

**Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 1, 2011 – 7pm**

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**Convened** 7:04pm

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Marie Marston, Chair  
Phillip Lugar, Vice Chair  
Tim Brown  
Ron Cole (*arrived at 7:07pm*)  
Bill Garrett  
Kathy Hamilton

Absent: Tom Anderson

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

**DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

- Director Detweiler announced that CPRS has awarded the OASIS Senior Center Opening the Award of Excellence for Design and that staff will be attending the state conference in March to receive the award. She congratulated the entire project team as well as the community. She went on to say that the Fitness Center now has 1,235 members and noted that the Center is averaging about 180 participants daily, and hours were extended to meet the needs of the community.

Director Detweiler stated that the Carroll Beek renovation is almost done and noted that a survey had been mailed to residents asking what type of classes they would like to see in the Center. A Grand Re-Opening Celebration will be held in May.

- City Council Actions – Chair Marston reported that the Council had approved that the Ronald Reagan statue be placed somewhere in the City and asked that the Arts & PB&R Commission determine a possible location. She stated that she had asked Commissioner Hamilton to attend an Arts Commission meeting on Thursday of which Council Member Curry will be in attendance as well to discuss where it will be placed and asked the Commission if they had any thoughts on the matter.

Discussion ensued regarding the scale, statue and location and that Chair Marston and Commissioner Hamilton would update the Commission at the next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. Minutes of the December 7, 2010 regular meeting.**

**Recommendation:** Waive reading of subject minutes, approve and order filed.

**2. Removed by Commissioner Garrett**

**3. Recreation & Senior Services Activity Report.**

**Recommendation:** Receive/file monthly Activity Report for activities and upcoming projects.

**4. Bench Donation.**

**Recommendation:** Approve bench donation of Beth Miller to be located at Galaxy View Park.

- 2. Park & Operations Division Activity Report.** Commissioner Garrett requested information regarding trash collection on the beach. Director Harmon stated that the City had solicited bids and that Rainbow had been selected to collect trash with their new sand colored containers from the Newport Pier to the River Jetty.

**Motion by Commissioner Lugar** to accept items 1 through 4 of the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by acclamation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

5. **City Council Policy G-1 – Revision of Reforestation of City Trees.** Director Harmon stated that staff supports forwarding a change to the policy regarding the minimum tree size from 24" box to 36" box trees to City Council. He stated that by using a 36" box trees that the tree is usually at least three feet taller and healthier. He also noted that the negative of this change would be the cost – from approximately \$190 to \$600.

Discussion ensued regarding the reasons for reforestations and the failure rate noting that the more mature the tree the more chance the tree has of surviving.

Commissioner Garrett stated that he could not support this change because of the cost factors. He suggested a senior citizen discount.

Director Harmon stated that reforestations are usually for people that just do not like their tree.

Commissioner Brown agreed that a request for reforestation is usually because the homeowner or HOA request that it be removed not because of tree failure.

**Chair Marston opened the public discussion; hearing none the public discussion was closed.**

**Motion by Commissioner Lugar** to approve the change to Council Policy G-1. Motion fails due to lack of majority.

Ayes: Cole, Lugar, Marston  
Noes: Brown, Garrett, Hamilton

6. **Special Tree Removal.** Director Harmon stated that staff is recommending approval of this Special Tree Removal request by Tom McAllister located adjacent to 1733 Candlestick Lane of a City Eucalyptus tree because of extensive private and public property damage and is diseased with Slime Flux. He noted that a replacement tree will be planted elsewhere in the community because of the location being near a sewer lateral.

Discussion ensued regarding special tree designation and the definition.

**Chair Marston opened the public discussion; hearing none the public discussion was closed.**

**Motion by Commissioner Lugar** to approve the request for Special Tree Removal by Tom McAllister adjacent to 1733 Candlestick Lane. Motion carried by acclamation.

7. **City Street Tree Designation.** Director Harmon stated that staff had received a request to designate the King Palm as the designated tree from the Eucalyptus tree from property manager Bujor Boldea at 1728 Bedford Lane. He reminded the Commission that as time moves on it has become apparent that it is a good idea to have more than one tree designated so that homeowners have more than one choice. This particular tree has outgrown its growth space and is beginning to cause significant damage in the neighborhood. He went on to say that staff is not recommending that the entire street be reforested and that staff is not removing healthy trees and that is not the intent of the action tonight. Director Harmon stated that there is one tree and possibly others that are failing and will need to be replaced and that it would be better to have a different tree.

**Chair Marston opened the public discussion**

Victoria Weston asked what was the plan for the failing trees.

Director Harmon stated that there is at least one tree that is failing and will be removed and replaced with the King Palm; if approved by the Commission tonight. He also noted that there are other trees in the neighborhood and could be replaced as well. He stated again that healthy trees will not be replaced.

**Chair Marston closed the public discussion**

Commissioner Garrett stated that he believes that the King Palm will have the same problems in the future.

**Motion by Commissioner Lugar** to approve the King Palm as the designated tree on Bedford Lane.  
Motion carried by acclamation.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

Parks – Nothing to report

RSS – Nothing to report.

Budget – Nothing to report

Community Service Award – Nothing to report.

Youth Sports – *Nothing to report*

AD- Hoc

– Marina Park – Nothing to report.

– Artificial Turf – Nothing to report.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Pirates Cove Lighting
- Castaways Parks widening of downhill trail – Director Harmon stated that an information report would be presented to the Commission noting that the bike bath had been restriped. He commented that when they were first put down that some of the neighboring residents called to inquire about the work that had been done. But since then no complaints to the Operations Division have been received.

**ADJOURNED @ 7:59pm**

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