

MINUTES
PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

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 Rolling Hills Estates City Hall Conference Room, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA.

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

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Pagliano, Pierson

STAFF PRESENT: Andy Clark, Community Services Director

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, AUGUST 15, 2006

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA ORDERED

THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2006,
APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

AYSO STORAGE BIN REQUEST AT HOWLETT PARK

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff report per written agenda material dated September 5, 2006. He added that the proposed location is adjacent to the end of the batting cages. AYSO has been sharing a Silver Spur Little League storage unit and also has the option of storing their equipment in the secured batting cages. The Community Services Director stated AYSO informed him that sharing the storage unit at Howlett Park with the Silver Spur Little League was not adequate for their needs.

COMMISSIONER CLEWIS asked for an explanation of why sharing the storage unit at Howlett Park was not adequate.

The Community Services Director stated an AYSO representative was scheduled to attend tonight's meeting. The COMMISSION continued discussing past approvals for containers.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS was not in favor of approving any more containers at the parks.

COMMISSIONER ALLEN stated it was his understanding that after the COMMISSION had approved the last container request, that there would be no more requests for installing containers at the City's parks.

CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA agreed with COMMISSIONER ALLEN'S understanding.

An AYSO representative did not show up for the meeting.

COMMISSIONER ALLEN moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PEKICH

THAT THE REQUEST BY AYSO TO INSTALL A PERMANENT STORAGE CONTAINER AT ERNIE HOWLETT PARK BE DENIED; AND THAT THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR NOT ACCEPT ANY FUTURE REQUESTS FOR CONTAINERS AT CITY PARKS.

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

PROPOSED CITY HALL LANDSCAPING PLAN

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff report dated September 5, 2006, per written agenda material.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS stated her favorite plant list was that listed on the East City Council Garden. Ms. Julie Heinsheimer (Blue Door Gardens) stated this was a “shade” garden area, and thus the same plantings could not be used in the “sun” areas.

In answer to an inquiry, Ms. Heinsheimer stated the five areas proposed have various seasonal flowers. Some areas will need replacing every six to eight weeks and some areas will have flowers that re-bloom. She added that at certain times of the year, there may be some areas that have no blooming flowers. The landscaping incorporates winter and summer plantings. Also attending the meeting were Petra Baldovino and Jeff Feldman from Blue Door Gardens.

COMMISSIONER PEKICH inquired if drought-tolerant plants were utilized. Ms. Heinsheimer stated all planting materials will take average watering per week, but no more watering than what is currently utilized. She added that after the soil is prepped and the irrigation is complete, it should only take two days to install the planting materials.

The COMMISSION was pleased with the proposal. COMMISSIONER DAVIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER ALLEN

TO APPROVE THE LANDSCAPING PLAN AND PLANT PALETTE PROPOSED BY BLUE DOOR GARDENS FOR RELANDSCAPING THE CITY HALL SITE.

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

STREET ENTRYWAY BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM FUNDING REQUESTS

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff report per written agenda material. Academy Hill Homeowners Association (AHHOA) is proposing two separate signs for approval and funding as follows:

ACADEMY HILL HOA

Sign No. 1. Academy Hill/Chadwick School Sign – This sign is proposed at 36” x 72” with 5-inch lettering. This sign is proposed to be located on Palos Verdes Drive North, west of the intersection, just past the horse trail, to inform motorists of Academy Hill and Chadwick School.

This sign, as proposed, is similar to the signs along PVDN. However, the sign is not proposed to be located in the triangle at the intersection. It is proposed to be located in an area that currently has no sign, near the vicinity of the horse trail on PVDN. The COMMISSION was not in favor of the location as proposed. The COMMISSION suggested this sign be located in the triangle to inform motorists that the right turn for Academy Hill and Chadwick School is approaching.

Sign No. 2. Academy Hill Street Name Sign – This sign's dimensions are 48" x 72" and proposed to be located in the triangle area where the Chadwick School sign is currently located. Marilyn Coates, Academy Hill Representative, stated this sign is the same size as the existing sign in the median.

This sign, as proposed, was not viewed appropriate in size and information content by the COMMISSION. It was the consensus of the COMMISSION that the proposed sign is too large, and that adding street names in that location, is overkill information. The COMMISSION suggested this type of sign be located after the intersection turn rather than in the triangle area.

The COMMISSION reiterated that Sign No. 1 should be located in this area. COMMISSIONER ALLEN disagreed with Ms. Coates' statement that the sign is the same size as the existing sign. COMMISSIONER ALLEN stated the current sign itself is smaller, is not obtrusive, and has open space below. A suggestion was made to look into whether Sign No. 2 could be located somewhere on the fence rather than in the public right-of-way area proposed. Ms. Coates stated the sign contractor did not feel locating the street sign on the fence would protrude out enough if installed on the fence. She stated that people want to know the names of the streets located within Academy Hill.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS and COMMISSIONER ALLEN were opposed to any sign being located near the horse trail as proposed. The COMMISSION questioned the need for a sign listing Academy Hill again and the street names within Academy Hill when there is already a sign proposed with "Academy Hill / Chadwick School" (Sign No. 1) in the public right-of-way to inform motorists of the approaching turn into that area.

After a lengthy discussion of both proposed signs, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA proposed meeting on site at the next meeting with the representatives of Academy Hill HOA to come to a decision on whether to allow both signs and their location in the public right-of-way. The Academy Hill HOA representatives stated they would not be available at the next meeting. The COMMISSION agreed that this item will be considered at the October 3rd meeting in order to accommodate the Academy Hill HOA representatives' schedule.

The Community Services Director volunteered to stake the proposed locations with exact dimensions of wood or cardboard.

Mesa Palos Verdes Homeowners Association (MPVHOA)

The Community Services Director noted that this area is partially within the City of Rolling Hills Estates and also the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. He added that 8% of the homes are RHE and 92% are RPV. The entryway median located at Highridge Road and Whitley Collins Drive is located within Rolling Hills Estates.

MPVHOA is requesting funding for refurbishing the existing lettering on the entryway sign. The MPVHOA previously received funding for their signage and entryway in 2000.

The proposed sign will be off white background with bronze script lettering with a cement white color border as shown in the attachment to the staff report.

COMMISSIONER ALLEN moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER DAVIS

TO APPROVE UP TO \$1,400 FROM THE STREET ENTRYWAY BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT FUND TO THE MESA PALOS VERDES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TO REFURBISH THE EXISTING SIGN AT WHITLEY COLLINS DRIVE AND HIGHRIDGE ROAD, PENDING APPROPRIATE RECEIPTS.

AYES: Allen, Clewis, Davis, Pekich, Persichina

ABSENT: Pagliano, Pierson

HOWLETT PARK QUARTERLY CALENDAR

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA ORDERED

THE HOWLETT PARK QUARTERLY CALENDAR RECEIVED AND FILED.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

September 19, 2006 Commission Meeting at Community Center – 6:00 P.M. – The Community Services Director stated the next meeting will take place at the Community Center, and that the meeting would start at 6:00 p.m.

Pepper Tree Foundation Booth Sign-Up Sheet – The Community Services Director asked the COMMISSION members to sign up to work in the Pepper Tree Foundation booth. It was noted that CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA and his wife, Ilse, will be in charge of the kitchen at the City Celebration.

Peninsula Holiday Parade Subcommittee Meeting, September 27, 2006 – 6:00 P.M. – It was noted that the members of this Subcommittee were CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA and COMMISSIONER PEKICH.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA ORDERED

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Shinkai
Human Resources Analyst

Approved,

Douglas R. Prichard
City Clerk