

MINUTES**PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION****MAY 3, 2005**

A regular meeting of the Park and Activities Commission of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 7:00 p.m., at Chandler Park, by CHAIRMAN PIERSON.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Andy Clark, Community Services Director

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, APRIL 19, 2005

COMMISSIONER DAVIS amended the minutes as follows:

Page 2, sixth paragraph, to read: "COMMISSIONER DAVIS reiterated the proposed sign DRAWING isn't to scale....She wanted a ~~visual~~ more PLAN DRAWN to scale of what...."

Page 4, under PROPOSED CHANDLER PARK DRESSAGE ARENA, first sentence to read: "ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER DAVIS stated that the location proposed for the ROUND PEN ring is located...."

Page 5, third paragraph, to read: "ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER DAVIS, in answer to an inquiry REGARDING A DRESSAGE ARENA, stated..."

Page 5, fifth paragraph, to read: "ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER DAVIS stated that the majority of the users of THIS PARK ~~these additional rings~~ are equestrians currently using Chandler Park AND CHANDLER IS PACKED.

COMMISSIONER CLEWIS amended the minutes, Page 6, under COMMISSION ITEMS, to read "COMMISSIONER CLEWIS stated she walks the canyon trail as far as the bridge.....The kiosk AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CANYON ~~which holds the donors plaques~~ needs to be refurbished...."

COMMISSIONER DAVIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER CLEWIS

TO APPROVE THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2005, AS AMENDED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON SO ORDERED.

ADJOURN TO PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

COMMISSIONER ALLEN moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO

TO ADJOURN TO THE PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, THE TIME BEING 7:07 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON SO ORDERED.

PROPOSED CHANDLER PARK DRESSAGE ARENA (PARK TOUR)

The Community Services Director explained the several different layout choices for the proposed dressage-size ring. ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER DAVIS stated the ring should be moved as far away from the back of the residents homes bordering the park, to leave as much greenery as possible for other activities. She stated this is a general purpose ring with dressage proportions; however, it is not as wide as the general existing ring. This proposed ring will use the same footing that is used in all the rings.

Turnouts and lunging would not be permitted in this ring.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PEKICH stated the ring appears very large and it appears that there would not be any green space left.

CHAIRMAN PIERSON asked what would be another option for this park, and some BOARD MEMBERS stated it should be left as open space.

CHAIRMAN PIERSON stated the objective should be to get the maximum use that the community could use. All riding rings are utilized now, and he suggested the BOARD MEMBERS should consider adding another ring at this park.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PAGLIANO stated that he jogged by this park frequently during the last week and stated the rings were not being used at all during various times of his visits while jogging past this area. He stated he would not be in favor of adding a ring at this location at this time.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ALLEN stated there is still green space left for those who want to picnic at the park after a ring is added.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PAGLIANO inquired whether there was another location to place this size ring.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PEKICH stated the ring appears too large and it would take up a lot of the park.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER DAVIS stated that if the ring were angled, there would be plenty of green space remaining. She asked that the ring use be checked on Saturdays, as there is high usage. She added that all other parks have two rings.

The ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS then asked the Community Services Director to again stake out the proposed angled dressage-size ring to be viewed at the next meeting. The ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS then resumed the meeting in the Council Chambers.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ALLEN stated that when Pony Camp starts up in the summer, no one else can use the park during the week. He added that on weekends, when the show season starts, equestrians cannot go to Ernie Howlett Park either.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PERSICHINA asked how many homes the survey (distributed at this meeting) would go to. ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER DAVIS stated there are approximately 100 homes in the Roanwood and Ranchview tracts. Some discussion ensued as to whether to include the Ranchview tract. It was the consensus of the ADVISORY BOARD that the survey should only be sent to the Roanwood tract.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PERSICHINA stated that he was concerned that if the ADVISORY BOARD proposes this additional ring before surveying the residents and getting a consensus of the residents, it opens up the BOARD MEMBERS to having a decision rescinded and having residents decide on the use of City-owned land.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER DAVIS stated she wanted to make it clear that she has no personal agenda in this matter. She stated that she could see that the ring is crowded, while the rest of the park is minimally used. She reiterated that if the ring is angled, it leaves some green space, thus, the ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS are compromising for the equestrians, and compromising for those who use the green space in the park.

The ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS suggested the following:

1. Mail the survey to Roanwood tract residents only;
2. Include a map showing the park and proposed dressage-size ring to scale;

3. Delete the words "and the Park and Activities Commission" in the third sentence.

4. Include wording to emphasize that the proposed ring would be moved as far east of the residents as possible and was being considered due to the high usage of the current arena.

This survey and restaking of the proposed ring will be reviewed and discussed by the ADVISORY BOARD at the next meeting.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ALLEN stated that this is intended as a practice overflow ring, and if there is concern that the ring is too large as proposed, there could be a possibility of suggesting the size be reduced.

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE RACE UPDATE

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER CLEWIS stated the subcommittee met earlier this evening and reviewed suggested changes for this year's race from comments received last year regarding water stations, advertising, changes to the race form, and T-shirt suggestions.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ALLEN stated that he was at the water station at the tunnel and there were accidents due to people who were not running in the race entering the tunnel with strollers and not heeding the request to stay out of the tunnel while the race was in process. Additional security at the tunnel was discussed.

TRACY AUSTIN TENNIS TOURNAMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

The Community Services Director stated the next subcommittee meeting will be held on May 17, 2005, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

GOLF TOURNAMENT SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

The Community Services Director stated he believed all the foursomes are sold out. He added that Cathy Gardner, PV Pony Club, is obtaining a silent auction airlines ticket prize. The tournament plans are proceeding well, and this subcommittee will meet in late June.

