

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
September 1, 2009 - 7pm

Convened 7:10pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Tim Brown, Chair
Kathy Hamilton
Phillip Lugar
Marie Marston,
Greg Ruzicka

Absent: Tom Anderson
Bill Garrett

Staff: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director
Mark Harmon, General Services Director
Teri Craig, Admin Asst

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Detweiler stated that Coastal Peak Park had been dedicated earlier today with approximately 60 people in attendance. She also noted that the draft EIR for the Civic Center & Park is now online and the Planning Department will be receiving comments through February 15, 2010.

Chair Brown stated that Chief Lewis has mentioned some issues associated with parking up there at the park because of the number of mountain bikers that go down to the Coast and the importance of educating the public to not block the cul de sac and just basic parking issues.

Director Detweiler stated that staff had already begun to put some informational cards together for Park Patrol and Police to hand out hikers and bikers regarding shared use of the area and parking guidelines. She noted that there will be public use of the park for organized youth sports, picnic shelter rentals and drop in use so educating the public on parking will be important. She stated that there are about 250 parking spaces which should provide for adequate space for all visitors.

Chair Brown asked about the new Park Patrol officer.

Director Detweiler that he will begin next week and that Coastal Peak will be one of the many parks that will be on their patrol.

Director Harmon noted that the Fire Ring Policy would be going to City Council at a future date. He noted that there was one more big weekend for the summer and then staff will begin planning for next year.

Commissioner Ruzicka thanked Director Harmon for the cleaning of the boardwalk although it does begin awful early in the morning.

Director Harmon stated that staff begins working at 4:30am at CdM State Beach but had been having trouble getting down to the beach because the entrance road is was blocked with visitors waiting to get onto the beach. He stated that they have had to contact the Police Department to help them with access.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Director Detweiler noted that ordinance change regarding tents and awnings on the beach would be on the September 8 City Council agenda for its first reading.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes of the August 4, 2009 regular meeting. *Waive reading of subject minutes, approve and order filed.*
2. Park & 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. *Approve bench request of Anna Marie Leyenaar to be located at Ensign View Park.*
5. Bench Donation. *Approve bench request of Aaron Brent to be located at Ensign View Park.*

Motion by Commissioner Ruzicka to accept items Consent Calendar items 1-5. Motion carried by acclamation.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

5. Reforestation Request. Director Harmon stated that staff had received the reforestation request from the Harbor View Hills South Homeowners Association to remove two City parkway trees at 1417 Keel Drive & 3901 Park Green Drive and replace each with a 24" box tree. He stated that the request has met all the requirements of G-1 and recommends approval.

Chair Brown stated that he appreciates the reporting process of the reforestation/removal reports and that it makes it much easier for the Commission to read.

Chair Brown opened the public discussion

Robert Shelton thanked the General Services staff for their help with the process for the reforestation request and urged the Commission to approve their request.

Chair Brown closed the public discussion

Motion by Commissioner Lugar to approve the reforestation request by Harbor View Hills South Homeowners Association to remove/replace trees from 1417 Keel Drive and 3901 Park Green Drive. Motion carried by acclamation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

Parks - Director Detweiler stated that the Park Development Committee would meet on 9/14 at 4pm for an update of the Civic Center & Park and again on 10/6/09 for a CIP update at 6pm before the October Commission meeting.

RSS - Nothing to report.

AD- Hoc

—Youth Sports Liaison - Nothing to report

—Community Services Award - Nothing to Report

—Budget - Nothing to report.

Other

—Marina Park - Nothing to report.

—China Cove - Director Detweiler stated that the volleyball court application to the Coastal Commission has been submitted and that staff had been asked for additional information which was provided.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNED - 7:23pm

Submitted by: _____
Teri Craig, Admin Assistant