

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting January 7, 2019 – 6:00 PM

I. CONVENE MEETING OF THE PARKS BEACHES & RECREATION COMMISSION TO ORDER – 6:01 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Present: David Granoff, Chair
Heather Ignatin, Vice Chair
Hassan Archer, Commissioner
Diane Daruty, Commissioner
Laird Hayes, Commissioner
Walt Howald, Commissioner

Excused: Kate Malouf, Commissioner

Staff: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director
Sean Levin, Recreation & Senior Services Deputy Director
Micah Martin, Deputy Public Works Director
Kevin Pekar, Parks and Landscape Superintendent
John Nelson, Arborist
Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist

III. NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR-None.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission Meeting of December 3, 2019.

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

B. MOD Activity Report

Recommendation: Receive/file Activity Report.

C. RSS Activity Report

Recommendation: Receive/file Activity Report of past and upcoming projects and events.

Motion by Commissioner Howald: second by Commissioner Archer, to approve V. CONSENT CALENDAR. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Newport Harbor Baseball Association Request to Install Permanent Shade Structures at Mariners Park Field #1

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission consider the request from Newport Harbor Baseball Association (NHBA) for installation of two (2) permanent shade structures covering the spectator bleachers at Mariners Park Field #1.

Recreation Manager Justin Schmillen and Justin Rich, an NHBA Board Member, gave brief summaries of the activities that NHBA conducts throughout the community. Mr. Rich announced that the shade cover installation cost and maintenance was going to be covered by NHBA.

Chair Granoff opened for public comment.

Jim Mosher believed the structures would add visual blight to the park and would only be used a small amount of times throughout the year. He suggested that the structure be designed in a way that it could easily be removed for the portion of the year that it was not being used.

Dennis Bress, a resident of Balboa Island, supported the project.

Chair Granoff closed the public comment.

Regarding Commissioner Daruty's questions, the shades would be in use for the fall and spring seasons and the association and City staff had not received any complaints regarding existing shade structures that were located at other City parks.

Commissioner Ignatin stated she supported the project.

Commissioner Hayes wanted to see the shade structure be designed to match the shade structure at Sunset Ridge Park. Manager Schmillen explained that the style of the shade structure was proposed by NHBA because it gave more shade coverage.

Motion by Commissioner Hayes, seconded by Chairperson Granoff, to approve the request for Newport Harbor Baseball Association (NHBA) for the installation of two (2) permanent shade structures covering the spectator bleachers at Mariners Park Field #1. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. Marine Avenue Trees Update

Presentation by Micah Martin

Deputy Director Micah Martin gave an overview of the September 3rd, 2019 motion that came from the Commission. Planting had started on October 2nd, 2019 of the vacant wells, the existing tree wells have been expanded in order to accommodate the new trees, structural soil has been added to the tree wells to help control root growth, and watering is happening via a water truck. The four Special Eucalyptus trees and three test trees approved for removal and replacement were removed on October 14 and 15, 2019 and have all been replaced with new Lemon-Scented Gum trees. The next steps include

testing for the remaining six trees with a consulting arborist and work is expected to be completed by early March 2020. The testing results and recommendations are to be brought back to the Commission for approval. Annual inspections were to commence with tree trimming happening every 3-years at a minimum.

Chair Granoff opened for public comment.

Jodi Boyle, a resident of Balboa Island, clarified that tree stability was different than tree health and that stability was the most important thing to test for. She suggested using the SIM Test to test tree stability.

Jim Maloney, a resident of Balboa Island, announced that the new plastic grates around the trees were warping and causing a tripping hazard.

Dennis Bress, a resident of Balboa Island, advocated that tree trimming should happen every 3 to 5-years. There are two tree wells that are potentially vacant and may not be listed on the City's inventory list.

Ed Black, a resident of Balboa Island, quoted Mayor Dixon when she said that testing needed to be done.

Randy Black, a resident of Balboa Island, was happy with the approach that was being taken with the trees.

Chair Granoff closed the public comment.

C. Tree Reforestation Request - Fire Station 7

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission consider the reforestation request of one California Sycamore located at the Fire Station 7 and replaced with a City-approved 48-inch box tree. Additionally, three Brisbane Box trees will be removed as Standard Tree Removals, per Council Policy G-1

City Arborist John Nelson determined that the three trees that were on the southern portion of the property did fall under the scope of the G-1 Policy. Reforestation was suggested for the fourth tree, a California Sycamore, in the patio area.

Chair Granoff opened the public comment; seeing none the public comment was closed.

Motion by Commissioner Hayes, seconded by Commissioner Howald, to approve the reforestation request of one California Sycamore located at the Fire Station 7 and replaced with a City-approved 48-inch box tree. Additionally, three Brisbane Box trees will be removed as Standard Tree Removals, per Council Policy G-1. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

D. Monofilament Recycling

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission approve the installation and ongoing maintenance of five (5) monofilament recycling containers to be located on Balboa Pier.

Deputy Director Micah Martin summarized that the City had granted the request for a recycling program and that the program was to be overseen by the City.

Jessica Rome with Newport Landing summarized the recycling program and why it was important to have such a program on Balboa Pier. If the program was successful the organization was willing to explore expanding to other areas within the City.

Commissioner Archer loved the program and Ms. Rome answered that with proper signage, the hope was that the containers would not be used as regular recycling bin.

The Commissioners voiced their excitement about the project.

Chair Granoff opened the public comment.

Dennis Bress, a resident of Balboa Island, was impressed with the program.

Chair Granoff closed the public comment.

Chair Granoff wanted to see Newport Pier included in the pilot program.

Motion by Chairperson Granoff, seconded by Vice Chair Ignatin, to approve the installation and ongoing maintenance of five (5) monofilament recycling containers to be located on Balboa Pier. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

PB&R Commission / staff announcements/ Ad Hoc Committee updates or matters which Commissioner members would like placed on future agendas for further discussion (this is a non-discussion item).

Director Laura Detweiler shared that the Special Olympics Unity Torch Walk was to be held on Thursday, May 14th, 2020, at the Civic Center at 6:00 pm.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public comments are invited on non-agenda items generally considered to be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the PB&R Commission. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record. The Commission has the discretion to extend or shorten the speakers' time limit on non-agenda items, provided the time limit adjustment is applied equally to all speakers.

Dennis Bress, a resident of Balboa Island, expressed his joy of being a resident of Newport Beach.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 7:05 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist

Approved by: _____
David Granoff, Chair