

MINUTES
PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION
APRIL 16, 2002

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 VULLO.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Clewis, Pagliano, Pekich, Persichina Pierson, Vanden Bos, Vullo

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Andy Clark, Community Services Director

David Wahba, Senior Planner

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, APRIL 2, 2002

COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA

TO APPROVE THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, MEETING OF
APRIL 2, 2002, AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN VULLO SO ORDERED.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

PEPPER TREE LANE PROJECT LANDSCAPE PLAN

Senior Planner David Wahba reviewed the staff report per written agenda material. He stated the developer has completed grading and will soon come before the COUNCIL for approval of the final map. He highlighted details of the landscape plan and added that the developer is proposing a City sign be installed at the entryway to the project. This sign would be a standard City sign recessed at the corner of Hawthorne Blvd. and Crest Road. There would also be two signs leading into the development at the entrance off Hawthorne Boulevard. The Senior Planner recommended the wording, lettering, lighting, color, material, and size of the signs be approved at the staff level when this information is submitted, or, if the COMMISSION preferred, could be brought back at a later meeting.

COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO inquired whether all the equipment proposed (tot lot, benches, etc.) were ADA compliant. Mr. Rex Swanson, representing the Metropolitan Development & The Lee Group, stated all equipment proposed meets ADA requirements.

COMMISSIONER CLEWIS asked whether any Palm trees were proposed. The Senior Planner stated no palms are proposed for this project.

In answer to an inquiry, Ms. Carrie Pryor, the City's landscape consultant, stated she encourages using only the Myoporum Pacificum, as it is better adapted to the coastal climate and provides greater coverage than the Myoporum Parvifolium. She also noted that the majority of the landscaping proposed meets the water use requirements mandated by the State.

In answer to an inquiry, it was stated that there would be excellent maintenance of the landscaping for this project.

COMMISSIONER CLEWIS stated the play equipment appears to be for use by young children. Mr. Swanson stated he expected the children that would use the equipment would be small grandchildren. He added that there are many larger parks within a one to two mile radius that older children could use

(Highridge Park, Hesse Park, etc.)

Discussion ensued regarding 3-rail fence materials and landscaping between the retaining wall and the wall adjacent the Cresta Verde complex. It was stated that landscaping will be installed between the two walls, and will be constantly maintained, as will the entire project. It was noted that the landscaping installed between the retaining walls and the project will not exceed the 24' height limit (same height as the ridgelines of the homes).

There being no further discussion, COMMISSIONER PIERSON moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA

TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE LANDSCAPE PLANS FOR PEPPER TREE LANE, WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: 1) THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR WORK WITH THE APPLICANT ON THE FINAL DETAILS OF THE WORDING, MATERIALS, AND COLORS OF THE SIGNS; AND 2) IF THE DEVELOPER PREFERS USING MYROPORUM PARVIFOLIUM INSTEAD OF THE MYROPORUM PACIFICUM, THAT ADDITIONAL SHRUBS BE INSTALLED ON THE SLOPE AREAS OF THE PROJECT, TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE CITY'S LANDSCAPE CONSULTANT.

AYES: Clewis, Pagliano, Pekich, Persichina, Pierson, Vanden Bos, Vullo

GEORGE F CANYON NATURE CENTER SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR reviewed the financial report and activity summary per written agenda material. He added that the State Restoration Grant was received and was deemed complete, and he is awaiting word whether the application will be accepted and grant monies awarded to the City.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA noted there was a calculation error in the beginning of the financial report.

CHAIRWOMAN VULLO inquired whether the City could provide additional help at the George F Canyon Nature Center (i.e., hiring a college student), or perhaps using Pepper Tree Foundation funds to cover the cost of additional help. It was the consensus of the COMMISSION that the Nature Center Subcommittee meet and report back to the COMMISSION with recommendations.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, APRIL 9, 2002

COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS questioned the Silver Spur Road Parkway Improvement Project and Phase II Parkway Project pricing. He stated the COMMISSION clearly asked Mr. Mendoza whether \$16,400 proposed was a firm number. Mr. Mendoza stated that it was a firm price to provide construction drawings, bidding assistance and construction administration for the Little Silver Spur Road Parkway Improvement Project and Phase II of the Silver Spur Road Parkway Project between Kingspine and Willow Wood Roads. However, in the COUNCIL Actions, it shows an increase to \$21,040.

It was the consensus of the COMMISSION that staff request Mr. Mendoza to scale down the project on Little Silver Spur. It was suggested that a design incorporating stamped concrete be considered in the slope area of Little Silver Spur project in order to save current and future costs in landscaping and irrigation. The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated he would inform Mr. Mendoza of the stamped concrete suggestion, and also bringing back alternatives to reduce irrigation, landscape and hardscape additions.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN VULLO ORDERED

THE CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS OF APRIL 9, 2002, RECEIVED AND FILED.

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, APRIL 1, 2002

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN VULLO ORDERED

THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2002, RECEIVED AND FILED.

HOWLETT PARK QUARTERLY CALENDAR

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN VULLO ORDERED

THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2002, RECEIVED AND FILED.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

Commission I.D. Cards – In response to the events of September 11th, the City felt all Commissioners, Council and staff should have I.D. cards issued.

PVDN California Pepper Tree Project Update – Trees are being planted this week, and removal of the designated trees will start Monday.

Joint City Council/Commission Meeting, May 21, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. – This meeting will take the place of the Commission's 2nd meeting in May.

Frank Rutkosky Memorial Plaque Ceremony, May 6, 2002, at 8:00 a.m. – The Commission was invited to attend this ceremony.

June 4, 2002 – Budget Study Session – It was suggested that the Commission meeting set for June 4 be cancelled, as this date has been set for the City Council Budget Study Session.

COMMISSION ITEMS

Joint Meeting Topics – The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated the list for the Joint Meeting topics include ADA; monetary direction; turnover decisions made in the last year; and communication list from CITY COUNCIL.

CPRS Conference Update, April 4-6, 2002 – CHAIRWOMAN VULLO stated she is in the process of making packets of information for the COMMISSION. She suggested the COMMISSION meet at 7:00 p.m. the first meeting in May to review the materials.

CHAIRWOMAN VULLO suggested every COMMISSIONER choose a park to be responsible for (maintenance condition, suggestions for improvement, etc.) Every year, each COMMISSIONER will rotate which park they will be responsible for. She also shared information about a portable hockey ring system.

Mayor's Breakfast Ride – May 4, 2002 – The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated three COUNCIL MEMBERS will be participating in the Mayor's Ride this year.

City Celebration Subcommittee RFP Update – CHAIRWOMAN VULLO stated the Subcommittee (Pagliano, Persichina, Vullo, Staff) met with a potential vendor. This Subcommittee will meet again after the vendor has an opportunity to view the City Celebration video from last year. The Subcommittee will keep the COMMISSION updated.

COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS inquired whether the Spring Soccer League would be able to finish their season at Highridge before the renovation. The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated the League would have time to finish their season. COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS stated there are visible large rocks showing, one is located in the lower field the size of a boulder, in the fields and requested the COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR to point out this concern to the contractor renovating the fields and to remove the boulder-sized rock soon. The fencing is in disrepair in some places at Highridge Park.

COMMISSIONER PEKICH inquired as to the time period resurfacing of his street would take place.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

SILVER SPUR ROAD PROJECTS COST PROJECTIONS
JOINT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NATURE CENTER SUBCOMMITTEE
CITY CELEBRATION SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS

TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, THE TIME BEING 8:53 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN VULLO SO ORDERED.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Shinkai
Minutes Secretary

Approved,
Douglas R. Prichard
City Clerk