

MINUTES

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

JUNE 15, 2004

A regular meeting of the Park and Activities Commission of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 7:30 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by CHAIRMAN PEKICH.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Allen, Clewis, Davis, Persichina, Pekich, Pierson

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Pagliano

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, MAY 4, 2004

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER CLEWIS

TO APPROVE THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2004, AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH SO ORDERED.

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, MAY 18, 2004

COMMISSIONER ALLEN moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER DAVIS

TO APPROVE THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2004, AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH SO ORDERED.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

APPEAL OF NOTICE TO REMOVE TREES PLANTED IN CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY

This item will be placed on a future agenda. The applicant was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

PVP LAND CONSERVANCY SERVICES AGREEMENT

The Community Services Director reviewed the memorandum per written agenda material. He recommended the COMMISSION recommend to COUNCIL to enter into the revised Agreement with the PVP Land Conservancy to provide management services for the operation of the George F Canyon Nature Center.

COMMISSIONER PIERSON inquired whether a termination clause was included in this new agreement. The Community Services Director stated a termination clause is included in this agreement.

COMMISSIONER ALLEN inquired as to fundraising efforts and how the fundraising dollars are tracked.

Ms. Barbara Dye, Executive Director of the PVPLC, addressed the COMMISSION. She stated the new agreement sets a performance goal. It is a five-year contract and every year in the spring, the subcommittee will meet (representatives from City and PVPLC) to discuss financial agreements for the next year based on the previous year's numbers. The first year will be maintained at the current level of funding. The PVPLC is hoping to 1) "freshened up" the gift shop with new souvenirs; 2) revitalize the

Docent Program; and 3) enlarge the birthday party program.

COMMISSIONER ALLEN suggested having various sports stores donate items to be sold in the gift shop.

In answer to an inquiry, Ms. Dye stated that all Pepper Tree Foundation donations would stay in the City. She added that with a combination of increasing the revenues from the gift shop, increasing the volunteers, and increasing the revenue from birthday parties, together with a small fundraising event, the Nature Center could become economically feasible.

The Community Services Director stated that the City Manager suggested any recommendation from the COMMISSION should start off with the wording "in consideration of the budget adoption process..."

COMMISSIONER ALLEN stated he had a concern that the COUNCIL may kick back anything that has been a deficit and ask the COMMISSION to come back with a solution to the deficit, as it has with the tennis operation.

There being no further discussion, COMMISSIONER CLEWIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PIERSON

THAT IN CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET ADOPTION PROCESS, THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION RECOMMENDS TO CITY COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO THE REVISED AGREEMENT WITH THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GEORGE F CANYON NATURE CENTER.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH SO ORDERED.

TENNIS CLUB FEES UPDATE

The Community Services Director reviewed the memorandum per written agenda material. He recommended the COMMISSION receive and file the memorandum.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA inquired as to what the COMMISSION originally proposed to COUNCIL. The Community Services Director stated that the COMMISSION originally proposed a \$5 membership increase. The COUNCIL felt the increase was not enough of an increase to sustain the Tennis Club. The COMMISSION then proposed a \$10 increase. He stated the CITY COUNCIL decided to double the membership fees.

COMMISSIONER PIERSON explained that the Tennis Club was an enterprise fund, and thus must either break even or make a profit.

Ms. Dorothy Laird stated she has coordinated the Marine League, which consists of seven teams, with 12 women on each team. She stated the League can handle doubling the membership fee; however, she felt the per person fee increases were not fair. She stated that some members of the League will not be renewing their membership if the per person hourly fee increases were not reduced for their League. It was stated that all other groups have discounts except the Marine League. The Marine League utilizes the courts every week, and some members take lessons from the resident pro.

COMMISSIONER PIERSON suggested the group address the CITY COUNCIL rather than the COMMISSION. Ms. Laird stated she was under the impression that she was addressing the COUNCIL.

The Community Services Director stated the COMMISSION could make a suggestion to the COUNCIL to have a group rate for the Marine League.

The Community Services Director noted the petitions received from members of the Tennis Club regarding the fee structure.

COMMISSIONER PIERSON inquired whether the Marine League would consider running the Tennis Club. Ms. Laird stated the Marine League would not consider running a Tennis Club, but again felt that all

other groups were given a reduced rate.

