

MINUTES**PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION****MAY 17, 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., in the City Hall 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, MAY 3, 2005

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER ALLEN

TO APPROVE THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2005, AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON SO ORDERED.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

NONE

ADJOURN TO PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA

TO ADJOURN TO THE PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, THE TIME BEING 7:03 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON SO ORDERED.

THE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS WALKED TO CHANDLER PARK TO REVIEW THE STAKING OF A PROPOSED SECOND DRESSAGE-SIZE, MULTI-PURPOSE ARENA.

THE MEETING RESUMED IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

PROPOSED CHANDLER PARK ARENA

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff report and attached letter and survey per written agenda material. He also made mention of the distribution to the ADVISORY BOARD of two emails he had received regarding this subject, one from Richard and Christine Oldroyd, 40 Ranchview Road, and one from Christina Zimmerman, Ranchview HOA President.

Mr. Richard Oldroyd, 40 Ranchview Road, addressed the ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS and asked why another ring is needed at Chandler Park. He added he visits the park daily and enjoys the park with his family several times a week. He stated this park is away from the busy street, is shaded, has picnic tables and barbecues, etc. He added that he flies a kite with his daughter, practices soccer, throws a Frisbee, etc. Numerous times he sees other families using the park, and added that soccer teams and baseball teams play at this park. He stated he is not against equestrian facilities, but is concerned that this

additional ring will take away a majority of the green space enjoyed by the residents and their families. He noted that more often than not, when he is visiting the park, the ring is not being used.

In answer to an inquiry, CHAIRMAN PIERSON explained how the additional ring proposal came before the ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS for consideration. CHAIRMAN PIERSON stated the Equestrian Committee recommended consideration of this additional ring in response to requests from equestrians who could not use the existing ring because during summer months and during horse show months, the ring is very busy. It was stated that the City's Pony Camp has use of the ring during the summer months, and that during the horse show months, most rings are crowded.

CHAIRMAN PIERSON stated he was not aware that the green space at Chandler was used as much, and thanked Mr. Oldroyd for his input.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ALLEN stated the equestrian communities' biggest problem in the summer is that Pony Camp totally absorbs rings and does not leave any place for people who ride. During show season, you cannot ride at Ernie Howlett Park because rings are being used. He also stated he did not know that much activity was at the park other than horse activity.

CHAIRMAN PIERSON stated the objective should be to get the maximum use that the community on the whole could use.

In response to an inquiry, the Community Services Director stated money is donated throughout the year to the Pepper Tree Foundation that is specifically earmarked for horse related activities. The money to construct this ring would not come out of the City's budget.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER DAVIS stated she visits the park at different times of the day and has never seen a soccer team at the park nor baseball being played. She has seen one kite flown, but never has seen a group of people using the park. She stated she would like to know when the use Mr. Oldroyd is referring to occurs. She added that the use of the park for equestrian uses is on a regular basis.

CHAIRMAN PIERSON stated that surveying the residents was appropriate, and asked the ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS to visit the park during various times of the day in the future.

Mr. Oldroyd inquired whether anyone has surveyed the use of the equestrian rings at the other parks. He asked if the City had a "standard" for need to add another riding ring. He was concerned that another ring may be added to the park, that would take away a majority of the green space, without the need.

CHAIRMAN PIERSON asked if Mr. Oldroyd could venture a guess as to how much open space is needed for Chandler, and that perhaps the ring size could be reduced.

Mr. Oldroyd asked if Ranchview could be included in the survey, and inquired as to why only Roanwood residents were proposed to be surveyed.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ALLEN stated the Roanwood residents would be immediately impacted, as their tract backs up to the park. He added that if the survey was positive, many more hearings would be held on this project to receive input regarding the use of the green space and the ultimate decision whether to add another ring.

In answer to an inquiry it was noted that Rockbluff and Silver Spur Parks were both, in the past, considered as sites to add another riding ring, but negative issues such as parking, access, and heavy traffic prohibited the addition of a ring at those parks.

Mr. Oldroyd reiterated the need for a City standard for using rings to resolve overuse of a ring in any location.

CHAIRMAN PIERSON stated that if this proposed ring was approved, that the ring be for public use only and no trainers allowed.

Mr. Oldroyd asked whether there was a calendar for use of Ernie Howlett Park. He added that perhaps it is just a management issue when trainers and when the public can use the rings.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ALLEN asked Mr. Oldroyd if he could approximate the amount of space needed to allow residents to use the green space. Mr. Oldroyd stated enough room to throw a Frisbee, to practice soccer, to maneuver a kite, etc. Mr. Oldroyd also asked whether anyone knew if it was more expensive to maintain an additional riding ring or to maintain the present open space. The Community Services Director will review this matter and report back to the ADVISORY BOARD.

After a lengthy discussion as to whether the survey should include the Ranchview Tract, it was the consensus of the ADVISORY BOARD to include Ranchview in the survey.

SECOND DRESSAGE-SIZE RIDING RING - SURVEY

The ADVISORY BOARD reviewed the proposed letter and survey. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the ADVISORY BOARD to change the subject line to "PROPOSED SECOND DRESSAGE-SIZE RIDING RING AT CHANDLER PARK." It was also recommended that on the survey itself, an additional choice be added to read: "I/we have no opinion".

There being no further additions or corrections to the survey, CHAIRMAN PIERSON ordered

THAT THE LETTER AND SURVEY, AS MODIFIED, BE SENT TO THE ROANWOOD AND RANCHVIEW TRACTS.

This item will be placed on a future agenda after the results of the survey are tabulated.

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE RACE UPDATE (VERBAL REPORT)

The Community Services Director distributed the 2005 race application flyer. He stated that the City has linked with Runners Image to distribute The Hills Are Alive race flyer and that the flyer was distributed at the PV Marathon.

