

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

**Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
August 3, 2010 – 7pm**

Convened 7:04pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Tim Brown
Tom Anderson
Ron Cole – incoming Commissioner
Bill Garrett
Kathy Hamilton
Phillip Lugar
Marie Marston
Greg Ruzicka – outgoing Commissioner

Staff: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director
Sean Levin, Recreation Superintendent
Teri Craig, Admin Asst

Chair Brown stated that he had received a call from Director Harmon stating that he would not be at the meeting tonight and that the petitioner of Item 4 had requested that the item be pulled from the agenda.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING COMMISSIONER – Greg Ruzicka

Chair Brown commented that he appreciated Commissioner Ruzicka's insight over the last several years. Chair Brown presented a plaque to Commissioner Ruzicka and thanked him for eight years of service.

SEATING OF NEW COMMISSIONER – Ron Cole

Commissioner Cole stated that he was a father of three boys and noted that he felt it was important to give back to the community and looked forward to serving on the Commission.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair Brown opened the nominations for **Chair** for FY 2010/11.

Motion by Commissioner Garrett to nominate Commissioner Marston as Chair.

Hearing no other nominations, Chair Brown closed the nominations for Chair.

Motion was carried by acclamation.

Chair Brown opened the nominations for **Vice Chair** for FY 2010/11.

Motion by Commissioner Garrett to nominate Commissioner Lugar as Vice Chair.

Hearing no other nominations, Chair Brown closed the nominations for Vice Chair.

Motion was carried by acclamation.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

- Director Detweiler announced that she had met with Commissioner Cole about a month ago. She noted that staff is very excited to have him on the Commission as he has children involved in the programs and looks forward to receiving his feedback regarding programs.

Director Detweiler stated that the Commission had requested that staff return with information on how fees are set for violations related to dogs. She went on to say that administrative citations are part of a set fee schedule – 1st violation is \$100; 2nd is \$200 and the 3rd is \$500. She went on to say that to change it would

mean changing the entire fee structure that relates to many other violations not just violations related to dogs. She noted that it would require an establishment of a fee related specifically for dogs and those fees are set by City Council.

Director Detweiler announced that she had received a call from Commissioner Hamilton regarding the large buses that are parking on the streets above CdM State Beach. She stated that staff researched this issue and anything beyond 22 feet is a violation and cannot be parked in the neighborhood. She stated that the parking control officers have begun educating the drivers this last week and will be continuing this effort.

Director Detweiler stated that she had spent a Saturday recently at CDM Beach and had been impressed with the progress that the Park Patrol staff and the BBQ cards have made. She noted that she went over to the grass area and noticed families sharing the BBQs and that no tents or BBQ were in violation throughout the entire beach. She commended the Park Patrol staff and parking lot staff for their diligence in passing out these cards and believes that these efforts have paid off tremendously.

Commissioner Hamilton stated that she was amazed at the difference this effort has made and also thanked staff for their work.

Director Detweiler stated that since the Commission had last met the CdM 5k was held and went off without a hitch thanks to the race management of Supervisor Cates and all the volunteers.

Commissioner Brown thanked Supervisor Cates as well for her work with the volunteers stating he has worked with volunteers for a long time and that she did her job with much grace and professionalism.

Director Detweiler stated that OASIS is on schedule and will open the doors on September 20 and will phase programs in with a grand opening on October 9 from 2-5pm.

- City Council Actions – Director Detweiler stated that the Ordinance Change regarding Dogs on the Beach had been presented to the Council; they voted to change ordinance to read that dogs are not allowed on the beach between 9am and 5pm from May 16 to September 14 with no restriction September 15 – May 15 citing greater access and that second reading of the ordinance change was pending at the Council meeting of August 10.

Commissioner Lugar asked if there had been any issues with China Cove. Director Detweiler stated that no complaints had been received and minimal use reported by Park Patrol.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Minutes of the June 1, 2010 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. **Item tabled.**
5. **Bench Donation.** *Approve bench donation from Maureen Rovenstine to be installed at CdM State Beach.*

Motion by Commissioner Brown to accept items 1, 2, 3 & 5 of the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by acclamation.

CURRENT / NEW BUSINESS

6. **Newport Harbor Baseball Association (NHBA) & Newport Beach Bat Rays (NBBR) request to install an Electronic Scoreboard at Eastbluff Park Baseball Field.** Supervisor Cates stated that staff had received a request from NHBA(youth sports commission member) and NBBR (club team) for permission to install an electronic scoreboard at Eastbluff Park baseball field. She noted that all related costs and any damage associated with the project would be their sole responsibility. She noted two phone calls and one email had been received against the scoreboard

installation. She did note that Eastbluff is the only City Pony League sized field in Newport Beach and is used for kids aged 13-18 years old. She noted that the scoreboard will enhance the kids experience as well as the spectators at the game.

Chair Marston opened the public discussion

Duane Hastings representing both the Bat Rays and the Newport Harbor Baseball Association reiterated that the two organizations would be responsible for all costs association with the project.

Eric Paulsen stated that the scoreboards that are used at Bonita Canyon do have a stainless steel back and have not received any comments about light glare but noted that if it was an issue the back of the scoreboards could be painted black

Bob Hopkins stated that he supports the scoreboard 100% and noted that anything that attracts kids to baseball is a good thing.

