

MINUTES

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 20, 2001

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 Conference Room, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by CHAIRMAN PAGLIANO.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Clewis, Frantz, Pagliano, Pekich, Pierson, Vullo

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Persichina

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Andy Clark, Community Services Director

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, FEBRUARY 6, 2001

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PAGLIANO ORDERED

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2001, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

ROLLING HILLS PARK VILLA REQUEST

FOR ENTRYWAY BEAUTIFICATION FUNDING

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR reviewed the staff report dated February 20, 2001, per written material. Warner Helig, representing Rolling Hills Park Villa HOA, addressed the COMMISSION and reviewed the estimated costs for the project.

COMMISSIONER CLEWIS inquired whether landscaping improvements were annuals or perennials. Mr. Helig stated when the annuals die, the HOA will replace them. This funding would be for start up materials. COMMISSIONER CLEWIS stated she did not feel the City should pay for designer costs. She would be in favor of the City paying half the costs for repair, capping and improvement of landscaping, but not designer costs or pruning.

In answer to an inquiry, the COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated he has not received any more requests for entryway funding. He reiterated that ample funding is available.

There being no further discussion, COMMISSIONER FRANTZ moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER VULLO

TO APPROVE ENTRYWAY IMPROVEMENT COSTS, NOT TO EXCEED \$2,770, PROPOSED BY THE ROLLING HILLS PARK VILLA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

AYES: Clewis, Frantz, Pagliano, Pekich, Pierson, Vullo

ABSENT: Persichina

APPEAL OF REQUEST TO REMOVE STREET TREES

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR reviewed the staff memorandum dated February 20, 2001, per written material. He added that copies of letters received have been distributed to the COMMISSION (three against removal, one for removal of a few trees but not all seven).

Mr. Mark Anderson, representing Mario and Olga Pietrantonio, distributed a booklet to the COMMISSION showing the location of the trees and the reasons why Mr. and Mrs. Pietrantonio are requesting the trees be removed. Mr. Anderson displayed pictures of homes in the Masongate area that do not have any trees fronting the homes. He stated that approximately half of the 66 homes in Masongate have no trees fronting their home; there are 16 homes that have one large Eucalyptus tree; 8 homes have two large Eucalyptus trees; and 2 homes that have three large Eucalyptus trees. He then proceeded to read the booklet to the COMMISSION.

Terry Griggs, Co-President of Masongate HOA, addressed the COMMISSION and stated the Board welcomes Mr. Pietrantonio to the neighborhood. She added that the Board agreed a few of the trees could be removed, and the rest of the trees trimmed, but the Board was not in favor of removing all of the trees. She added the Board was against changing the character of the street.

COMMISSIONER FRANTZ inquired whether the audience would be in favor of removing two of the trees.

Ms. Georgia Davis, who lives directly behind the subject property, stated she is in favor of removing four (4) of the largest trees, reiterating the mess on the street, drippings from the trees, and the large root system were reasons for the removal.

Mr. Ron Barker, who lives next door to the subject property, stated he would be in favor of removing four of the Eucalyptus trees. He added that 4663 Sugarhill Drive is the only property disadvantaged with seven (7) Eucalyptus, and noted that the frontage at this property is smaller than any other residence.

Dr. James Hawley, who lives directly across the street from 4663 Sugarhill Drive, stated the Eucalyptus are visually pleasing to look at. He added that if four trees were to be removed, he would agree to walk with Mr. Pietrantonio and come to some agreement as to which trees would be removed.

CHAIRMAN PAGLIANO asked the audience if they would be in favor of allowing the removal of a maximum of four (4) trees. Mr. Hawley reiterated that he would like to be informed which four trees would be chosen before agreeing to the removal.

Mr. Pietrantonio stated the four largest trees have been there for a long time and the root system is immense. He added that the pictures in the booklet show the cracks in the curb and street.

COMMISSIONER CLEWIS stated if the larger trees were taken out, the little trees would grow.

COMMISSIONER VULLO complimented Mr. Anderson on the booklet and stated that when visiting the site, she noticed this house was the only one located very close to the street. In addition to the seven Eucalyptus trees and the short frontage, light does not penetrate to the house. She was in favor of removing some of the trees.

COMMISSIONER FRANTZ moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER VULLO

TO ALLOW THE REMOVAL OF UP TO FOUR (4) EUCALYPTUS TREES FRONTING 4663 SUGARHILL DRIVE; THAT THE DECISION OF WHICH FOUR TREES BE DECIDED BY THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES, THE HOMEOWNER, AND ANY IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS (DAVIS, BARKER AND HAWLEY); AND THAT THE HOMEOWNER WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR REGARDING ANY REMOVAL REQUIREMENTS..

AYES: Clewis, Frantz, Pagliano, Pekich, Pierson, Vullo

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2001

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PAGLIANO ORDERED

THE CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2001, BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

A. City Attorney's Opinion of AYSO Soccer Permit – The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated according to the City Attorney, the permit process is fine as long as insurance is on file.

B. Chadwick School's Temporary Parking at EHP – The COMMISSION received and filed the letter from Chadwick School.

C. Cross Country Run Contractor Agreement – The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR updated the COMMISSION, stating that COMMISSIONERS CLEWIS and VULLO, and MAYOR ZUCKERMAN met with the contractor today. He added this draft agreement will be forwarded to the City Council.

D. Contract Naturalist Recruitment Update – The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated four resumes have been received and interviews will be conducted next week.

E. March 20, 2001 Meeting Cancellation - The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated that the March 20th meeting will be cancelled.

F. Policy Development Discussion Items – The COMMISSION received and filed the memorandum. Any other suggestions for the Policy Development Items should be forwarded to the COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR.

COMMISSION ITEMS

COMMISSIONER CLEWIS stated she will give the Parade Subcommittee members a contact to perhaps include a bagpipe band to march in this year's parade.

COMMISSIONER PIERSON reviewed the draft minutes from the last Equestrian Committee meeting regarding the proposed golf course and relocation of the stables.

COMMISSIONER VULLO stated staff should look at the Silver Spur Road parkway where vehicles have apparently been driving in the mud.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Deep Valley Streetscape Project Landscaping Plan

Silver Spur Road Parkway Project Revised Plan

Nature Center Request for Pepper Tree Foundation Funding

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER FRANTZ moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PEKICH

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED, THE TIME BEING 9:02 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PAGLIANO SO ORDERED.

Respectfully submitted, Approved,

Ellen Shinkai Douglas R. Prichard

Minutes Secretary City Clerk