

MINUTES
PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION
APRIL 17, 2007

A regular meeting of the Park and Activities Commission of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 7:32 p.m., at the Rolling Hills Estates City Council Chambers, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by CHAIRMAN PAGLIANO.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Allen, Clewis, Pagliano, Pekich, Persichina*, Pierson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Davis

STAFF PRESENT: Andy Clark, Community Services Director

*COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA arrived at 7:35 p.m.

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, MARCH 20, 2007

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PAGLIANO ORDERED

THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2007,
APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

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

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

STREET TREE REMOVAL APPEAL

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff report per written agenda material. He recommended that the COMMISSION deny the appeal from the property owner at 22 Encanto Drive and require the removal of the two (2) palm trees from the City's planting easement at the cost of the property owner.

Mr. Marty Mink, property owner at 22 Encanto, addressed the COMMISSION. He reviewed the letter he sent to the Community Services Director dated February 9, 2007.

COMMISSIONER PIERSON was against removing healthy Palm trees and replacing them with Ash trees. He added that he noticed there was a Dwarf Palm that the property owner should remove.

CHAIRMAN PAGLIANO reiterated the fact that Mr. Mink bought the property after the previous owner constructed a retaining wall and planted the Palm trees without permits or permission and now Mr. Mink is stuck with removing them.

COMMISSIONER ALLEN stated the areas ambiance is that of shade trees and overgrown vegetation similar to the eastern part of the United States. He added that the Palm trees do not fit with the overall feel of the neighborhood.

In answer to an inquiry, the Community Services Director stated if the Palms were removed, they would be replaced with 15 gallon Ash trees, approximately 6 feet tall.

COMMISSIONER PEKICH stated the Palms are in high demand and perhaps the property owner could sell them. He added that the City would pay for two decent sized Ash trees if the owner removed the Palms.

Discussion ensued regarding adding two Ash trees along the easement, and that the recommendation include that in the future, if and when the two Palm trees are destroyed, die or are removed, that the replacement (if any) be a City-approved species, not Palms.

COMMISSIONER PIERSON moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER CLEWIS

TO RECOMMEND THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPEAL TO KEEP THE TWO (2) PALM TREES AT 22 ENCANTO DRIVE; THAT TWO, 15-GALLON ASH TREES BE PLANTED, AT CITY COST, TO THE SAME AREA IN THE EASEMENT; AND IF, IN THE FUTURE, THE TWO (2) PALM TREES ARE DESTROYED, DIE OR ARE REMOVED, THAT THE REPLACEMENT (IF ANY) BE A CITY-APPROVED SPECIES, NOT PALM TREES.

AYES: Allen, Clewis, Pagliano, Pekich, Persichina, Pierson
ABSENT: Davis

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO OUTGOING CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA

CHAIRMAN PAGLIANO presented COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA with a plaque and thanked him for his service to the City (COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA was out of town when the COMMISSION reorganized). COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA stated he enjoyed his year as chairman and congratulated CHAIRMAN PAGLIANO and VICE CHAIRMAN ALLEN on their appointment.

HOWLETT PARK SPORTS FIELD RENTAL PERMIT APPLICATION

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff report per written agenda material. He recommended the COMMISSION approve the Palos Verdes Peninsula Association of Realtors' sports field permit application to raise funds for Palos Verdes Peninsula college-bound students on Thursday, June 28, 2007. He added the Silver Spur Little League and Peninsula Pony-Colt Baseball League have agreed not to hold games or practices on June 28, to allow the fundraising group's use of the fields.

In answer to an inquiry, the Community Services Director stated he will find out who was awarded last year's scholarship from this event.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PIERSON

TO APPROVE THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS' SPORTS FIELD PERMIT APPLICATION TO RAISE FUNDS FOR PALOS VERDES PENINSULA COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS ON THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2007.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PAGLIANO SO ORDERED.