Discussion ensued regarding advertisement, size and possible landscaping behind the scoreboard.

Director Detweiler stated that 281 notices had been mailed to residents.

Chair Marston closed the public discussion

Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the request to install an electronic scoreboard at Eastbluff Park from Newport Harbor Baseball and the Newport Beach Bat Rays. Motion carried by acclamation.

7. **Newport Beach Little League (NBLL) request to reconfigure the Bullpen's at fields #1 and #2 at Bonita Canyon Sports Park to Batting Cages.** Superintendent Levin stated that staff had received a request from the NBLL to reconfigure the bullpens to batting cages. He stated that the two bullpens would be moved inward between the two fields by three feet and adding netting and footings and setting them in and then you have batting cages. He stated that NBLL are good stewards and would be responsible for all installation and permit costs associated with the reconfiguration. He went on to say that they met with General Services & Utilities staff regarding the preliminary concept and all agreed that it would work with the existing infrastructure.

Commissioner Brown asked if the primary purpose was to be able to use these as a dual function. Superintendent Levin stated yes.

Chair Marston opened the public discussion

Eric Paulsen stated that their initial plans were to remove some trees and grass but after meeting with City staff this current configuration was discussed and works even better.

Chair Marston closed the public discussion

Superintendent Levin stated that no comments were received regarding this issue.

Motion by Commissioner Hamilton to approve the request from the Newport Beach Little League to reconfigure the bullpens at fields 1 & 2 at Bonita Canyon Sports Park to batting cages. Motion carried by acclamation.

8. **Newport Mess Soccer Club (NMSC) request for temporary lights at Bonita Canyon Sports Park (BCSP) field #5.** Superintendent Levin stated that staff had received a request from the NMSC to use temporary lights at field #5 at BCSP from October 1 to November 19, 2010 and January 10 to March 10, 2011 from dusk to 7:45pm, weekdays only. He stated that this was the 4th year in a row that the Commission has received this request and all conditions have been met. He noted that the Club has

requested an additional light standard this year. He reported that 981 notices had been sent out with one call received. He noted that the resident lives adjacent to the park and is not in favor of the temporary lights and reminded the Commission that he had appeared last year stating that the light spills into his house.

Chair Marston asked if this was the only complaint received in past years. Superintendent Levin stated yes.

Commissioner Anderson recused himself and left the dais but noted that he would be speaking as a resident and member of the Newport Mesa Soccer Club.

Chair Marston opened the public discussion

Tom Anderson pointed out that there is a shortage of lit fields in Newport Beach and that the light standards would be pointed east/west and not north/south and lights only about a third of the field. He stated that the additional light standard is a placeholder in case it is needed.

Discussion ensued regarding location of goals and the location of the homeowner.

Mark Arblaster NMSC President stated that they takes great pride in their work with the neighbors and has personally spoken with the homeowner noting that they do their best to minimize any intrusion.

Chair Marston closed the public discussion

Motion by Commissioner Lugar to approve the temporary lights for the Newport Mesa Soccer Club at Bonita Canyon Sports Park field #5 from October 1 to November 19, 2010 and January 10 to March 10, 2011 from dusk to 7:45pm, weekdays only. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Brown, Cole, Garrett, Hamilton, Marston, Lugar,
Recuse: Anderson

9. **Listing of the Rawlins Solar House in the City of Newport Beach Register of Historical Properties.** Economic Development Coordinator Bowden stated that they had received a request to list the Rawlins Solar House in the City Register of Historical Property and that the first step was to get approval from the PB&R Commission as well as the Arts Commission before going to Council for final approval.

Discussion ensued regarding the reasons why the homeowner was not in attendance, information about the architect, timing, economic gain, etc.

Chair Marston opened the public discussion

Dan Purcell questioned the reasoning for the designation and noted that he felt the homeowner should be in attendance.

Chair Marston closed the public discussion

Motion by Commissioner Garrett to approve the listing of the Rawlins Solar House in the City Register of Historical Property and forward to City Council to classify the property as a Major Historic Landmark (Class 1). Motion dies for lack of a second.

Motion by Commissioner Lugar to table the discussion requesting that staff return with more information. The Commission as whole requested the following:

- Additional background information on the architect, John Lautner.

- Asked that the applicant appear before them to answer the question of “why” the applicant wishes to list the property.
- Additional detail regarding the alterations that have been made to the property.
- A better understanding of the benefits to listing of the property.
- Information of the Planning/Building Departments’ procedures in issuing demolition permits and whether or not a purely symbolic recognition protects the property in any way.
- Additional information regarding the argument for “exceptional importance” for listing of a property of less than 50 years in age to the National Register.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anderson, Brown, Cole, Hamilton, Marston, Lugar,
Nay: Garrett

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Parks – Nothing to report.

RSS – Nothing to report.

Budget – Nothing to report

Community Service Award – Nothing to report. Chair Marston appointed Commissioner Cole to the committee.

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– Youth Sports Liaison – Nothing to report. Commissioner Anderson stated that he had resigned from the Newport Mesa Soccer Club and would like to be a part of this committee. Chair Marston appointed Commissioner Anderson to the committee.

– Marina Park – Superintendent Levin stated that the Coastal Commission Application should be completed in September and noted that schematic plans are being reviewed as well.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Rawlins Solar House

ADJOURNED @ 8:38pm

Submitted by: _____
Teri Craig, Admin Assistant