TRACY AUSTIN TENNIS TOURNAMENT UPDATE (VERBAL REPORT)

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PAGLIANO stated a subcommittee meeting was held at 6:00 tonight, and the picture frames (prizes) were chosen.

GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE (VERBAL REPORT)

After reviewing the proposed Golf Tournament flyer, a suggestion was made to add the word "League" after Palos Verdes Girls Softball. The Community Services Director stated that sponsors still need to be added to the flyer.

RECONVENE TO THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING

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

TO RECONVENE TO THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING, THE TIME BEING 7:50 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON SO ORDERED.

AGREEMENT WITH PVPLC TO RESTORE GFC NATURE PRESERVE HABITAT

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff report per written agenda material. He added that this was a directive from the City Council at the 2004 Policy Development Session to contract the services of the PVPLC to manage the habitat restoration grant program for the GFC Nature Preserve.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS stated the agreement seems open-ended and inquired as to how the City insures the PVPLC will not expend more than the \$258,000 grant itself. The Community Services Director stated there is wording in the State grant agreement stipulating how much money can be expended.

In answer to an inquiry, the Community Services Director stated the PVPLC has the right to charge up to 25% of the total grant for various services. There was concern as to how the City would monitor the charges from the PVPLC, and whether the time charged was actually spent on services, as service fees are hard to monitor.

The Community Services Director stated any materials that stay and add value will have three bids included, to show the lowest cost. The COMMISSION stated they were not concerned with materials, as there were bids included showing the exact costs. The concern was with "time" charges for services.

COMMISSIONER ALLEN stated he was concerned that the PVPLC will spend the entire amount of the grant (including the 25% service charge), without the City having proof that the services were provided. He added that it seems like the Chandler Preserve has installation of irrigation year after year, and hoped that the City could be more involved rather than having the entire grant monitored by PVPLC.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS asked whether there would be a presentation by PVPLC, so the COMMISSION could ask questions regarding the grant expenditures by the PVPLC. It was noted that the entire grant amount does not need to be expended until 2010.

The Community Services Director stated Barbara Dye and another representative from the PVPLC were to attend tonight's meeting to make such a presentation, but were not present.

This matter will be included on a future agenda, when representation from the PVPLC is assured.

TENNIS CLUB REVENUE ANALYSIS

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff report per written agenda material. He recommended the COMMISSION make Tennis Club fees and charges recommendations to COUNCIL.

The COMMISSION discussed and reviewed the recommendations made to COUNCIL and the prices from previous years. The Community Services Director recommended an alternative decision, which would change this fund from an enterprise fund to a recreation center that would not be required to meet or exceed its annual cost.

Discussion ensued regarding raising the resident fee rate, raising the membership fee, and lowering the hourly rates.

The Community Services Director stated he had previously received a call from Mr. Landsdorp (tennis pro) requesting to rent one or two courts annually for private use. The COMMISSION concurred that the Community Services Director should contact Mr. Landsdorp and other tennis pros to see if there was interest in that type of proposal. The COMMISSION also requested the Community Services Director to check with Resident Pro Bob Krueger for any suggestions, and to see whether he had any concerns with contacting Mr. Landsdorp regarding private use rentals of the courts. The Community Services Director was also requested to have Mr. Krueger come to a meeting to discuss any alternatives or suggestions to help keep the Tennis Club viable.

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

TO RECOMMEND CITY STAFF CONTACT TENNIS PROS TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY INTEREST IN LEASING COURTS YEAR-ROUND

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON SO ORDERED.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS recommended having Mr. Landsdorp (or other pros) come to a meeting to

discuss this option.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2005

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON ORDERED

THE CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2005, RECEIVED AND FILED.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, MEETING OF MAY 10, 2005

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON ORDERED

THE CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, MEETING OF MAY 10, 2005, RECEIVED AND FILED.

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, MAY 2, 2005

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON ORDERED

THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, MEETING OF MAY 2, 2005, RECEIVED AND FILED.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

The Community Services Director reviewed the sign up sheet for the Pepper Tree booth at the upcoming Street Fair.

The Community Services Director reviewed the American Cancer Society Event (Walk/Run) sponsored by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, to be held at Peninsula High School.

COMMISSIONER PEKICH stated he will find out more information, and asked whether the COMMISSIONERS would participate in this event for him, in honor of his sister, Christine Strong, who passed away recently from cancer.

COMMISSION ITEMS

Mayor's Breakfast Ride--May 7, 2005 - CHAIRMAN PIERSON stated the Mayor's Breakfast Ride was well attended. He stated the only glitch was that the carriages could not fit through the gate on the PV Landfill and took an alternate route through the Municipal Stables.

COMMISSIONER PEKICH stated the front entryway to George F Canyon needs to be cleaned.

COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO inquired whether Pepper Tree Foundation money was available to paint the bathrooms near the basketball courts at Howlett Park, before the upcoming summer City events. The Community Services Director stated there was Pepper Tree Foundation money available for this project.

COMMISSIONER ALLEN stated there is a rail down at the west end of Dapplegray ring.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS stated the Chandler ring needs rubberized footing, and noted a lot of dust is coming from the ring.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS stated she has asked several times, and has been promised a key for Chandler Park to turn on the water to keep down the dust. She asked whether the Maintenance Department could water and drag the ring every evening. The Community Services Director will review this matter.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Rolling Hills community Association Entryway Improvements

Academy Hill Property Owners Association Sign

Silver Spur Little League Agreement

Pepper Tree Foundation Financial Report

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER ALLEN moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO

TO ADJOURN THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING, THE TIME BEING 8:28 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PIERSON SO ORDERED.

Respectfully submitted, Approved,

Ellen Shinkai Douglas R. Prichard

Human Resources Analyst City Clerk