

MINUTES**PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION****FEBRUARY 1, 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., in City Hall, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by CHAIRMAN PEKICH.

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Pierson

STAFF PRESENT: Andy Clark, Community Services Director

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, JANUARY 18, 2005

COMMISSIONER DAVIS requested amending Page 1, under YMCA REQUEST TO OPERATE SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM, the last sentence to read: COMMISSIONER DAVIS believed that the proposed fees were unclear. The COMMISSION expressed general support for the YMCA programs.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER ALLEN

TO APPROVE THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2005, AS AMENDED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH SO ORDERED.

REORGANIZATION OF PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA presented CHAIRMAN PEKICH with a gift and thanked him for his service as CHAIRMAN of the COMMISSION. CHAIRMAN PEKICH thanked the COMMISSION for all their support during his term as CHAIRMAN.

DAVE PIERSON was appointed CHAIRMAN, and LOU PERSICHINA was appointed as VICE CHAIRMAN. In CHAIRMAN PIERSON'S absence, VICE CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA presided over the meeting.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

YMCA ADDENDUM PROPOSAL TO OPERATE SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM

The COMMISSION reviewed the staff report and discussed fees proposed. In answer to an inquiry, the Community Services Director stated that the fees are similar to what the City would have charged for this year. He added that the swim program's statistics indicate that only 10% of past members live in Rolling Hills Estates, with a significant majority of the members living in Rancho Palos Verdes and other Peninsula or South Bay cities.

Julie Tisue, YMCA Executive Director, addressed the COMMISSION. She indicated that all former swim program employees are welcomed to apply for employment to the YMCA swim program, if the City approves the proposal. She added that all potential employees will be subject to the same screening process required for this type of program, and that the YMCA is looking forward to hiring all the instructors/lifeguards from last year. All seasonal employees hired for this program will also receive a membership to the YMCA.

VICE CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA asked the Community Services Director whether the City's program made

or lost money. The Community Services Director stated that a small amount of money was made if a comparison was done using only direct costs; however, if administrative costs were included, the City would break even.

Lesson fees were discussed. The COMMISSION and staff reviewed the past RHE fees and the proposed YMCA fees. It was noted that if RHE were to continue the swim program this year, that raising fees would have been discussed for implementation this year. After review, it was noted that the fees, even with the additional fee for swim lessons, that the total costs for membership would be approximately the same.

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

TO RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE YMCA'S PROPOSAL TO TAKE OVER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CITY'S SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM AT PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF SUMMER 2005.

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

ABSENT: Pierson

HIGHRIDGE PARK RESTROOM ALTERNATIVES

CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA stated that Highridge Park has continued to have problems with the restrooms. It was noted that before the urinal was removed five years ago, either Maintenance staff or a plumbing company had to be called out to unclog the urinal approximately eight to ten times a year. Discussion ensued regarding the present location of the restroom being too close to the Tot Lot.

The Community Services Director reviewed the memorandum dated February 1, 2005, and stated that any renovation would need to comply with ADA requirements. It was noted that the Highridge Park restrooms are proposed to comply with ADA requirements in FY 2006-07. Another option would be to totally remove the sand from the Tot Lot and replacing it with accessible footing material that was ADA approved, at a cost of \$49,600. Other alternatives and the costs to implement them were also discussed.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the COMMISSION to add a portable restroom (ADA compliant) on a trial basis for one year. It was noted that this cost-effective measure would be reviewed by the COMMISSION next year during the park visitation schedule.

COMMISSIONER ALLEN moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PEKICH

TO RECOMMEND THAT CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF AN ADA-COMPLIANT PORTABLE RESTROOM AT HIGHRIDGE PARK, FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, AT A LOCATION DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY STAFF.

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

ABSENT: Pierson

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, JANUARY 25, 2005

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, VICE CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA ORDERED

THE CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS OF JANUARY 25, 2005, RECEIVED AND FILED.

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, JANUARY 18, 2005

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, VICE CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA ORDERED

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

COMMISSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

There were no modifications to the COMMISSION committee assignments.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

The Community Services Director stated that the next Golf Tournament planning meeting would be held Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

The Community Services Director stated the Community Center building has been inspected and the rules, landscape plan and reservation forms will be reviewed by CITY COUNCIL at the February 8, 2005 meeting.

COMMISSION ITEMS

Adopt-A-Park Reports – COMMISSIONER CLEWIS inquired as to when new carpeting could be purchased for the Nature Center. The Community Services Director stated he would move forward with replacing the carpeting.

COMMISSIONER ALLEN stated that there have been no problems at Dapplegray Park.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS stated that during the last storms, three Edison power lines fell on the trail, and one ended up in her neighbor's pool. She stated that the pool was "hot" for many hours and that SCE stated that since the two households were at the end of the tract, down lines in that vicinity do not register at SCE right away and may take up to ½ hour before SCE is aware of any problem. She added that SCE chopped a tree down and left it on the side of the trail. The Community Services Director stated the Maintenance crew would clear the debris off the trail. COMMISSIONER DAVIS stated the neighboring resident and she would be interested in undergrounding the SCE lines.

COMMISSIONER PEKICH stated there was an open fissure on a Dapplegray HOA trail. COMMISSIONER ALLEN stated that he will bring this matter up at the February 2, 2005 HOA meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PEKICH

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED, THE TIME BEING 8:07 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, VICE CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA SO ORDERED.

Respectfully submitted, Approved,

Ellen Shinkai Douglas R. Prichard

Human Resources Analyst City Clerk