

MINUTES

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 18, 2003

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 the City Hall Council Chambers, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by CHAIRWOMAN CLEWIS.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Allen, Clewis, Pekich, Persichina, Pierson Vanden Bos

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Pagliano

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, OCTOBER 7, 2003

COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA

TO APPROVE THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2003 AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLEWIS SO ORDERED.

REGULAR ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND PARK AND

ACTIVITIES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 4, 2003

COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PEKICH

TO APPROVE THE REGULAR ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2003

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLEWIS SO ORDERED.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

PROPOSED REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT

OF BLUEMOUND ROAD STREET TREES

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff report per written agenda material. Lori Hathaway, 5227 Bluemound Road, addressed the COMMISSION and requested the COMMISSION approve removal of the Ficus tree in front of her home. She reviewed previous years' maintenance of the sidewalks due to the roots of the tree.

Dave Leslie, 5258 Bluemound Road, addressed the COMMISSION. He stated that during the re-landscaping of his property, he investigated whether a different tree could replace the Ficus tree that has created the need for maintenance of the sidewalk. He also felt plumbing problems are also caused by the roots of this tree.

It was noted that children ride their bicycles up and down the street, and in some places the sidewalks are uneven.

COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS inquired whether all five Ficus trees being replaced by Evergreen Pear trees would be an aesthetic issue to the residents, and the adjacent streets have Pepper Trees and

other species that are larger.

Sandy Leslie, 5258 Bluemound Road, stated she was not familiar with available species and chose the Evergreen Pear because her main concern was removing the Ficus tree. The Community Services Director stated the HOA Board approved of the Evergreen Pear tree as a replacement tree. Ms. Leslie added that the lighting on the street would improve because the trees would be lower in height.

In answer to an inquiry, the Community Services Director stated the County would be replacing the concrete sidewalk, where needed, when the trees are removed. The residents will pay for only the removal and replacement of the Ficus trees, not the sidewalk repairs. The Community Services Director then reviewed the history of the planting and removal of some Ficus trees in this tract.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS

TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF FIVE (5) FICUS TREES ON BLUEMOUND ROAD WITH THE EVERGREEN PEAR TREE AT EACH REQUESTING RESIDENT'S COST.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLEWIS SO ORDERED.

PROPOSED CRENSHAW BOULEVARD MEDIAN IMPROVEMENTS

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff report per written agenda material and attached conceptual landscape plan. COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS requested the Community Services Director investigate whether the issue of adequate visibility for motorists would be compromised by having shorter trees installed (Twisted Juniper), if someone were to run across the street from the school to the City Hall side of Crenshaw Boulevard.

COMMISSIONER ALLEN moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PIERSON

TO RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE PLAN TO IMPROVE THE CRENSHAW BOULEVARD MEDIAN LOCATED NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF PALOS VERDES DRIVE NORTH, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000

AYES: Allen, Clewis, Pekich, Persichina, Pierson, Vanden Bos

ABSENT: Pagliano

DEVELOPMENT OF RESPONSES TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S

PROPOSED GOLF COURSE DRAFT EIR

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff report per written agenda material. COMMISSIONER PIERSON gave the history of the development of Ernie Howlett Park and the placement of the stables at that location. He stated it was the consensus of the Equestrian Committee not to move the stables at all.

COMMISSIONER ALLEN recommended that the details of when the soil would be tested is a concern. He suggested the soil be tested prior to the arrival at the site.

It was suggested the County consider locating the Clubhouse on the Hawthorne side where there is native soil.

Concern was also raised regarding the timeline that the County had established requiring the City to move within six months. Also of concern was the issue that during construction, the alternative stable locations listed in the Draft EIR were either too far away or did not have enough available stalls.

There being no further added comments to be included in the City's response to Los Angeles County's draft EIR for the proposed New South Coast County Golf Course, COMMISSIONER PIERSON moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER ALLEN

THAT THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION SUPPORTS THE EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE'S CONCERNS REGARDING THE DRAFT EIR AND COMMENTS THERETO

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLEWIS SO ORDERED.

REQUEST TO USE HOWLETT PARK FOR PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL

BASEBALL PROGRAM FUNDRAISING EVENT

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff report per written agenda material. He added that both the Pony League and Little League support this event. CHAIRWOMAN CLEWIS questioned the waiving of any proposed fees, and asked the Community Services Director what the criteria was not to waive fees.

