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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

Wednesday, May 12, 2010
6:00 p.m.
City of Huntington Beach
Civic Center – Council Chambers
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Vice-Chair Moss called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., Poggrund led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Albert Gasparian; David Hubbard; Cathy McGough; Dan Moss; John Myers; Allan Poggrund; Nick Tomaino; Brian Rechsteiner
MEMBERS ABSENT: Susie Jones (excused); Jay Kreitz (excused)
STAFF PRESENT: David Dominguez; Luann Brunson; Mary Loadsman

PRESENTATIONS – none.

MINUTES:

Moved by Gasparian, seconded by Tomaino to approve the April 14, 2010 Community Services Commission minutes.

Ayes: Gasparian; Hubbard; McGough; Moss; Rechsteiner; Tomaino
Absent: Jones; Kreitz
Abstain: Myers; Poggrund

Motion passed unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – none.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS – none.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS -

Park Acquisition and Development Fund (PA&D) Capital Improvement Project Budget for FY 2010/2011 – Dominguez noted there were no changes to the information commission received and filed at the April 14, 2010 meeting and asked if there were any specific questions from commission. After discussion, the Commission made the following motion:

Motion:

Moved by Pogrund, seconded by Rechsteiner, to approve Park Acquisition and Development Fund Capital Improvement Project budget for FY 2010/2011 as presented for recommendation to City Council.

Ayes: Gasparian; Hubbard; McGough; Moss; Myers; Pogrund; Rechsteiner; Tomaino

Absent: Jones; Kreitz

Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS –

Central Park Restroom Projects –Dominguez noted that work is continuing on the permanent restrooms at Shipley Nature Center and the Huntington Beach Sports Complex, with anticipated completion at the end of May. He invited the commissioners to go by the Sports Complex or Shipley Nature Center, to see the progress of the permanent facilities.

Beach Restroom Project – Dominguez reported the project is proceeding and presented some photographs of the progress. He explained that a single-stall restroom was approved for installation at the south entrance of dog beach, and showed photographs of the restroom installations at 22nd Street and Goldenwest Street. He noted the ramp for the restroom access is taking longer than anticipated and explained that all six of the restrooms are nearing completion. He added that there have been some unforeseen costs due to removing concrete and other debris from the site.

Myers asked if there were plans to pave the oil service road between the restrooms. Dominguez responded that plans are to have the area from 11th Street to Goldenwest Street paved in the coming weeks.

Tomaino asked about the overall project budget. Dominguez explained that staff has decided to hold off on constructing restroom #7 due to unforeseen costs with soil export and concrete removal. A final decision on whether or not to move forward with construction of restroom #7 will be made once the project is near final completion, and expenditures are evaluated based on the existing budget.

Moss asked about showers at the restroom. Dominguez stated that the showers were not included in the design due to the restrooms being tied to a holding tank system. Showers would add too much demand to the tank capacity. Dominguez did explain however, that showers on the sand similar to the South Beach could be constructed in the future since there is now a domestic water line in place.

Rechsteiner asked about issues with homeless and if the restrooms are being locked. Dominguez explained that there have not been any issues so far and staff locks the restrooms nightly.

Pier Buildings – Dominguez reported that the pier buildings project is complete and all three concessions are open for operation and seeing good business. He added that The Surf City Store held a business Grand Opening on April 23rd and that it was attended by some Council Members and the City Administrator. Moss commented that the entire pier looks improved with the completion of the permanent buildings.

Remote Control Vehicles in City Parks – Dominguez reported that the Community Services Department received complaints regarding use of remote control vehicles in Huntington Central Park, noting the area of concern was located in the parking area and field adjacent to Shipley Nature Center. He noted that Remote Control (RC) car enthusiasts have also rented areas of the HB Sports Complex parking lot and hold events on a regular basis. He added that there have been articles in the newspaper reporting the complaints and that Mayor Green submitted a request to amend current park ordinances to deal with the issue. The ordinance change will go to City Council on Monday, May 17th. He explained the council action provides for the Director of Community Services to look at areas where remote control vehicles could operate in city parks and identify any conditions or recommendations from Commission to the City Council.

Dominguez reported that there are two types of remote control vehicles, battery powered and fuel powered “Nitro” cars. He added that research indicates the battery powered vehicles operate up to 30 mph and Nitro vehicles can operate up to 80 mph. He explained that some of the complaints received involved the fuel smell and noted that fuel powered boats and airplanes have been banned from city parks. He explained that Commission has the opportunity to explore the benefits for the RC car enthusiast as well as provide any recommendations to condition the use of remote control vehicles in city parks. Dominguez suggested that the issue be referred to sub-committee to review and bring back to commission with recommendations.

Tomaino raised a concern over liability. Rechsteiner asked if the Nitro cars exceeded the city guidelines for noise decibels. Dominguez replied that research would be needed to respond and that the sub-committee and commission may take this into consideration for their recommendation to Council.

Hubbard added that he appreciates that the Commission and City Council is looking at both sides, those of the car enthusiasts and those of the park user and surrounding residents. He added that if you banned the use entirely that people would look elsewhere to operate the cars.

Moss commented that preliminary thinking is that it is feasible to find space and as Vice-Chair recommended the issue be referred to the Special Interest Committee.

Dominguez stated that the Special Interest Committee could start looking at potential park sites for the operation of remote control vehicles and that he would meet with the committee to identify any conditions and recommendations for Council. He noted that staff would follow-up with the Special Interest Committee Members and schedule a meeting at the earliest opportunity.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION – none.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS –

HCP Equestrian Center – McGough reported the committee met on April 28, 2010 and noted some of the topics of discussion included changes to the election process to once per year, and the addition of two at-large members to the roster. She noted the committee re-elected the Chair and Vice-Chair, and discussed issues concerning the trail connection from Huntington Central Park to O.C. Weider Park. She explained the trail was located near Ellis and Edwards, and issues involved right of way and access between County, City and private property. McGough added that committee members would consider fund raising efforts to help offset costs to aid in moving the trail connection activities forward.

Youth Sports Grant – Moss noted the Youth Sports Grant Committee Meeting Summary of March 19, 2010 was included in the commission packet.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS –

Hubbard volunteered to answer any questions from an enthusiast's perspective the Special Interest Committee may have regarding remote control vehicles.

Tomaino asked about the activities at Pacific City. Dominguez responded that the property owner was working on cleaning up the area, but that he was not aware if development activities were moving forward.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

Council on Aging Newsletter, May 2010.
Project Self-Sufficiency Newsletter, 2nd Quarter 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Community Services Commission regular meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

David C. Dominguez
Secretary
Community Services Commission

By: Mary Loadsman, Recording Secretary