

MINUTES**PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION****JULY 19, 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 VICE-CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA.

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

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Pierson

STAFF PRESENT: Andy Clark, Community Services Director

Niki Cutler, Senior Planner

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, JUNE 21, 2005

COMMISSIONER DAVIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO

TO APPROVE THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2005, AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA SO ORDERED.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

NONE

5883 CREST ROAD LANDSCAPE PLAN

The Senior Planner reviewed the staff report per written agenda material. COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO inquired whether all the irrigation proposed was "drip" irrigation. COMMISSIONER DAVIS inquired as to whether the lighting impacted the surrounding area, or whether the lighting was positioned downward and not radiate outward.

Landscape Architect Alan McGregor addressed the COMMISSION. With regard to COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO's inquiry, Mr. McGregor stated the irrigation varies from drip to high water usage, depending on the location. In the raised planters where there is no foot traffic, the drip-type of irrigation is being proposed; however, along Crest Road where creeping red fescue is being planted, a high water irrigation system will be installed. The project proposed uses a mix of low and moderate water using plant materials, except for the high water using plants designated in appropriate shade and high impact locations.

Mr. McGregor addressed COMMISSIONER DAVIS' inquiry regarding lighting. Two parking lot lights, consisting of 16W bulbs in a shoebox style, are slanted at an 18° angle toward the parking lot. He added that the entrance is comprised of two pilasters with recessed candles. Uplighting at a featured center tree in the foyer is planned, however, no lighting will "spill" off of the property.

There being no further discussion, COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER DAVIS

TO APPROVE THE LANDSCAPE PLANS FOR THE CREST ROAD BUILDING AT 5883 CREST ROAD (PA-27-03) SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: 1) THAT THE SYZYGIUM PANICULATUM (AUSTRALIAN BRUSH CHERRY) HEDGE ALONG THE NORTHERLY PROPERTY LINE, BE MAINTAINED AT A HEIGHT OF 10 FEET; 2) THAT ALL PLANTS IN THE LANDSCAPE AREA ON

EITHER SIDE OF THE DRIVEWAY BETWEEN THE PARKING LOT AND SIDEWALK SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT A HEIGHT NOT TO EXCEED 30 INCHES, EXCEPT TREE TRUNKS, AND THAT A MINIMUM OF 7 FEET FROM FINISHED GRADE SHALL BE PROVIDED UNDER TREE CANOPIES AT MATURITY; 3) PRIOR TO ZONE CLEARANCE, THE LANDSCAPE PLAN SHALL BE REVISED AND REVIEWED BY THE CITY'S LANDSCAPE CONSULTANT TO ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING: a) THAT GAZANIAS SHALL BE PLANTED AT 12 INCHES ON CENTER; b) THAT CALIFORNIA PEPPER TREES SHALL BE REGULARLY PRUNED TO MAINTAIN AN OPEN CANOPY AND GOOD CONDITION/STRUCTURE; c) THAT THE PLAN SHALL INDICATE THAT PANEL TYPE ROOT BARRIERS SHALL BE INSTALLED WITH ALL TREES LOCATED WITHIN 5 FEET OF HARDSCAPE; d) THAT APPROPRIATE NOZZLE TYPES SHALL BE SPECIFIED ON PLANS; e) THAT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE OLSEN EMITTERS, THE SMALLEST SIZE PIPE USED FOR LATERAL LINES SHALL BE ¾ INCH; f) THAT A SHUTOFF VALVE (GATE OR BALL VALVE) SHALL BE SHOWN ON THE PLAN; g) THAT THE BACKFLOW PREVENTER LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF HIGHRIDGE AND CREST ROADS SHALL BE SCREENED WITH PLANT MATERIAL; AND h) THAT WATER BUDGET CALCULATIONS SHALL BE MODIFIED TO INDICATE GAZANIAS AS A MODERATE WATER USAGE PLANT AND CLIVIA MINIATA AS A LOW WATER USAGE PLANT.

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

ABSENT: Pierson

MARINE LEAGUE FEES

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff report per written agenda material and recommended the COMMISSION recommend to CITY COUNCIL the daily tennis court fee rate for the Marine League.

CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA stated that in the past, the COMMISSION gave a recommendation to COUNCIL regarding the fees but COUNCIL made another decision and the Tennis Club was still in the red.

COMMISSIONER CLEWIS stated the 2004-05 fee schedule is very confusing. It was noted that if the Marine League did not play at the Tennis Club, the financial outlook would be worse.

CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA inquired whether the \$72 was agreed upon between CITY COUNCIL and the Marine League in the past. The Community Services Director stated that at a past COUNCIL meeting, the Marine League agreed to \$72.

Ms. Dorothy Laird, representing the Marine League, addressed the COMMISSION. She stated that almost 80% of the Marine League members are non-residents. She added that the COUNCIL previously chose \$72 as a mid-point fee rather than a low of \$54 or a high of \$189, taking into consideration the various rates from 2004-05. She stated that using the new 2005-06 rates, the \$72 computes to a non-member rate for their use of the courts. She stated the \$72 rate is too high, and would appreciate the COMMISSION considering a lower rate.

The Marine League is willing to pay the membership costs; however, they would appreciate a lower per court cost, as they use the courts four days a week, approximately 14 weeks a season (two seasons).