Loren DeRoy, 25 Cabelleros Road, addressed the COMMISSION. She stated this is a new concept of the Athletic Booster Club at PVPHS. She added that this will be a community event and will involve baseball players all over the Peninsula. Ms. DeRoy stated that Ernie Howlett Park has room for spectators and is highly visible, and the high school field is secluded and not conducive to holding this type of event. She added that professional baseball players will be present to sign balls and hold clinics on that day, and there would be minimal impact to the fields.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA recommended wood bats be used by the older kids participating in this event. Discussion ensued regarding which two fields at the park should be used for this event. It was suggested the event should be set up to use opposite fields. In reviewing the schedule, it was noted that there was a high possibility the time of each event would overlap the next scheduled event.

Discussion ensued on fees for horse shows and dog shows at the park. It was noted that this event would use the park for approximately four hours. It was suggested that the fees for use of the park (including fees for Pony, Little League, AYSO, etc.), as well as fees for all other events (dog shows, PVPHS Diamond Derby, etc.) be reviewed at a future meeting. It was noted that if this event becomes an annual event, with the review of fees for park use by the COMMISSION, there might be a fee charged in the future.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PIERSON

TO APPROVE THE PVPHS DIAMOND CLUB'S REQUEST TO USE ERNIE HOWLETT PARK TO HOLD A FUNDRAISING EVENT TO BENEFIT THE PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PROGRAM.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLEWIS SO ORDERED.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, OCTOBER 14, 2003

COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS OF OCTOBER 14, 2003

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLEWIS SO ORDERED.

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, OCTOBER 20, 2003

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PEKICH

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2003

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLEWIS SO ORDERED.

QUARTERLY CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA
TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE QUARTERLY CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT
THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLEWIS SO ORDERED.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS (VERBAL REPORTS)

Pepper Tree Foundation Fundraising Consultant Agreement – The Community Services Director stated COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN suggested creating a subcommittee to review the agreement for consultant services for the Cross Country Run and the Tracy Austin Tennis Tournament. COMMISSIONER ALLEN stated he would like clarification whether Mr. Hogue would receive a portion of any revenue received from sponsors the City acquires (rather than Mr. Hogue only receiving a percentage of sponsors revenue he, himself, acquires for the events). The Community Services Director stated this is one of the issues that the subcommittee will discuss. COMMISSIONERS PERSICHINA and ALLEN volunteered to serve on this subcommittee. The Community Services Director stated Tracy Austin may also serve on this subcommittee.

ADA Consultant RFQ Update – The Community Services Director stated that tomorrow four firms would be interviewed for consideration to assist the City in upcoming ADA projects.

Holiday Party – December 11, 2003 – The Community Services Director asked for any RSVPs for the Holiday Party.

PVP LAND CONSERVANCY REQUEST – There was a request to have this item on a future agenda parking on Buckskin Lane was an issue.

COMMISSION ITEMS

Peninsula Holiday Parade – December 7, 2003 – COMMISSIONERS PERSICHINA and PEKICH stated plans are going well.

Conservation Subcommittee – November 17, 2003 – CHAIRWOMAN CLEWIS stated the re-use of the area at PVDE/PVDN buildings was discussed.

Adopt-A-Park Reports – COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS stated Silver Spur Park Oleanders need to be trimmed. He added that the restrooms at Highridge Park have not been open the last two Saturdays.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA stated Ernie Howlett Park is fine.

COMMISSIONER PEKICH asked the Community Services Director to investigate the erosion of the parking lot at the Nature Center (coming from the service road).

COMMISSION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS updated the COMMISSION on the Traffic and Safety Committee meeting he attended on November 13, regarding the speed hump installation request for the Rollingwood tract.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA questioned whether the COMMISSION wanted to review youth league fees for park use. He added that the last time this issue was discussed by the COMMISSION was in 1993. COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA stated that on a future agenda this subject plus fees for other miscellaneous uses of the park (i.e., Diamond Derby) could be discussed. It was the consensus of the COMMISSION to have this item placed on a future agenda.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA requested the Community Services Director investigate whether crushed asphalt could be placed on the remaining portion of the Palomino Trail.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Entryway Beautification

Youth League Fees and Other Fees for Park Use

Parking on Buckskin for Land Conservancy Nature Walks

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS

TO ADJOURN THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING, THE TIME BEING 9:12 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLEWIS SO ORDERED.

Respectfully submitted, Approved,

Ellen Shinkai Douglas R. Prichard

Minutes Secretary City Clerk