RECONVENE TO THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING

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

TO RECONVENE TO THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING, THE TIME BEING 7:51 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON SO ORDERED.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

NONE.

CITY PROPERTY REUSE AT 2518 PALOS VERDES DRIVE NORTH

The Community Services Director stated the CITY COUNCIL determined that the City building currently being leased next to the Community Center would revert back to City use when the lease expires on August 31, 2005.

Mr. Chris Fitzpatrick, who leases the building at 2518 Palos Verdes Drive North, addressed the COMMISSION and stated the building is small (350 sq. ft.) and he loves the location. He stated he has never been late on any monthly lease payments (\$1,000+) and added that he has put a new roof on the building. He asked the COMMISSION to consider recommending extension of his lease.

CHAIRMAN PIERSON asked the COMMISSION for suggestions of proposed uses for the building. COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO stated the City is receiving a monthly lease payment of over \$1,000 and suggested renewing the lease.

The Community Services Director stated the City's property is zoned Open Space Recreation.

The COMMISSION discussed the suggestion of using the building for local organization file storage. It was the consensus of the COMMISSION that using this building for file storage would not put the building to good use. The COMMISSION was also concerned as to what extent the City would be liable if the building caught fire or the building was broken into and the files/records were destroyed.

CHAIRMAN PIERSON stated he was on the City Property Reuse Subcommittee and the surrounding homeowners wanted to demolish all of the buildings, which would have been very expensive. He would prefer having the Nature Center expanded, if it was needed, rather than demolishing the building.

COMMISSIONER PEKICH stated the City is receiving income from Mr. Fitzpatrick and there didn't seem to be another option whereby the City could receive this amount from the potential uses listed in the staff report.

Mr. Fitzpatrick stated if the lease were renewed, he would be willing to paint the building, and help with the renovations to that property. Discussion ensued on other upgrades that could be done to the building and surrounding area, including repainting the building, adding landscaping, and slurry coating the front of the building's parking lot, if the lease were renewed from one to three years. Mr. Fitzpatrick stated a year-to-year lease would also be acceptable.

COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER ALLEN

TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL THAT THE LEASE TO MR. FITZPATRICK, FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2518 PALOS VERDES DRIVE NORTH, BE RENEWED FOR THREE YEARS, AT THE SAME MONTHLY RATE, PROVIDING THAT MR. FITZPATRICK REPAINT THE BUILDING, ADD PROPOSED ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPING (TO BE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION), AND RESLURRY THE PARKING LOT AREA IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING (TO BE MONITORED AND APPROVED BY STAFF).

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

Mr. Fitzpatrick thanked the COMMISSION and stated he will donate \$1,000 towards the cost of the portable toilets for The Hills Are Alive 5K-10K race.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2005

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON ORDERED

THE CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2005, RECEIVED AND FILED.

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, APRIL 18, 2005

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON ORDERED

THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2005, RECEIVED AND FILED.

QUARTERLY CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

COMMISSIONER PEKICH inquired as to why the Zillacus Property case hasn't been resolved.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON ORDERED

THE QUARTERLY CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT RECEIVED AND FILED.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

Request to Rent Highridge Park - The Community Services Director stated he received a request from a travel team to rent Highridge Park four days a week. COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA stated the park is a public park and is already used by AYSO and the Girls Softball League. This could set a precedent to be inundated with requests to use the park solely for various travel teams several times a week for several hours a day. He stated he would not be in favor of granting this request. It was the consensus of the COMMISSION to deny this application.

Upcoming Street Fair (June 4-5) - The Community Services Director asked for volunteers to man the Pepper Tree Booth at this year's Street Fair at the Peninsula Center. A sign-up sheet was distributed.

COMMISSION ITEMS

Mayor's Breakfast Ride--May 7, 2005 - CHAIRMAN PIERSON stated he will be leading the ride this year and that the route is suitable for carriages. This year's ride will meet at Chandler Park at 8:00 a.m., and will take approximately 1 - 1½ hours, ending at Ernie Howlett Park. The Community Services Director stated the Boy Scouts are holding the Annual Pancake Breakfast and tickets are \$2 (pre-sold) and \$4 on that day.

COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO stated Rockbluff Park looks good.

COMMISSIONER PEKICH stated the brush was cleared out at the entrance to the parking lot to George F Canyon.

COMMISSIONER CLEWIS stated the deck needs to be refinished at the Nature Center, and arrangements for regular trash pickup need to be made at this location. It was noted that the Tracking Station needs refurbishing and that this was a good Eagle Scout project.

The COMMISSION inquired as to what marketing strategies are being used to publicize the Community Room's availability for the community.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS stated the trees were well trimmed at Chandler Park.

CHAIRMAN PIERSON stated the Equestrian Center suffered many problems due to the recent heavy rains. He commended Linda Fitton, Equestrian Services Supervisor, and Andy Clark, Community Services Director, for their hard work in repairing and refurbishing the Equestrian Center.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Rolling Hills community Association Entryway Improvements

Academy Hill Property Owners Association Sign

Chandler Park Dressage Ring Survey

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO

TO ADJOURN THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING, THE TIME BEING 8:31 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON SO ORDERED.

Respectfully submitted, Approved,

Ellen Shinkai Douglas R. Prichard

Human Resources Analyst City Clerk