Judy Bayer, Tennis Club Member and Planning Commissioner, addressed the COMMISSION. She stated many memberships would not be renewed this year due to the unfair fees imposed. She stated that all the children playing soccer/baseball are not from Rolling Hills Estates, yet are charged one fee for the use of the fields. The Men's Doubles play in the morning at a reduced rate, yet the women play in the afternoon (the hottest time of the day) and do not receive a reduced rate. She added that there is a break down for seniors, a break down for members, a break down for non-resident members and resident members. Who can keep track of the charges? There was a consensus that the Tennis Starters are not paying attention, and sometimes are not even present to collect the monies.

After some discussion, it was suggested that the Marine League group address the COUNCIL at the next meeting regarding a reduced hourly rate.

COMMISSIONER ALLEN moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MEMORANDUM.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH SO ORDERED.

STREET ENTRYWAY BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE

The Community Services Director stated the COUNCIL will consider giving the Entryway Beautification Program \$5,000. He asked the COMMISSION to decide on a deadline date for Entryway Beautification applications. After some discussion, the COMMISSION decided that all HOA Entryway Beautification Program applications must be submitted by September 1 of each year.

SPORTS FIELD PERMIT APPLICATION

The Community Services Director reviewed the memorandum per written agenda material. He stated that this application conflicts with another camp and recommended the COMMISSION deny the application received for a Soccer Camp from July 19-23, 2004.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA asked why the COMMISSION is considering this item since the Community Services Director already informed the applicant that the camp cannot be held due to a conflict with an already approved LaCrosse Camp. The Community Services Director stated he already informed the applicant that he could not recommend approval, but that the applicant wanted this item to go before the COMMISSION.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER CLEWIS

TO DENY THE SPORTS FIELD RENTAL APPLICATION REQUEST FROM JOE FLANAGAN, CAL STATE UNIVERSITY DOMINGUEZ HILLS SOCCER CAMPS.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH SO ORDERED.

ADJOURN TO PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER ALLEN

TO ADJOURN THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING TO THE PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, THE TIME BEING 8:30 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH SO ORDERED.

GOLF TOURNAMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 23, 2004

The Community Services Director stated the Golf Tournament Subcommittee meeting has been tentatively set for June 23, 2004. ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS ALLEN and PERSICHINA informed

the Community Services Director that they could not attend on that date.

This meeting will be rescheduled for July 7, 2004.

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE RACE UPDATE

The Community Services Director stated this event was publicized at last week's Street Fair and that banners will be going up in two weeks. He stated that this year's race would start at 8:30 a.m.

TRACY AUSTIN TENNIS TOURNAMENT UPDATE

The Community Services Director stated the registration forms have been coming in and that a Kitchen Sign Up Sheet will be available at the next meeting.

RECONVENE TO THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH ORDERED

THAT THE PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING BE ADJOURNED TO THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING, THE TIME BEING 8:46 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, MAY 24, 2004

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH ORDERED

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS OF MAY 24, 2004, BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS (VERBAL REPORTS)

Howlett Park Tour – July 6, 2004 – The Community Services Director stated the park visitation meeting at Ernie Howlett would be held July 6, 2004.

City Property Reuse Subcommittee Update – The Community Services Director stated a study is underway to determine the number of people the building could hold for any given meeting. He added that COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN has commitments from HOA groups, sports groups, etc. who would pay to hold their meetings in the building.

COMMISSION ITEMS (VERBAL REPORTS)

City Celebration Subcommittee – The Community Services Director noted the next meeting for this subcommittee would be held on July 14, 2004 (Allen, Davis and Persichina).

Adopt-A-Park Reports – CHAIRMAN PEKICH reiterated his concern regarding a truck parked at the Nature Center with someone standing outside looking at maps. He stated this person is there almost every day at approximately 6:45 a.m. The Community Services Director stated he would investigate this.

CHAIRMAN PEKICH stated two cars were broken into (during daylight hours) at the Nature Center. The Community Services Director stated the Sheriff's Department has stated their posse will patrol the trail.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS stated crushed asphalt should be placed on the trail between the homes and the park. She added that she still needs to be given the key and to be trained by Linda Fitton to turn on the water at Chandler Park when needed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Appeal of Notice to Remove Trees at 4609 PVDN

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH ORDERED

THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING ADJOURNED, THE TIME BEING 8:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Approved,

Ellen Shinkai Douglas R. Prichard

Minutes Secretary City Clerk