

**MINUTES****PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION****JULY 17, 2001**

A regular meeting of the Park and Activities Commission of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 6:08 p.m., at the George F Canyon Nature Center, 27305 Palos Verdes Drive East, by VICE CHAIRWOMAN VULLO.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Clewis, Pekich, Persichina, Pierson, Vullo

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Pagliano

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Andy Clark, Community Services Director

Linda Fitton, Equestrian Services Supervisor

**PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, JUNE 19, 2001**

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, VICE CHAIRWOMAN VULLO ORDERED

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 19, 2001, BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

**AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None.

**MATTERS OF INFORMATION**

None.

**DIRECTOR'S ITEMS**

A. August 7, 2001 and August 21, 2001 Park and Activities Commission Meetings – The meeting of August 7, 2001, will be held in the City Council Chambers and the August 21, 2001 meeting will be held

at Highridge Park.

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### **COMMISSION ITEMS**

Tracy Austin Tennis Tournament Update (July 20-22, 2001) – The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR announced that the tournament had again reached maximum capacity of approximately 130 entries. COMMISSIONERS confirmed their concession sales time commitments. Beer will be sold this year, and the ABC Permit has been obtained. COMMISSIONER CLEWIS reported that the photo frame awards have arrived.

The Hills Are Alive 10K/5K Run-5K Walk Update (August 4, 2001) – The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR reported that the race consultant had raised almost \$17,500 thus far and that the Subcommittee would meet on July 18, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. COMMISSIONER CLEWIS reported that the awards had been received. VICE CHAIRWOMAN VULLO expressed concern about the growing size of the Pepper Tree Foundation Fund and the lack of projects to use these funds. The COMMISSION discussed a number of potential projects which will be further discussed at the August 7, 2001 COMMISSION meeting.

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City Celebration Update (September 15, 2001) – VICE CHAIRWOMAN VULLO reported on the revised schedule of events for the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual City Celebration. Two new events, Medieval Times jousting and Adopt-A-Pet, are hoped to draw more visitors this year. Staff was requested to invite the HOAs to consider having a fundraising booth.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

A. NATURE CENTER COMPUTER REQUEST FOR PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION FUNDING. VICE CHAIRWOMAN VULLO reported that the Ad Hoc Nature Center Subcommittee would be recommending a computer for purchase with Pepper Tree Foundation Funds at the August 7, 2001 meeting.

\*\*\*\*\*THE FOLLOWING VISITES WERE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER\*\*\*\*\*

**DAPPLEGRAY PARK** – The EQUESTRIAN SERVICES SUPERVISOR discussed a potential location for

a proposed, temporary restroom to be placed in the park. The COMMISSION requested staff to bring photographs of potential restroom units for consideration to the August 7, 2001 meeting. The EQUESTRIAN SERVICES SUPERVISOR also indicated that the three arenas in Dapplegray Park were in excellent condition and being heavily used this summer.

**GEORGE F CANYON NATURE CENTER TOUR** – The COMMISSION was pleased with the condition of the Nature Center and its renovated restrooms. It was noted that the shrubs in front of the Nature Center had a whitefly infestation and that the Myroporum shrubs need trimming.

The COMMISSION then toured the Stein-Hale trail. The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR reported on the progress of Vegetative Mapping Project, noting the high diversity of plants found in the canyon. The following suggestions were noted to improve the trail:

1. Enlarge or place more trail regulation signs on the trail.
2. At the first observation deck, trim the trees and shrubs to allow a better view of the canyon streambed.
3. Consider having a carpenter replace and expand the wooded safety railing along the steep banks of the creek, using Pepper Tree Foundation funds.
4. Install more "Steep Banks" warning signs.
5. Repair the signage along trail section below Palos Verdes Drive East, near the creek crossing.
6. Remove the trash bags and tree limbs located in the trail parking lot.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, VICE CHAIRWOMAN VULLO ORDERED

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED, THE TIME BEING 7:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Approved,

Andy Clark Douglas R. Prichard

Community Services Director City Clerk

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