

MINUTES

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

OCTOBER 17, 2000

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 CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA.

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

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Andy Clark, Community Services Director

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, OCTOBER 3, 2000

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CLARK explained that the Howlett Park calendar of events, and the PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION'S motion regarding this item would be reviewed by the Equestrian Committee per CITY COUNCIL direction. If the Equestrian Committee suggests a different way to handle events scheduled at Ernie Howlett Park other than what was recommended by the PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION, staff will bring this item back for the COMMISSION'S review.

COMMISSIONER FRANTZ moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER VULLO

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2000, AS PRESENTED

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA ORDERED.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

PROPOSED GOLF COURSE AT PALOS VERDES LANDFILL UPDATE

The COMMISSION received an update on the proposed golf course at Palos Verdes Landfill from CITY MANAGER DOUGLAS PRICHARD. He stated that the Sanitation Districts had received approval of the closure plan requirements from the State, and that the County will go forward with development of a golf course on the site. The concerns of the City are the maintenance of the municipal stables; maintenance of existing bridle trail or relocation of the bridle trail around the site, as well as environmental impacts to the surrounding neighborhoods.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the timing of development, the EIR process, and funding and siting of the stables relocation.

The CITY MANAGER stated the COMMISSION would be updated when staff has any

new information.

The COMMISSION thanked CITY MANAGER PRICHARD for his update on this item.

PONY CAMP UPDATE

Due to illness, the EQUESTRIAN SERVICES SUPERVISOR was not available to give her verbal report. This item will be agendaized at a future meeting.

SILVER SPUR ROAD PARKWAY PROJECT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR reviewed the staff report per written material. He added that CITY COUNCIL budgeted \$100,000 in FY 2000-2001 to improve the aesthetic appearance and potential safety hazards associated with the Silver Spur Road parkway adjacent to the Rollingwood HOA residents. He distributed a letter from Mr. Thomas Judge and cost estimate from Korve Engineering. Mr. Judge's concerns were fence setback, curb cuts, the swale running from Willow Wood to the existing storm drain north of Montemalaga, and the swale running from Silver Spur road directly to the existing storm drain.

Anthony Mendoza, V2C Group Representative, addressed the COMMISSION and reviewed the plans and specifications. He explained the plans did not include the concrete swale from Willow Wood to the existing storm drain nor the swale running from Silver Spur Road directly to the existing storm drain to minimize silt around the basin from clogging the drain. He added that the estimate distributed tonight from Korve Engineering reflects all items and are part of the design, and that the estimate is over the \$100,000 budget. Phase I of the project will include a civil engineering analysis, hydrology study, curb and gutter, a drainage swale, three-rail fencing and construction inspection/administration costs. Phase II of the project proposes the addition of parkway landscaping in the future.

Mr. Mendoza reviewed the need to have a uniform 20' width along Silver Spur Road which would reduce the proposed landscape area from 35 feet to 26 feet. The reduction of landscape area is due to additional pavement added along the street to allow 8 feet of shoulder area and 12 feet for lane travel.

Mr. Mendoza stated that periodic openings in the fencing, large enough for a car to pass through, could occur along Silver Spur Road to save project costs. Curb cut openings will be approximately 24" wide.

In response to COMMISSIONER FRANTZ'S inquiry as to whether any feedback was received from the surrounding homeowners' associations regarding the widening of the asphalt and the encroachment into the landscaping, the COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR responded that no contact had yet been made with the homeowners due to the fact that the road widening proposal was only recently received.

Mr. Mendoza stated that the improvements must adhere to the construction standards unless the City is willing to release the engineer of any liability in order to construct this project to allow more landscaping. Therefore, this project should be constructed as proposed, or release all parties involved in the construction of the project from future liability claims.

It was the consensus of the COMMISSION that the project should be constructed per traffic and safety and civil engineering standards, but that the homeowners' association be made aware of the changes.

After some discussion, COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER FRANTZ

TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL TO: 1) MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS PROJECT AS PROPOSED, WITH THE PROVISION THAT THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION BE MADE AWARE OF THE CHANGES, SPECIFICALLY, THE IMPACT ON THE PROPOSED LANDSCAPED AREA SIZE, RESULTING FROM THE ROAD WIDENING; 2) RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE FROM THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION AND INCLUDE THAT RESPONSE INTO THE STAFF REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL; AND 3) DIRECT STAFF TO WORK WITH V2C GROUP, INC., TO DETERMINE WHAT COST SAVINGS COULD BE ACHIEVED TO COME WITHIN THE PROJECT'S BUDGET.

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

SILVER SPUR PARK PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT COSTS

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR reviewed the staff report per written material. Mr. Sean Bennett, Rolling Meadows HOA President, reconfirmed the trimming of the Oleanders, and the only removal of Oleanders would be at sections where three-rail fencing will be installed. Mr. Bennett requested this improvement not be accepted until crosswalks and access to the park are in place, as he felt improving the park would attract children who may want to cross either Silver Spur Road or Palos Verdes Drive North.

It was the consensus of the COMMISSION that the improvements were for aesthetic purposes as requested from adjacent residents, i.e., trim Oleanders, add three-rail fencing, improve the grass area and irrigation, and therefore, no additional use should result from these improvements. As such, no traffic analysis of the intersection was deemed necessary.

CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA stated it was his understanding that the COMMISSION was directed to look into upgrading the aesthetics of the park as an open space area.

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated the CITY COUNCIL designated this area as open park space and directed the PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION to make aesthetic improvements.

COMMISSIONER CLEWIS questioned the high cost of the trash receptacle and inquired whether this cost could be minimized by acquiring a plain trash receptacle versus the proposed one with wood siding. Staff will look into a less expensive trash receptacle.

COMMISSIONER VULLO stated she would approve of funding this project from Pepper Tree Foundation funds, and to begin this project as soon as possible.

After some discussion, COMMISSIONER VULLO moved, seconded by

COMMISSIONER CLEWIS

TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL THE IMPROVEMENTS TO SILVER SPUR PARK AS STATED IN THE STAFF REPORT (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PURCHASING A LESS EXPENSIVE TRASH RECEPTACLE), USING PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION FUNDS, NOT TO EXCEED \$12,450.

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

PROPOSED HORSE ARENA LOCATIONS IN ERNIE HOWLETT PARK

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR reviewed the staff report per written material. He explained that in answer to PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION'S inquiry, the suggested alternate location for an additional turnout/lunging ring on the slope northeast of the Maintenance Yard was investigated. There were concerns regarding the depth of the cut and fill at this site, the fact that the City does not have the proper equipment to pack and grade this site, and would cost twice as much as it would to construct one on level land. He added that it was permissible to use Pepper Tree Foundation funds for this project and to have the funds reimbursed by the City at a future date.

In regard to the proposed additional riding ring location at Ernie Howlett Park (adjacent the dressage arena), the COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated Mr. Hardy Zantke was in attendance, and was not in favor of that location nor the proposed sand footing in the ring. CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA stated that the location had already been decided at past meetings and that this issue was not a discussion item at this time.

COMMISSIONER PIERSON moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER CLEWIS

TO RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL: 1) MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROPOSED 80'X160' RECTANGULAR, MULTI-PURPOSE RIDING RING TO BE CONSTRUCTED ADJACENT THE DRESSAGE ARENA AT ERNIE HOWLETT PARK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; 2) THAT MONIES BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM THE PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION FUND TO BE REIMBURSED BY THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND WHEN FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FY 2001-2002 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUND OR, AS AN ALTERNATIVE, TO FUND THIS PROJECT WITH EXCESS CITY FUNDS IF COUNCIL DETERMINES FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT; AND 3) THAT THE USAGE GUIDELINES FOR THE PROPOSED HORSE ARENA BE ADDRESSED AT A LATER DATE BY BOTH THE EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE AND THE COMMISSION.

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

NOES: Clewis

ADJOURN TO PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

COMMISSIONER PIERSON moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO

TO ADJOURN TO THE PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, THE TIME BEING 8:44 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA SO ORDERED.

PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT

The BOARD OF DIRECTORS reviewed the Pepper Tree Foundation Financial Report. The report was received and filed.

RECONVENE TO PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING

BOARD MEMBER CLEWIS moved, seconded by BOARD MEMBER VULLO

TO ADJOURN THE PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND RECONVENE TO THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING, THE TIME BEING 8:47 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA SO ORDERED.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2000

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA ORDERED

THE CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2000, BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

COMMISSIONER VULLO requested agendizing the Proposition 12 grant funds for a future agenda.

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, OCTOBER 2, 2000

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA ORDERED

THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, MEETING OF OCTOBER 2, 2000, BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

1. City Celebration Debriefing Meeting – November 7, 2000, at 6:00 P.M. – Invitations will be going out regarding the debriefing meeting.

2. Silver Spur Road Medians and Levitt Property Improvements Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – A tentative date has been set for November 14, at 4:00 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce, merchants, and City Council will be invited. The COMMISSION will be updated at the City Celebration Debriefing meeting.

3. Tennis Locker Room Update – The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated some of the locker room partition parts have not been received yet.

4. Howlett Park Quarterly Calendar of Events – The COMMISSION agreed this was the calendar format they want to review. If an event will not use all the rings, those rings used will be listed; otherwise, if an event uses all the rings, the event only will be listed.

COMMISSION ITEMS

COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO inquired as to what project Rancho Palos Verdes submitted to the City of Rolling Hills for their Proposition A funds. It was noted that the City of Rolling Hills awarded their portion of Proposition A funds to Rancho Palos Verdes for improvements to their Interpretive Center.

COMMISSIONER PEKICH noted his concern regarding the types of specialty stores located at the Avenue of the Peninsula Mall.

COMMISSIONER CLEWIS stated the fencing along Rolling Hills Road is in disrepair and is in dire need of either removal or replacement. It was stated the fence is located on private property and unless the fence is falling into the City's bridle trail, there is no recourse for the City at this time. The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated the new Zoning and Code Administrator will start his position with the City in November and this is one of the items on the list for him to review.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Nature Center Requests for Pepper Tree Foundation Funding

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER FRANTZ moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED, THE TIME BEING 9:00 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA SO ORDERED.

Respectfully submitted, Approved,

Ellen Shinkai Douglas R. Prichard

Minutes Secretary City Clerk