

MINUTES

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

MARCH 2, 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, Pekich, Pagliano, Persichina, Pierson

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Clewis

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, FEBRUARY 17, 2004

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER ALLEN

TO APPROVE THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2004, AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH SO ORDERED.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

******THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER******

PVP GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE REQUEST FOR NEW STORAGE UNIT

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff memorandum per written agenda material. He noted that the PVPGSL is requesting a marine container that is 8'x8'x5' be approved. The current container measures 4'x4'x5'. He requested the COMMISSION determine whether to approve the PVPGSL's request to replace their current storage container with a marine storage container.

Mr. Mike Tom, PVPGSL representative, addressed the COMMISSION. He stated the original intention was to purchase a similar size container for storage at Highridge Park; however, after searching, they would like to ask the COMMISSION to approve a container 8'x8'x10' and to widen the cement pad to 8' x 10' in order to accommodate an ATV vehicle.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA stated he is concerned that the container is too large, and the fact that the residents have already complained about having to look at goals chained up to the fence, that a large container would be an aesthetic eyesore for those same residents. COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA noted that parents of the children playing in the leagues have always been required to help out, and all the fields (even larger ones) have always been dragged by hand. Mr. Tom stated that today's generation of parents will not drag the field unless an ATV vehicle is used.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA questioned whether in the future the COMMISSION, as a whole, would be willing to accept three more large storage units and three more ATVs at other

parks if this one is approved. He added that setting a precedence and allowing one league to ride a motorized ATV to drag the field is not in the City's best interest.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA asked Mr. Tom if the current container size was adequate to house all the required equipment; i.e., rakes, chalk, shovel, drags, etc. Mr. Tom said the current container size is adequate.

After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the COMMISSION that the size of the requested container was a major concern. COMMISSIONER ALLEN stated there are many containers that are aesthetically pleasing (i.e., wood fabricated), within the size range that would fit on the cement pad, and that there were also many security options for locking such a container.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER ALLEN

TO APPROVE THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE'S REQUEST TO REPLACE THE STORAGE CONTAINER AT HIGHRIDGE PARK, NOT TO EXCEED 6' X6' X5' WITH NO CENTER POST; AND THAT IT BE PAINTED AN "EARTH" COLOR.

AYES: Allen, Pagliano, Pekich, Persichina, Pierson

ABSENT: Clewis

PVP GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE REQUEST FOR HIGHRIDGE PARK BANNER

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff memorandum per written agenda material. He recommended approval to install a banner 3'10" x 3'10" during the League's season on the Highridge Park softball field backstop.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA inquired into the sign guidelines the COMMISSION had previously set up for the Little League banner at Ernie Howlett Park. He reiterated his request from the previous meeting that the PVPGSL banner should be the same size, not different, from the banner for Little League. He added that the COMMISSION spent a lot of time coming up with guidelines, and that all the guidelines should be adhered to.

The Community Services Director stated that the banner would be approximately the same size in square feet, but it would not be the same shape. COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA inquired whether banners were now considered on a square footage basis rather than or by size/shape (rectangle 3' x 5')? The Community Services Director stated the PVPGSL would be using the banner to deflect balls that would hit the backstop, and therefore, was requesting a square banner.

Mr. Tom, representing the PVPGSL, stated it would not be a good idea to locate the sign on the backstop as was done previously, as this hastened its deterioration. Instead, Mr. Tom suggested locating the sign on either the first base side or third base side of the chain link fence.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the COMMISSION that this and any future banner requests meet all the guidelines already in place for the Silver Spur Little League (size, shape, material, time limits, etc.)

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PIERSON

TO APPROVE THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE'S REQUEST TO INSTALL A 3' X 5' RECTANGLE BANNER, AGAINST THE CHAIN LINK FENCING (EITHER 1ST OR 3RD BASE SIDE), AT THE HIGHRIDGE PARK SOFTBALL FIELD, ONLY DURING THE PVPGSL REGULAR SOFTBALL SEASON.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH SO ORDERED.