L.A. COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM

The Community Services Director reviewed the letter from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District. He added that there is a maximum \$100,000 for any one category and that the applications are due by June 15. The COMMISSION gave the following suggestions:

- Playground Equipment for Highridge Park (to make ADA compliant)
- Joint Application with PVPLC for natural lands restoration
- Peter Weber Stable Improvements
- Trail Improvements

TENNIS CLUB BUDGET AND FEES

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff report per written agenda material. He added that the Marine League would like the COMMISSION to review reducing the membership fees for tennis players purchasing a partial membership year at the Tennis Club (play from February through June or from September through December only). The Community Services Director recommended the same fees for the Rolling Hills Estates Tennis Club's FY2007-08 operation remain the same as last year's fees.

Ms. Dorothy Laird stated the Marine League has two terms; February through June (spring) and September through December (fall). She stated that new teams may only play one term and that teams are reluctant to play at Ernie Howlett Park due to the high cost of membership for the one term. She stated many of the players are non-residents. She suggested that the Commission consider charging one-half the cost of the membership fee for the spring term and if the team is considering playing through the summer, that they be required to buy a membership effective July 1 (\$80 resident, \$90 non-resident). If the team starts play in the fall term (September through December) they will be charged one-half the cost of the membership fee, and if the team then decides to play the next spring term (February through June), they will again be charged one-half of the membership fee, which would be equivalent to a year's membership. If the team players return the following year, they will be required to buy a full membership (July through June).

The COMMISSION felt confident that Mrs. Laird will follow through with the suggestions made. COMMISSIONER ALLEN moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PEKICH

TO RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING: 1) THAT MEMBERSHIP FEES AND CHARGES FOR TENNIS CLUB OPERATION REMAIN THE SAME FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08; AND 2) THAT MARINE LEAGUE TRANSIENT TEAM PLAYERS BE ALLOWED TO PAY \$40 (RESIDENT) OR \$45 (NON-RESIDENT) FOR SPRING TERM PLAY (FEBRUARY THROUGH JUNE) AND \$40 (RESIDENT) OR \$45 (NON-RESIDENT) FOR FALL TERM PLAY (SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER), WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IF THE TEAM PLAYER(S) PLAY BOTH SPRING AND FALL, THAT THEY BE REQUIRED TO BUY THE REGULAR MEMBERSHIP AT THE SAME RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT RATE CHARGED TO ALL TENNIS CLUB MEMBERS THEREAFTER.

AYES: Allen, Clewis, Pagliano, Pekich, Persichina, Pierson
ABSENT: Davis

QUARTERLY CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PAGLIANO ORDERED

THE QUARTERLY CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT RECEIVED AND FILED.

HOWLETT PARK QUARTERLY CALENDAR

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PAGLIANO ORDERED

THE HOWLETT PARK QUARTERLY CALENDAR RECEIVED AND FILED.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

1. Spring Baseball Camp Update – The Community Services Director stated Joe Magno's "Mr. Baseball" camp had only two participants sign up and therefore was cancelled.

2. Contract Cities Conference – The Community Services Director stated the conference will be held May 17-20, 2007, and that if they did not send in their registration, to do so immediately. COMMISSIONERS CLEWIS and ALLEN stated they will observe the children’s activities with the Community Services Director in anticipation of next year’s conference.

3. PV Chamber of Commerce Street Fair, June 2-3, 2007 – The COMMISSION was asked to sign up to work in the Pepper Tree Booth.

COMMISSION ITEMS

Taste of RHE Event Review – The only complaint the COMMISSION had was that Mr. Espresso charged for the coffee.

Peninsula Holiday Parade Debriefing Update – The parade planning is going well.

Mayor’s Breakfast Ride and Park Concert – May 5, 2007 – COMMISSIONER ALLEN will lead this year’s trail ride.

Tracy Austin Doubles Tennis Tournament – July 13-15, 2007 – The subcommittee will choose a design for this year’s t-shirt.

Adopt-A-Park – No Reports

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ad-Hoc Peninsula Village Streetscape Committee Representative

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER PIERSON moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA

THAT THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING ADJOURNED, THE TIME BEING 8:45 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PAGLIANO SO ORDERED.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Ellen Shinkai
Human Resources Analyst

Douglas R. Prichard
City Clerk