

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

Convened 7:01pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Marie Marston, Chair
Phillip Lugar, Vice Chair
Tom Anderson
Tim Brown
Ron Cole (*arrived at 7:06pm*)
Kathy Hamilton

Absent: Bill Garrett

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

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

- Director Detweiler stated that Commissioners should have received the spring *Navigator* and thanked Marketing Specialist Sarah Boulton and Department Assistant Sonia Villalvazo as well as all other staff that worked on the brochure for making it such an excellent document. She also stated that Commissioner's should have received an email from the City Attorney's office regarding Ethics Training requiring those that have not been to the training within the last two years to sign up with the City Attorney's office. She commented that staff had been meeting with the Mayor and some community members regarding a 4th of July Celebration on the Peninsula that would be held around Channel Place Park.
- City Council Actions – Director Detweiler stated that Council determined that *the Reagan* statue would be placed at Castaways Park with exact location to be jointly recommended by the PB&R & Arts Commission Ad Hoc Committee to the City Manager. Also that the City Manager will process an RFP for an artist and with the Arts Commission help to select an artist.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes of the February 1, 2011 regular meeting.

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

2. Parks & Operations Division Activity Report

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

3. Recreation & Senior Services Activity Report.

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4. Bench Donation.

Recommendation: *Approve bench donation of Patricia Kingsley to be located at Galaxy View Park.*

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

NEW BUSINESS

5. **Youth Sports Commission (YSC) Field Allocation Fees.** Superintendent Levin reviewed the changes to the Youth Sports Commission Field Use Policy & Fees noting that the Ad Hoc Youth Sports Liaison – Commissioner Anderson and staff had met with the Youth Sports Commission (YSC) to discuss field maintenance costs and it was agreed that the YSC would increase their allocation to the City to \$10 per player per season.

Discussion ensued regarding field maintenance costs.

Commissioner Brown asked if the fees were received in-kind or in cash.

Superintendent Levin stated that most YSC groups have paid in cash but that there have been times when they have partnered with the City.

Director Harmon stated that his budget has been greatly reduced and that these funds from the YSC Commission help keep the fields maintained.

Commissioner Anderson stated that through the guidance of Superintendent Levin that these groups now feel a sense of pride and feel that they are part of a committee with excellent communication.

Chair Marston opened the public discussion

Lance Bell, Newport Harbor Baseball stated that he opposes the fee increase because it will likely require him to raise his registration fee.

Mark Arblaster, Newport-Mesa Soccer Club stated that the idea of home fields was brilliant and that they are currently providing approximately \$10,000 a year towards field maintenance which is well in excess of what the proposed fees would bring in. He stated that for now these fees are fair.

Chair Marston closed the public discussion

Discussion ensued regarding costs for the fields and the need to look at the fee structure on an annual basis because of economic upturn.

Superintendent Levin stated that the YSC revisits the Procedure each year.

Director Detweiler stated that an annual report regarding field improvements and the funds can be provided to the Youth Sports Commission and if there are issues it can certainly be brought back to the PB&R Commission to revisit the fees.

Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the addition of section XVIII – Fees to the Field Allocation & Use Procedure as recommended. Motion carried by acclamation.

Motion by Commissioner Brown that the Field Allocation & Use Procedure continue to be reviewed on an annual basis and that the financial information be made available to the Youth Sports Commission at that time. If any modification of the fees be necessary that it would be forwarded to the PB&R Commission for their review. Motion carried by acclamation.

6. **Reforestation Request.** Director Harmon stated that staff is recommending consideration for approval of the reforestation request of four City parkway trees for General Manager Bujor Boldea for property owner Steve Olson of Olson Multifamily Communities at 1069 Buckingham Lane, 1601-1701 and 1728 Bedford Lane. Director Harmon also stated that the property owner has agreed to incur the costs of the removal of the four parkway trees and the installation of 12 additional Palm Trees on Bedford Lane. He went on to say that 15 property owners were petitioned in accordance with the City Council G-1 Policy.

Discussion ensued regarding reforestation and the definition.

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

Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the reforestation of four City parkway trees and the replacement of 12 Palm Trees with all costs covered by property owner Steve Olson at 1069 Buckingham Lane, 1601-1701 and 1728 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 – Chair Marston stated that she would be replacing Commission Garrett on this committee and would attend future meetings.
- Artificial Turf – Nothing to report.
- Reagan Statue Placement – Chair Marston appointed herself & Commissioners Lugar and Cole to the committee.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Pirates Cove Lighting
- Update on Sunset Ridge & Marina Park

ADJOURNED @ 7:59pm – next meeting will be April 5 @ 6pm

Submitted by: _____
Teri Craig, Admin Assistant