Mr. Tom stated the PVPGSL would adhere to all the banner guidelines.

SPORTSFIELDS USAGE FEE REVISIONS

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff memorandum per written agenda material. It was noted that the last fee increase was in 1993. After some discussion, COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA noted that all the leagues using the City's sportsfields have agreed to the fee revisions. The COMMISSIONERS were in agreement that, for the purposes of fee calculations, Ernie Howlett Park Soccer Fields shall be considered as one field.

There being no further discussion, COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER ALLEN

TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED SPORTSFIELDS USE FEE REVISIONS FOR FY 2004-05 AS NOTED IN THE STAFF REPORT DATED MARCH 2, 2004.

AYES: Allen, Pagliano, Pekich, Persichina, Pierson

ABSENT: Clewis

PROPOSED STREET ENTRYWAY BEAUTIFICATION

PROGRAM GUIDELINE REVISIONS

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff memorandum per written agenda material. In answer to an inquiry, The Community Services Director stated that the term "bonafide Homeowners' Association" would describe those HOAs that are listed with at the RHE City Hall.

There being no further discussion, COMMISSIONER ALLEN moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA

TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE STREET ENTRYWAY BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH SO ORDERED.

ADJOURN TO THE PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

COMMISSIONER PIERSON moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA

TO ADJOURN TO THE PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, THE TIME BEING 8:19 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH SO ORDERED.

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE RACE – NEW SPONSOR: JAGUAR

The Community Services Director stated the new presenting sponsor for The Hills Are Alive Race will be Jaguar, who will donate \$5,500 to this event this year. The race will be held on July 31, 2004.

NEW GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISING EVENT PROPOSAL

The Community Services Director stated that it was the MAYOR and City Manager’s opinion to leave the decision up to the PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD, as to whether or not for the City to hold a golf tournament benefiting the Pepper Tree Foundation.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PIERSON inquired whether the City could hire a professional to organize this tournament, similar to The Hills Are Alive Race and the Tracy Austin Tennis Tournament.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ALLEN stated perhaps the subcommittee that was appointed at the last meeting should meet with Mr. Chartrand to discuss possibilities and answer questions the subcommittee has before making a decision on whether to hold this type of fundraiser.

RECONVENE TO THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PIERSON moved, seconded by ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ALLEN

TO RECONVENE TO THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING, THE TIME BEING 8:25 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH SO ORDERED.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, FEBRUARY 24, 2004

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH ORDERED

THE CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS OF FEBRUARY 24, 2004 RECEIVED AND FILED.

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, FEBRUARY 17, 2004

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH ORDERED

THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2004 RECEIVED AND FILED.

DIRECTOR’S ITEMS (VERBAL REPORTS)

No Meeting March 16, 2004 - The Community Services Director stated the next meeting is cancelled. He added there are no pressing issues for the COMMISSION to consider at this time.

Policy Development Session Update - The Community Services Director noted that any recommended changes in the budget should be forwarded to him.

California Park & Recreation Society Conference (Anaheim – March 12-13) – The Community Services Director stated that due to budget concerns, he will not be attending this year’s

conference, however, he did have passes to the Trade Show Exhibition only (not the conference) if any of the COMMISSION wanted to attend.

Traffic and Safety Committee Representative – The Community Services Director asked for a volunteer to serve on the Traffic and Safety Committee to replace former COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS who was appointed to the Planning Commission. COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA volunteered to share the duties with COMMISSIONER ALLEN volunteering to be appointed Alternate Representative to the Traffic and Safety Committee.

COMMISSION ITEMS (VERBAL REPORTS)

The Community Services Director stated that at least two PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION applications have been received.

COMMISSIONER ALLEN inquired whether the gate at Dapplegray was complete. The Community Services Director stated the project is almost complete.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER ALLEN

TO ADJOURN THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING, THE TIME BEING 8:35 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH SO ORDERED.

Respectfully submitted, Approved,

Ellen Shinkai; Douglas R. Prichard

Minutes Secretary; City Clerk