

MINUTES
PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION
AUGUST 16, 2005

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., at the Rolling Hills Estates Council Chambers, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by CHAIRMAN PIERSON.

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

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Clewis

STAFF PRESENT: Andy Clark, Community Services Director

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, AUGUST 2, 2005

CHAIRMAN PIERSON corrected the minutes, Page 4, under Director's Items, second paragraph, to read: "CHAIRMAN PIERSON stated *that if* the barn is solid, and ~~that~~ the materials are not deteriorating or rusting, etc., ~~and at this time,~~ he would not concur..."

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON ORDERED

THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2005,
APPROVED AS CORRECTED.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

NONE

**PUBLIC HEARING - CEQA INITIAL STUDY FOR GEORGE F CANYON
NATURE PRESERVE HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT**

COMMISSIONER ALLEN moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA

TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING, THE TIME BEING 7:32 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON SO ORDERED.

There being no public comment or discussion, COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER ALLEN

TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, THE TIME BEING 7:32 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON SO ORDERED.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER ALLEN

TO RECOMMEND THAT CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE FINDING OF A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED GEORGE F
CANYON HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT; AND TO RECOMMEND THAT
CITY COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2080 APPROVING A MITIGATED
NEGATIVE DECLARATION SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS AND
MITIGATION MEASURES SET FORTH FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT.

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

ABSENT: Clewis

SILVER SPUR LITTLE LEAGUE AGREEMENT

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff report per written agenda material. COMMISSIONER ALLEN moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER DAVIS

TO RECOMMEND THAT CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SILVER SPUR LITTLE LEAGUE USE OF ERNIE HOWLETT PARK'S SPORTSFIELDS.

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

ADJOURN TO PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

COMMISSIONER ALLEN moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA

THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING BE ADJOURNED TO THE PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, THE TIME BEING 7:39 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON SO ORDERED.

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE RACE UPDATE (VERBAL REPORT)

The Community Services Director stated the race was very successful, with 600+ runners participating. He requested the ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS either write down their comments or call him so they can be included in the debriefing of the race at the next meeting. A financial accounting of the race will be available for review by the ADVISORY BOARD in the near future.

GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE (VERBAL REPORT)

The Golf Tournament planning is proceeding well. ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER DAVIS stated payments for golfers should be collected soon and that more auction baskets and items for individual golfer goodie bags (144 of each item) are needed. The Community Services Director stated he would contact representatives of the sports leagues participating to confirm the number of foursomes and collect the fees from the participating groups this week.

TRACY AUSTIN TENNIS TOURNAMENT UPDATE (VERBAL REPORT)

The Community Services Director stated a preliminary account of the net revenue from this event is approximately \$7,000. A financial accounting of this tournament will be available for review by the ADVISORY BOARD in the near future.

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM REPLACEMENT UPDATE (VERBAL REPORT)

The Community Services Director stated he ordered and paid for both the Fender Passport 150 Portable PA System and the Fender Passport 250 Portable PA System, however, only the Fender Passport 250 was available. The ADVISORY BOARD inquired whether the wireless microphones were available to assess that feature. The Community Services Director stated he ordered the wireless microphones, however, they were not in stock.

After some discussion, the Community Services Director suggested the ADVISORY BOARD wait until the Fender Passport 150 was available and he would set up both systems outside to test their respective features.

The ADVISORY BOARD discussed the merits of the Fender Passport 250.

After some discussion regarding the various packages (including wireless microphone and rechargeable batteries), the Community Services Director stated he will pick up the Fender Passport 150 Portable PA System, and the wireless microphones, to the next meeting, and the ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS can make a decision as to whether the Fender Passport 150 or 250 system was the better buy.

RECONVENE TO THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER DAVIS moved, seconded by ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PERSICHINA

TO ADJOURN THE PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, AND TO RECONVENE TO THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING, THE TIME BEING 7:53 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON SO ORDERED.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2005

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON ORDERED

THE CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2005, RECEIVED AND FILED.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

Community Center Landscaping Project - The Community Services Director stated he received an unofficial report that the grant to the City from MWD to be used toward the Community Center Landscaping Project was not funded. He added that Pepper Tree Foundation monies (\$7,000) specifically donated for this use by the Horsemen's Association, Silver Spur Little League, Girls Softball League, and AYSO, would cover the landscaping project costs. In answer to an inquiry, the Community Services Director stated the building at that site would be demolished by City crews.

Chandler Park Design Update - The Community Services Director stated a first draft concept design which will include placement of picnic tables, a portable restroom and drinking fountain will be forthcoming, and that at this time, it is proposed that the Maintenance staff will try to complete this project "in-house".

COMMISSION ITEMS

COMMISSIONER DAVIS stated the City Celebration plans are running smoothly, and the equestrian events are in place to be held after Gymkhana events.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS stated that at the present time everything looks good at Chandler, and is looking forward to the future suggested upgrades.

COMMISSIONER PEKICH suggested crushed asphalt or another material that does not wash away easily should be added from the trail head parking lot at George F Canyon to the Nature Center.

CHAIRMAN PIERSON asked for an update on the stable walk-through held on August 8. COMMISSIONER ALLEN stated the Community Services Director was requested to get quotes on either repairing the roofs to the barns or a quote on a freestanding roof to be located over the barns. He added that it did not seem that the vertical sides of the barns were deteriorated. COMMISSIONERS DAVIS and ALLEN discussed the need to direct water away from the lower barns by creating a swale or installing gutters. The Community Services Director will contact Purkiss-Rose RSI to determine the feasibility of several alternatives.

The Community Services Director was asked to again explore the possibility of getting the County to allow the barns to be relocated to the land where native soil is (presently occupied by County maintenance). The Community Services Director stated the City Manager previously wrote to Supervisor Knabe asking that this portion of the land be reserved for stable barns relocation rather than the suggested parking lot. It was noted that Purkiss-Rose had drawings of this suggestion.

COMMISSIONER PEKICH stated he collected \$650 for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life Event, and was present for the lighting of the lanterns along the relay route. He thanked everyone for their donations.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Academy Hill Property Owners Association Sign Request
Public Address System Purchase
PV Football/Cheer Organization Request to Use Rockbluff Park for Practices
Request for Memorial Tree Planting (Matthew James Hawley)

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO

TO ADJOURN THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING, THE
TIME BEING 8:17 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON SO ORDERED.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Ellen Shinkai
Human Resources Analyst

Douglas R. Prichard
City Clerk