Discussion ensued regarding the fact that only four or five of the Marine League members could, in effect, purchase a membership and make the court reservations, if the City still wanted to charge \$72. The Community Services Director stated that the Marine League comprises 45% of the membership. Ms. Laird explained that the Marine League would still require their members to buy memberships at the Tennis Club, however, she requested that the COMMISSION consider compromising on the per court rate, as the \$72 represents a non-member rate.

After a lengthy discussion regarding various calculations of days used, per court costs, and membership costs, COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO inquired whether a charge of \$63 (which would be in between \$54 and \$72) would be agreeable. Ms. Laird stated that \$63 would be a fair compromise.

CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA expressed concern that there had been a previous agreement between

COUNCIL and the Marine League, and that the COMMISSION was discussing lowering the agreed upon rate.

There being no further discussion, COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PEKICH

TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL A \$63 DAILY TENNIS COURT FEE RATE FOR THE MARINE LEAGUE (WHICH WOULD COMPUTE TO THE NON-RESIDENT MEMBER RATE FOR WEEKDAY COURT USE), BASED ON THE NEW 2005-06 TENNIS CLUB COURT FEES.

AYES: Clewis, Davis, Pagliano, Pekich

NOES: Allen, Persichina

ABSENT: Pierson

ADJOURN TO PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

COMMISSIONER PEKICH moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER ALLEN

THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING BE ADJOURNED TO THE PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, THE TIME BEING 8:15 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA SO ORDERED.

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE RACE UPDATE (VERBAL REPORT)

CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA stated sponsorship is already up to \$12,000. It was noted that the revised fee agreement with Mr. Hogue is working well.

TRACY AUSTIN TENNIS TOURNAMENT DEBRIEFING (VERBAL REPORT)

The Community Services Director stated the tournament was successful and thanked the ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS, staff and the Kramer Club. He added that Tracy Austin was pleased with the tournament, and that sponsorship was up approximately \$1,000.

CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA inquired as to the legality of someone other than the Sheriff's Department directing traffic at this event. He suggested perhaps giving a list of names to the Sheriff's Department (directing traffic), so that parking is not a problem.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER DAVIS stated that Sheriff Department Reserves are used to direct traffic at this event. CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA stated when he was at the vicinity of the left turn pocket into the park, people other than the Sheriff's Department personnel were directing traffic, telling patrons to make a U-turn (not allowed) at the signal.

The Community Services Director stated he would correct this situation for next year. It was noted that the two events worked well last year and this year.

GOLF TOURNAMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE (VERBAL REPORT)

The Golf Tournament planning is proceeding well. The next meeting will be held on August 11. The Community Services Director stated there was enough sponsorship to provide lunch.

POTENTIAL EQUESTRIAN PROJECTS

The Community Services Director asked for any potential equestrian projects that the ADVISORY BOARD would like to look into, as the proposed second ring at Chandler Park was not pursued.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER DAVIS suggested extending the fence of the ring at Chandler closer to the trees to enlarge the existing ring by two to three feet.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ALLEN inquired whether Chandler Park would be leveled and seeded, and whether new irrigation, benches and trees were going to be added per the Community Services Director statement in the past. The Community Services Director stated he could have Purkiss-Rose come in and estimate the cost to design the park for improvements.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER DAVIS suggested investigating whether it would be feasible to add a cover to the existing ring at Chandler so that it could be used during the rainy season, and possibly look into adding lights if a cover is allowed. She added that adding a "roof-type" cover to the ring would minimize the dust for those homeowners adjacent the ring. ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER DAVIS stated she had a preliminary estimate for a cover at \$50,000, not including lights. She added that she believed that in this instance, fundraising would be a possibility to help defray the costs of a cover.

CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA inquired as to the legality of fundraising for this type of project.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ALLEN stated if considering adding a cover to a ring, it would be more practical to consider covering a ring at Howlett Park, which would also be a benefit to the horse shows, etc.

RECONVENE TO THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING

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

TO ADJOURN THE PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, AND TO RECONVENE TO THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING, THE TIME BEING 8:33 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA SO ORDERED.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2005

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA ORDERED

THE CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2005, RECEIVED AND FILED.

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, JUNE 20, 2005

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA ORDERED

THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2005, RECEIVED AND FILED.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

None.

COMMISSION ITEMS

COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO updated the COMMISSION on the City Celebration Subcommittee meeting. He added that the Subcommittee was discussing different suggestions for entertainment at the City Celebration. Chicago For Ribs will again be catering this event.

COMMISSIONER PEKICH stated the sign at the entry of the trail head to George F Canyon needs to be either replaced or refurbished.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS stated the white rail fence park side at Chandler ring has a fence rail hanging

down.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS asked the Community Services Director to check to see if the watering time could be increased at Chandler. She added that the timing is so short, she has to turn on the sprinklers at least two times.

It was noted that the weeds are very high at the PVDN/PVDE corner (Butcher) property. The Community Services Director stated he would have the Zoning and Code Administrator look into this.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Rolling Hills Community Association Entryway Improvements

Academy Hill Property Owners Association Sign Request

Silver Spur Little League Agreement

CEQA Initial Study - George F Canyon Nature Preserve Habitat Restoration Project

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER ALLEN moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO

TO ADJOURN THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING, THE TIME BEING 8:45 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA SO ORDERED.

Respectfully submitted, Approved,

Ellen Shinkai Douglas R. Prichard

Human Resources Analyst City Clerk