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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

Wednesday, September 8, 2010
6:00 p.m.
City of Huntington Beach
Civic Center – Council Chambers
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Vice-Chair Tomaino called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., Pogrund led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PRESENTATIONS – none.

MINUTES:

Moved by Rechsteiner, seconded by Pogrund to approve the July 14, 2010 Community Services Commission minutes.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS –

Leslie Gilson, a Huntington Beach resident, invited the commissioners for a private tour of Gibbs Park to review the restoration efforts that have been completed since 2007. Gilson has been working with the Huntington Beach Tree Society, Public Works staff, scouts, parents, volunteers and Community Service staff, to re-plant trees that were removed due to infestation and plant vegetation to attract the Monarch Butterfly. Gilson attended the meeting to introduce the idea of placing tiles in six of the empty tree wells that would depict the life-cycle of the Monarch butterfly. She is in the process of reviewing artist proposals and plans to bring the concept for approval at the next commission meeting.

Gloria Alvarez, a Huntington Beach resident, attended the meeting to speak on behalf of Triangle Park. Alvarez's family has been in Huntington Beach since 1912 and is pleased to see that Triangle Park will officially be recognized as a city park.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS – Engle reported that the City Administrator and staff, along with Council Liaisons are continuing to meet with school representatives reviewing various agreements. He noted the committee talked about changes at the schools and discussed issues regarding the field allocation process. He explained the city would no longer perform field allocation duties and that the Parent Teacher Organization and Huntington Beach High School did not support a skate park at Worthy Community Park. He commented that one of the two fields would remain at Worthy Community Park and that the committee and districts are working out cooperative solutions.

Engle noted the passing of Shirley Worthy and expressed his condolence to Commissioner Moss. He commented that Norm Worthy was instrumental in creating the park system and city's master plan. Moss said he was appreciative, as was surprised that over 400 people attended the service. He said Shirley Worthy loved the city and appreciated that the service was a celebration of her life.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS -

City Park Acreage Inventory – As part of the Sunset Beach annexation process, the City's General Plan needs to be amended to reflect updated recreation amenity information. As part of the General Plan update, staff requested commission approval to include the 1.11-acre public space around the Main Street Library commonly known as "Triangle Park" and the 1.18-acre area southeast of Banning Avenue and Magnolia to the city's Park/Open Space inventory list. Dominguez informed commission that the areas included in the plan "Triangle Park" is zoned Public and the Banning/Magnolia areas is zoned Park/Open Space, and that the two areas would add to the city's park inventory.

Rechsteiner asked about the node at Triangle Park, why staff did not include the node in the acreage area. Dominguez explained that staff was conservative in the estimate, that the area in question is part of a Public Right of Way.. Rechsteiner asked if the area at Banning and Magnolia would be Park or Open Space since there is no access, no parking and the curb is painted red. He asked staff to clarify if there could be a park without parking access. Dominguez explained that are other parks in the city without parking, but can be accessed by bicyclists, pedestrians and joggers.

Moss confirmed that staff is not changing anything, commenting that the zoning is in place, and adopting the parks into the inventory list would make it official.

Motion:

Moved by Rechsteiner, seconded by Moss to recommend approval to add the 1.11 acre Main Street Library grounds (“Triangle Park”) and; a 1.18 acre area southeast of Magnolia Street and Banning Avenue to the city’s Park/Open Space inventory list.

Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS –

Beach Volleyball Courts – Pogrund reported the Special Interest Committee meeting of July 27, 2010 was very well attended. He said the committee had a great opportunity to learn opinions from Huntington Beach residents and non-residents, and from people in the volleyball industry and outside the industry. He said that as a result of the democratic process, the committee was able to come with a direction and expressed thanks to staff and the committee for their input to the draft guidelines. Dominguez explained that the draft guidelines were also sent to the interested parties, so everyone would have the opportunity for review. He said the item would be brought forward at the next commission meeting as an Administrative Item.

Edison Park Reconfiguration –Dominguez reported that staff is reviewing the plans and working on a construction cost estimate. He mentioned that the project may have to be scaled back due to budget constraints and that staff is looking for options to complete most of Phase I. He explained that changes may include constructing the practice areas and reducing some parking areas.

Bauer Park – Dominguez explained that the Commission previously approved “Ralph Bauer Park” for the neighborhood park near Newland and Hamilton. He explained the previous residential developer had gone bankrupt and the project stopped. Staff is now working with the current developer on the particulars of the park project. He said the current developer will keep the original design of the park that Commission has previously approved. He explained that the developer is moving forward building the model homes and plans are to construct the park in the next six months, although a final decision has not been made. He indicated that the developer was receptive to opening the hardscape and tot lot areas of the public park and partitioning off the grass areas during the plant establishment phase. He said the park will serve the new community as well as the surrounding neighborhood.

Remote Control Car Area – Dominguez reported he has met with a fence company to set-up temporary fencing and install a pedestrian gate for the RC Car area at Central Park. The gate would allow parking at the Sports Complex and with access to the area through the pedestrian gate. Staff at the Sports Complex will open and close the area once signage is installed. Dominguez explained the area has been approved for temporary use for one year and that staff will report back to commission in six months.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION – Draft–Revised City of Huntington Beach, Beach Volleyball Rules, September 8, 2010.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Special Interest Committee – Pogrund again thanked the committee and staff, noting the meeting summary from the July 27, 2010 meeting are included as part of the commission packet.

HCP Equestrian Center – McGough reported the committee met on July 28, 2010 and elected the Vice Chair at the meeting. She said the committee is still reviewing the election process and is excited to implement the At-Large representation to the process. Dominguez reported that there has been a large response for the at-large position and that staff is working to get the ballot information together for distribution. McGough added that discussions included problems with bee's and announcements for upcoming events at the Equestrian Center.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS – none.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

Council on Aging Newsletter, August and September 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Community Services Commission regular meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Submitted by:

David C. Dominguez
Secretary
Community Services Commission

By: Mary Loadsman, Recording Secretary