

MINUTES
PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 5, 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. by VICE CHAIRWOMAN CLEWIS.

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Pierson, Vullo

CITY STAFF PRESENT: ndy Clark, Community Services Director

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2002

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, VICE CHAIRWOMAN CLEWIS ORDERED

THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2002 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

NONE

REQUESTS FOR HOWLETT PARK BASEBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

Community Services Director Clark provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

Olympia Greer, Peninsula Pony-Colt League Representative, 267 Palos Verdes Drive West, Palos Verdes Estates, explained in detail the proposed project. She noted that one of the two warm-up/batting cages would be enclosed with the other cage being located near the parking lot removing the existing tree logs and replacing them with railroad ties. It was noted that two feet of grading would be needed to bring it up to the existing surface level. Additionally, she noted that decomposed granite will be utilized for most of the area and a concrete pad will be placed under the batting machine.

Brief discussion ensued regarding fencing where it was noted the new fence would match what is existing at the park.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA inquired as to the distance from the cage to home plate as the requirement is approximately 56 feet from the batter. He suggested increasing the footage as it was too close. Ms. Greer noted that they could overlap the back of the dugout by approximately six to seven feet, which would allow for an additional four to five feet. She noted she was not familiar with the portable mound, but that it will be located in the enclosure. COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA reiterated that the footage must be the correct distance according to baseball requirements.

Ms. Greer thanked COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA for providing his assistance to the Pony League.

COMMISSIONER PEKICH inquired if this project would be completed in time for the new season. Ms. Greer indicated it should be and that they will be ready to go out to bid the following week.

Ms. Greer provided in detail their costs for these improvements.

COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS inquired if the City had reviewed the request for railroad ties. Ms. Greer noted she would contact Planning Director Orci regarding this issue.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS

TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED PENINSULA PONY-COLT BASEBALL LEAGUE

PITCHERS WARM-UP/BATTING CAGE FACILITIES TO BE INSTALLED NEXT TO THE LEAGUE'S BASEBALL FIELD AMENDED WITH A SLIGHT EXTENSION BEHIND THE DUGOUT ON THE FIRST BASE SIDE IN ERNIE HOWLETT PARK.

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

ABSENT: Pierson, Vullo

MARLOMA HOA REQUEST FOR STREET ENTRYWAY IMPROVEMENT FUNDING

Community Services Director Clark provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

Steve Law, Marloma Homeowners' Association, 4500 Marloma Drive, responded to various questions noting that the fencing is mainly decorative. Additionally, he stated that the homeowners would pay maintenance costs of the grass area.

COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS

TO APPROVE UP TO 50% (OR \$2,732.06) OF THE MARLOMA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION'S REQUEST FOR STREET ENTRYWAY BEAUTIFICATION FUNDS TO IMPROVE THE LANDSCAPING AT THE INTERSECTION OF MARINA DRIVE AND SILVER SPUR ROAD.

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

ABSENT: Pierson, Vullo

PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE OF 1996 SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION SPECIFIED GRANT FUNDS

Community Services Director Clark provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

Brief discussion ensued regarding the deadline to use these funds. Community Services Director Clark noted that June, 2003 is the actual deadline, but an extension may be requested at a later time.

VICE CHAIRWOMAN CLEWIS requested clarification on why these funds would be utilized for the Municipal Stables. Community Services Director Clark explained that there is an estimated \$400,000 shortfall for the relocation project and these monies would be designated for that purpose.

COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA

TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE of the 1996 Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition Specified Grant funds to read: "One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the City of Rolling Hills Estates for the acquisition of natural lands, wildlife habitat, open space, and/or acquisition and/or development of equestrian facilities."

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

ABSENT: Pierson, Vullo

PVDN CALIFORNIA PEPPER STUDY RESULTS

Community Services Director Clark provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

Discussion ensued with COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA suggesting information regarding tree removal be included in the City's newsletter. Additionally, he noted that residents should be invited to walk the site.

COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS suggested that the COMMISSION and City Council form a subcommittee to discuss costs for removal and replacement of trees and take a proactive approach in

notifying the residents on reasons why the trees are being removed.

It was the consensus of the COMMISSION to appoint COMMISSIONERS PEKICH, PERSICHINA and VANDEN BOS to the subcommittee.

COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA

TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL TO: 1) APPROVE A THREE-YEAR REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE OF CALIFORNIA PEPPER TREES ALONG PALOS VERDES DRIVE NORTH; 2) DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP METHODS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECT INFORMATION TO PENINSULA RESIDENTS; 3) FORMULATE A SUBCOMMITTEE WITH COMMISSIONERS PEKICH, PERSICHINA, AND VANDEN BOS ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL; 4) INVITE RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE, AS APPROPRIATE; AND 5) REQUEST THE CITY COUNCIL TO DESIGNATE A FUNDING SOURCE FOR THIS PROJECT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2001-02 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW.

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

ABSENT: Pierson, Vullo

MATTERS OF INFORMATION

A. CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, JANUARY 22, 2002

After brief discussion, it was the consensus of the COMMISSION that concern was expressed regarding the Council's disagreement with their recommendation to fund park ADA improvements. The COMMISSION noted they would like to have a joint meeting with the Council.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS OF JANUARY 22, 2002.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, VICE CHAIRWOMAN CLEWIS SO ORDERED.

B. PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, JANUARY 14, 2002

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2002.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, VICE CHAIRWOMAN CLEWIS SO ORDERED.

C. 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, VICE CHAIRWOMAN CLEWIS SO ORDERED.

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

ABSENT: Pierson, Vullo

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

A. TRACY AUSTIN TOURNAMENT UPDATE, JULY 19-21, 2002

Community Services Director Clark reported that the City's Cross Country Run Race Consultant, Michael Hogue met with Tracy Austin to discuss the possibility of utilizing his services for the Tracy Austin Tennis Tournament. He noted that Ms. Austin was in agreement with the event promotions and upgrades suggested by Mr. Hogue. Additionally, Community Services Director Clark stated that one of the ideas was to have the sponsors' barbecue at the Kramer Club along with the finals of the tennis tournament. It was also noted that discussion should take place regarding using public facilities versus private facilities for a City event.

Prior to meeting with the Tracy Austin Committee, COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA suggested having the subcommittee consisting of COMMISSIONERS CLEWIS, PAGLIANO and himself meet before the next Park and Activities Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. on February 19, 2002.

B. SILVER SPUR PARK PROJECT UPDATE

Community Services Director Clark reported that the park bench has arrived and will be installed shortly. It was also noted the trash receptacle is in place.

Brief discussion ensued regarding fencing through the park where a section has been removed, but not from the other side. COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS suggested cutting that side as well to allow access to the park. Community Services Director Clark noted he will review this matter.

C. SILVER SPUR ROAD PARKWAY PROJECT UPDATE

Community Services Director Clark reported that this project has been virtually completed and the Rollingwood Homeowners Association had recently submitted a plan for landscaping. He noted he will meet with the V2C Group regarding Phase II of the project on February 6, 2002.

D. Community Services Director Clark reported that he received a letter from the California Department of Veteran Affairs asking if the City had any monuments recognizing veterans. He inquired if the COMMISSION was aware of mounted plaques within the City. It was suggested to contact COMMISSIONER PIERSON for his assistance.

E. Community Services Director Clark reported that Peninsula High School will be holding a dedication ceremony for their new All Weather Track on Tuesday, February 26 at 3:00 p.m. and that he will attend. He invited the COMMISSION to attend as well.

F. Community Services Director Clark noted that CHAIRWOMAN VULLO would meet with the Mayor, Planning Chairman, and staff to discuss items for the Policy Development Session. He noted the following items are listed on the draft agenda: 1) Phase II Silver Spur Park Improvements; 2) Stable Relocation Project; and 3) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) issues. He also asked the COMMISSION to contact him if there are any other items of interest.

COMMISSION ITEMS

A. COMMISSIONER PEKICH inquired as to the progress on the Butcher property. Community Services Director Clark noted this is still under review by the Planning Department and various governmental entities.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. ADA TRANSITION PLAN

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER VANDEN BOS

TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, THE TIME BEING 9:03 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, VICE CHAIRWOMAN CLEWIS SO ORDERED.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Shinkai
Minutes Secretary

Approved,
Douglas R. Prichard
City Clerk