



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

Wednesday, August 8, 2012

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 6:05 p.m. and Kreitz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Allan Pogrund (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Janeen Laudenback; Rob Frizzelle; Chris Slama; Kristin
Martinez; John Valinsky; Kate Hoffman; Ray Frankeny;
David Dominguez; Mary Loadsman

PRESENTATIONS –

Community Services Staff Recognition – Janeen Laudenback, Recreation, Human & Cultural Services Superintendent along with Recreation Supervisors, Rob Frizzelle, Chris Slama, Kristin Martinez and John Valinsky, recognized part-time staff for their efforts in providing quality recreation summer programming to the community.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

MINUTES –

Commissioner Miller clarified minutes from July 11, 2012 indicating correction on his vote for Nick Tomaino as Chair. Therefore, the following is amended to the July 11, 2012 minutes:

Moved by Kreitz, seconded by Pogrund to elect Tomaino as Commission Chair.

Ayes: Gasparian, Kreitz, Miller; Pogrund, Rechsteiner

~~Nays: Miller~~

Abstain: Kaub

Absent: Burkart

Motion passed.

MOTION: Moved by Kreitz, seconded by Gasparian, to approve the July 11, 2012 Community Services Commission minutes as amended.

Ayes: Gasparian; Kaub; Kreitz; Miller; Rechsteiner; Tomaino

Abstain: Burkart

Absent: Pogrund

Motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS – Dominguez welcomed Commissioner Burkart and provided an update to the Pacific City Project.

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING – Tomaino noted there were two public input meetings, Wardlow Park and Lamb Park and Kreitz clarified that Commission could only take action on items pertaining to the park component of the projects. Dominguez further added that through the entitlement process the public will have the opportunity to provide input on the projects as a whole and reiterated that Commission could only comment on the park component of the proposed projects. Commission accepted public comments for Public Input Items F-1 and F-2 prior to staff presentations.

Public Comments -

Mark Bixby, Planning Commission Vice-Chair and Huntington Beach resident commented that in his opinion, Information Item H-1 (non-public input meeting item) Shipley Nature Center Parking Lot may be subject to "Measure C" guidelines adopted by the city. He also noted the report for Lamb Park did not mention "Measure C" in the analysis portion of the report. (Item F-1)

Jim Elliott, a resident living near Lamb Park, spoke in favor of the Tri-Pointe Homes design for park improvements, saying the design is an enhancement and fully supports the park improvements. (Item F-1)

Tom Grable, representing Tri-Pointe Homes thanked staff and the Commission for reviewing the proposed park improvements at Lamb Park and Wardlow Park. He explained the intent for Tri-Pointe was to address parking concerns at Wardlow Park and provide improvements at Lamb Park with the knowledge and understanding that the city has limited funds to do improvements at either park at this time. He explained Tri-Pointe listened to concerns from staff and the community and attempted to address some of the concerns in their conceptual designs. (Item F-1, F-2)

Chris Gandall, a resident expressed concern about the park improvements at Wardlow Park, including impacts to parking, park open space and traffic, and spoke in support of the need to replace play equipment. (Item F-2)

Brett Brummett, the incoming President of Huntington Valley Little League spoke in support of the Wardlow Park Improvements. He said the league is willing to work with the city and developer on the necessary changes. (Item F-2)

Allison Westrup, a resident noted that if the housing portion of the project didn't move forward, she would still like improvements at Lamb Park. She expressed concern that not enough parking was put into the plan. (Item F-1)

Johanna Rakhshani, a resident near Wardlow Park expressed concerns over increased traffic and traffic flow as a result of the development. (Item F-2)

Stephen McMahon, Assistant Superintendent, Fountain Valley School District indicated the district is pleased with the proposed design Tri-Pointe Homes developed for the park improvements. (Item F-1, F-2)

Holly Derheim, a resident praised the park and recreation system in the city and ask what public input was put into the design for Lamb Park. She noted the project has a long way to go before it is reviewed by City Council. (Item F-1)

Chair Tomaino closed public comments.

Dominguez asked to address some of the public comments and in response to Planning Commissioner Bixby's comment will seek a legal opinion for "Measure C" on the Shipley parking lot item as the need arises. He also stated that staff would also seek a "Measure C" legal opinion on the Lamb Park project after determining which components would apply.

Lamb Park Conceptual Master Plan – Dominguez reported staff worked with the developer to prepare a conceptual master plan for improvements at Lamb Park. He indicated the city has not been in the financial position to make improvements to the park area since it was purchased in 2005. He explained the developer would provide improvements as part of a public benefit for the in-fill housing development on the Lamb School site. Improvements will include tot lot play equipment, a half-court basketball court, picnic shelter with tables and chairs, park benches and a 33 space parking lot.

Motion: Moved by Kreitz, seconded by Rechsteiner, to approve the Lamb Park Conceptual Master Plan as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Wardlow Park Improvements – Dominguez reported that as part of a proposed in-fill residential project on the grounds of the former Wardlow School site, the developer is proposing to dedicate and develop a 0.83 acre portion of the former school property to provide parking to serve Wardlow Park. The parking improvements and land dedication from the developer will be in lieu of park fees and provide necessary parking for Huntington Valley Little League and park patrons.

Motion: Moved by Burkart, seconded by Kaub to approve the conceptual plan for improvements and additional park acreage as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – None.

INFORMATION ITEMS –

Shipleys Parking Lot – Dominguez reported that a temporary solution to ADA access from the parking lot to Shipleys Nature Center and temporary dust control measures have been completed. He explained that plans for a permanent lot are included in the proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) which will be considered as part of the upcoming fiscal year budget. He also explained that a permanent parking lot at the nature center would require the Huntington Central Park Master Plan be amended and subject to applicable mitigation measures.

Development Impact Fees – Dominguez reported City Council approved new calculation formulas for various development impact fees including park fees. He explained the new fees will go into effect 9/2/12.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION – Development Impact Fee Schedule – Effective 9/2/12

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS –

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

Development Impact Fee Schedule
Council on Aging Newsletter July, 2012

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