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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

Wednesday, June 12, 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 Kreitz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Albert Gasparian (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Erin Burke, Kelli Berry; Stephanie Blomquist; Rob Frizzelle;
Janeen Laudenback; David Dominguez; Mary Loadsman

PRESENTATIONS: Erin Burke, Youth Sports Recreation Coordinator; League Manager Stephanie Blomquist and Referee Kelli Berry, presented the Youth Sports League Champion and Harry W. Montague Sportsman Awards to Spring Volleyball Teams. "A" League Champion Team Tsunamis: Ariel Guzman; Vicky Nguyen; Katie Yerzik; Max Diehl; AJ Maya; Aleena McGinnis. "B" League Champion Team Blue Angels: Hunter Miller; James Keller; Lexi Jepsen; Ciara Pineira; Katie Sturevant; Julie Cavanaugh; Jacqueline Price. Harry W. Montague Good Sportsman "B" League Team Maroon Fives: Kayla Swartz; Maile Prohaska; Bella Serrano; Alexia Schuesler; Ally Ciulla; Lillian Biddle; Mikaela Velekei; Jessica Serrano. Harry W. Montague Good Sportsman "A" League Team Dark Knights: Kyrah Shell; Julen Ucar; Melissa Miller; Nicole Cochran; Josephine Medina; Kaley Coustaut; Gabe Abrams. Chair Tomaino thanked Recreation Supervisor Rob Frizzelle and staff for their dedication to youth sports and the community.

MINUTES:

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

Ayes: Burkart; Kaub, Kreitz; Miller; Rechsteiner; Tomaino; Westwell

Abstain: Hubbard

Absent: Gasparian

Motion passed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Leslie Gilson, a Huntington Beach resident reported the Gibbs Park, "Lifecycle of the Butterfly" Tile Project is complete. She thanked the Commission, saying the project would not have been possible without their support, and invited them to come by Gibbs Butterfly Park and see the final product.

Jean Nagy, President of the HB Tree Society, thanked the Huntington Central Park Committee members for visiting the Urban Forest. She spoke in support of Attachment #2 as the Path and Trail Plan for the Urban Forest. She expressed appreciation for the City's support in the "Parks Make Life Better!" campaign.

Ann Anderson, a Huntington Beach resident, commented on the success of the meeting between Equestrian Center patrons and the HB Tree Society supporters. She noted that the two groups worked together to accomplish an understanding of each others' concerns and as an Equestrian Center patron, supported the Urban Forest Path and Trail Plan depicted on Attachment #2.

Virginia Aldridge, a Huntington Beach resident, reported that the Urban Forest Path and Trail Plan had been reviewed at a Huntington Central Park Equestrian Center Boarders meeting. She commented that what the HB Tree Society has accomplished at the Urban Forest is fabulous. She noted that the two groups have come together in agreement and supports the plan as presented on Attachment #2.

Juana Mueller, a Huntington Beach resident and member of the HB Tree Society said the Equestrian Center and Tree Society people met and are in agreement on the Urban Forest Path and Trail Plan as depicted on Attachment #2.

Kathryn Goddard, Vice President of the Friends of Shipley Nature Center, spoke in support of a permanent parking lot accessed via Goldenwest near Shipley Nature Center to support access to Huntington Central Park and Shipley Nature Center. She indicated that Shipley Nature Center receives over 12,000 students per year arriving via bus from the surrounding area and that the parking lot would be a welcomed improvement over the existing temporary lot. She noted the permanent lot would provide a safer and more functional access to Shipley and west side of the park.

Carol Park, Manager of the Huntington Central Park Equestrian Center, introduced herself saying she is new to the area having started at the Equestrian Center in February. She expressed her appreciation to the Equestrian Center supporters and HB Tree Society representatives in getting together to work out the path and trail issues at the Urban Forest. She added that the Urban Forest volunteers will be conducting workshops with Equestrian Center Staff to enhance the experience for trail rides through the park. She spoke in support of Attachment #2 and asked that the Urban Forest group consider adding some horse hitching posts so riders can have the opportunity to take advantage of the pedestrian pathways and learn more about native plants. She expressed that she looks forward to a good partnership between the two groups.

