

# CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

## Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

### Regular Meeting

October 7, 2008 - 7pm

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**Convened**      7:10pm

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Marie Marston, Chair  
Tim Brown  
Bill Garrett  
Phillip Lugar  
Greg Ruzicka  
Cristine Trapp, Vice Chair

Absent: Kathy Hamilton

Staff: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director  
Mark Harmon, General Services Director  
Sean Levin, Recreation Superintendent  
Dan Sereno, Parks & Trees Superintendent  
Teri Craig, Admin Asst

#### **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Detweiler stated that staff had met with the Park Development Committee earlier and updated them on all the CIP projects currently in progress related to Recreation & Senior Services. She also noted that the PowerPoint presentation had been distributed to each Commissioner that does not serve on the committee. Director Detweiler reminded the Commission that they should have received two invitations in the mail regarding the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Newport Theater Arts Center and the Mariners Park Renewal.

Director Detweiler announced that the SunDay FunDay on August 17<sup>th</sup> was a fabulous event and well attended by the residents with great entertainment and weather and congratulated staff on a job well done. She also noted that the Surf Contest had gone very well and that the Friday Night Lights Flag Football program began with a record 300 kids registered. She invited the Commission to attend one of the games that are held on Friday nights at Bonita Creek. Director Detweiler recognized Supervisor Scott Williamson and Assistant Recreation Coordinator Jonathon Harmon for all the fabulous work done on behalf of this great program.

Director Harmon stated that unfortunately he had a negative report to give on Mariners Park restroom noting that the first night it opened a significant amount of vandalism occurred. He went on to say that the vandalism included etching on the walls, fixtures, etc. He stated that it had been cleaned up but noted that one of the recommendations that will be forwarded to the Commission in the future will be a report on city-wide vandalism to give the Commission an idea on what General Services staff is faced with every week. He stated that it has significantly increased in the last three years and hoped that additional enforcement might help the problem. Staff has begun to take pictures of the graffiti for the Police so that should the responsible parties be caught the Police could use the pictures as evidence and the guilty parties could be charged accordingly with the clean-up costs.

Director Harmon also noted that beach clean-up has increased due to moored boats that have been located just off the Newport Beach coastline. He stated that last week a 34 foot boat was beached at CdM. He noted that apparently there are a lot of derelict and abandoned boats that are docked of CdM. He went on to say that this boat broke anchor and beached itself which prompted the Police Department to contact the owner in Ontario, California. Unfortunately the boat began to break up so the City's "Claw Tractor" was used to grab the boat and drag it up on the sand. Director Harmon stated that today the Fire Department reported that another boat had broken loose and beached itself.

Commissioner Brown stated that these boats are not docked but rather anchored and noted that there are more and more of them in the water.

Commissioner Garrett stated that typically boats are allowed to anchor in the harbor for about 14 days and then they just move around to different locations.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. **Minutes of the October 7, 2008 regular meeting.** Waive reading of subject minutes, approve and order filed.
2. **Parks & Operations Division Activity Report.** Receive/file monthly Activity Report for activities and upcoming projects.
3. **Recreation & Senior Services Activity Report.** Receive/file monthly Activity Report for activities and upcoming projects.
4. **Bench Donation Request.** Discussion/decision of bench donation by Pam Scalzo to be located on D Street and the Oceanfront boardwalk.
5. **Item removed by a member of the public.**
6. **Bench Donation Request.** Discussion/decision of bench donation by Bennie Davis to be located at the Galaxy View Park.
5. **Bench Donation Request.** Discussion/decision of bench donation by Richard Bobinski to be located at the Little Corona beach walkway.

Chuck Gordon stated that his daughter Andrea Gordon Bobinski had passed away and about 6 months or so ago had contacted staff at General Services to discuss a bench at Little Corona walkway. He went on to say that they were notified that one was available at the location where my daughter and her husband would go when they were dating and later after marriage. He stated that the family had looked at the verbiage options and would like to request that they be allowed to use *In Memory Of* instead of *Donated For*. He stated that the family is willing to make the monetary donation but would like to request the use of those words.

Commissioner Lugar agreed that the use of *In Memory Of* would be more appropriate and asked staff if there was a problem with this. Commissioner Ruzicka agreed.

Director Harmon stated that the policy as written allows for *In Recognition Of, Donated by or Donated For*. He stated that staff has no problem with this change but should the Commission approve this change then staff will return to the Commission amending City Council Policy B-17 for their consideration.

**Motion by Commissioner Lugar** to accept the bench donation by Richard Bobinski to be located the Little Corona beach walkway and to approve the change of wording to read *In Memory of Andrea Gordon Bobinski*; further that staff will amend B-17 and bring back to a future Commission meeting for discussion/approval and then forward the policy to City Council at a future date. Motion carried by acclamation.

Discussion ensued regarding the action taken earlier on moving the Action Items under the Consent Calendar.

**Motion by Commissioner Ruzicka** to accept items 1-4 and 6 of the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by acclamation.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS -**

Parks - Nothing to report.

RSS - Nothing to report

AD- Hoc

–Youth Sports Liaison - Nothing to report

–Community Services Award - Superintendent Levin stated that he had received an application in the mail and would be forwarding the information to the Committee regarding the nomination of Roger McKinnon of Roger's Gardens. Discussion ensued regarding the policy - Superintendent Levin read the policy to the Commission and stated that he would forward the information to the committee.

Other

–MarinaPark - Nothing to report

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Brown asked that the Commission discuss the possibility of a flagpole at the 1/1 Marine Memorial at Castaways Park.

Commissioner Garrett stated that there had been discussion regarding lighting the Marine Memorial at Castaways Parks but was concerned that the HOA would disagree with the light. Director Harmon stated that we would need to agendaize this for a future meeting.

**ADJOURNED- 7:45pm**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teri Craig, Admin Assistant