate additional pickleball court play. Discussion included equipment storage, designated court use and hours of play for pickleball. Several Commissioners again expressed the need to provide as many restroom stalls as possible. Commissioner Westwell expressed concern over the use of fabric for the shade structures and suggested that an alternate material be used. Dominguez reiterated that the park improvements would be contingent upon the funding options and that staff would follow up with as many value engineering opportunities as possible to complete the project.

Motion: Moved by Westwell to approve the Worthy Community Park Conceptual Master Plan without the fabric shade structures, and add storage for pickleball equipment.

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Motion: Moved by Kaub, seconded by Miller to approve the Worthy Community Park Conceptual Master Plan as presented, with one full court designated for pickleball and one full court designated as “multi-use”, keeping the current approved hours for basketball play and pickleball play on the multi-use court, and recommend that additional options for proposed shade structure material be considered.

Motion passed (9-0).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Bartlett Park – Dominguez reported that the recent incident at Bartlett Park prompted a request for an update presentation to the Community Services Commission scheduled for October. Staff is currently working with the design consultant on the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project. In addition, Public Works staff will be working on getting approvals to limb up the black willow trees and clear some of the non-native vegetation. He added that regulations and limitations on maintenance work due to environmental restrictions needed to be followed.

Huntington Central Park Parking Lot – Dominguez reported the preliminary design for the parking lot has been moved to the August 29, 2014 Development Assistance Team (DAT) meeting. Based upon comments from the DAT, the conceptual design will be brought forward to the Community Services Commission and public for input. Once a recommended action is determined, the item will be brought before City Council.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: Diana Abruscato submitted a proposal for Permanent USAPA (USA Pickleball Association) Pickleball Courts at Worthy Park.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS:

Westwell added to his earlier request for Information Items updates from staff to include the new senior center, bluff/seawall erosion and the Harbour View play equipment replacement project. He also requested the issue concerning water quality of the Huntington Beach Lakes be agendaized for a future meeting. Dominguez thanked Westwell for summarizing the concerns with water quality in Huntington Beach Lakes and suggested that we confer with the Public Works Department. Rechsteiner indicated the issues with water quality may be under the Public Works Department purview. Hubbard suggested neighboring cities that have lakes be contacted to learn any determining factors.

Kaub complimented the SANDS programs and expressed her appreciation for the Worthy Community Park Master Plan.

Hubbard said he enjoyed attending the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new bike rack installation at the Junior Lifeguard Headquarters.

Rechsteiner commented the bike rack dedication was a great event. He thanked Dominguez for the new park bench at Hawes Park. He also reiterated his conviction that any requests for information to staff from the Commission be first agreed upon by the Commission before staff is directed to spend time and resources on the request. Rechsteiner also asked for an update to the status of the potential dog wash facility at Dog Beach. Dominguez responded the concessionaire has not received approval from the State, but is still pursuing options.

Tomaino complimented staff on their hard work and appreciated the effort that had gone into the Worthy Community Park Master Plan, especially given the parks visibility to the public and visitors to Huntington Beach.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO COMMISSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

David C. Dominguez, Secretary, Community Services Commission

By: Mary Loadsman, Recording Secretary