DIRECTOR'S ITEM:

Dave Dominguez reported that a meeting is scheduled with the Community Services Commission Council Liaisons to discuss Commission appointments and re-appointments with the hopes that a decision would be made before the July meeting. He indicated that the Commission would continue with the current members until a decision has been made.

Dominguez also reported that Main Street Library on Triangle Park was approved for the National Historic Register and that the monument sign and plaque language for Triangle Park would be presented to City Council at the June 17th meeting. He noted the Historic Resources Board would be working toward obtaining funds for the monument sign and plaque, and would work with staff on a suitable location for installation at the park.

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Urban Forest Pathways & Trails – Dominguez reported that in March, staff brought forward a proposed Path and Trail Plan for the Urban Forest in response to conflicts about the Urban Forest intent and use. Commission expressed their desire to learn more about the concerns and referred the item to the Huntington Central Park (HCP) Committee. The HCP Committee conducted two public input meetings, one at the Urban Forest on April 22, 2013 and another on May 2, 2013 to review written comments and public input. Following the May 2nd HCP Committee meeting, two groups representing the Urban Forest and Equestrian Center met without City staff involvement, to discuss the issues and concerns raised during the public input meetings, and came to an agreement on site conditions and trail activity. The two groups prepared a Path & Trail Plan submitted as Attachment #2 in the staff report. Dominguez presented the differences in the HCP Committee proposed plan and the plan prepared by the two groups. He responded to Commission questions and concerns. The Commissioners commented on the significance of the two groups working together to form an agreement for a Path and Trail Plan and maintenance activities at the Urban Forest. In supporting the spirit of cooperation, the following motion was made:

Motion: Moved by Burkart, seconded by Kaub to approve the Urban Forest Path and Trail Plan as presented in Attachment #2 with the amended Path “E” as pedestrian only.

Motion passed unanimously. (8-0)

Capital Improvement Project Budget FY 2013/2014 – Dominguez reviewed the proposed Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Budget explaining the calculation formula had been restructured. The new fee structure helps to align park fees for condominium and apartment complex type development, to fees associated with Quimby fees. He provided an overview of each of the projects listed and answered Commission questions.

Motion: Moved by Rechsteiner, seconded by Burkart to approve the Park Acquisition and Development Fund Capital Improvement Project Budget for FY 2013/2014 as presented.

Motion passed. (7-1, Westwell No)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Former Gun Range – Dominguez reported the Planning Department is proceeding with the public review and comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the former gun range. He explained that remediation efforts would need to be addressed as part of any park development activities. The comment period ends June 24, 2013.

Lambert Park Slope Repair – Dominguez reporting having received an update from Public Works for slope repair at Lambert Park as part of park improvements. Improvements include access to the park from the private community and landscape activities. Public access to the park will continue with improvements planned for completion Summer 2013.

New Senior Center – Dominguez reported that a contract for the DLR Group for completion of plans and specifications for a new Senior Center in Huntington Central park will be presented for approval at the June 17th City Council meeting.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Written Communication dated June 12, 2013 regarding the Urban Forest Path and Trail Plan provided as a meeting handout.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Huntington Central Park Committee Meeting Summary April 22, 2013 and May 2, 2013 distributed to members.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS:

Dominguez thanked the Commission for taking the time and thought process to work through the issues presented over the recent months.

All of the Commissioners commented that it was great to see the two groups come together regarding the Urban Forest Path and Trail Plan and wished that more groups would be able to work together to address concerns.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO COMMISSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

David C. Dominguez, Secretary, Community Services Commission

By: Mary Loadsman, Recording Secretary