

MINUTES

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

APRIL 18, 2000

A regular meeting of the Park and Activities Commission of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 7:34 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Clewis, Pagliano, Pekich, Persichina

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Frantz, Pierson, Vullo

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Andy Clark, Community Services Director

Linda Fitton, Equestrian Services Supervisor

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, APRIL 4, 2000

COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER CLEWIS

THAT THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2000, BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA SO ORDERED.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

SILVER SPUR ROAD PARKWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR provided a staff report per written material. Tom Judge, 28 Rollingwood, addressed the COMMISSION. He distributed pictures of the area and added that this parkway has looked unkempt and has been an eyesore for years. He added that CITY COUNCIL, at their last meeting, approved over \$600,000 to improve Silver Spur Road near the shopping center. It was noted that a COUNCIL MEMBER stated that portion of Silver Spur Road has been in existence since the 60's. Mr. Judge stated the Silver Spur Road parkway area and the 377 homes in this area have been in existence since the mid 50's and felt that the COMMISSION should recommend improvements to the parkway area for COUNCIL'S consideration.

Marilyn Breeding, 5159 Bluemound, representing the Marloma Board, stated the parkway needs to have curbs installed. She added that water lines were installed to just before Willow Wood last year with monies received partly from the City. She stated that the area needs to be improved and added that this portion of Silver Spur Road also leads to the shopping center.

After some discussion, COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO moved, seconded by

COMMISSIONER CLEWIS

TO RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL ACQUIRE PROFESSIONAL COST ESTIMATES BASED ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S GENERAL CONCEPT PLAN FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE FY 2000-2001 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS BUDGET.

AYES: Clewis, Pagliano, Pekich, Persichina

ABSENT: Frantz, Pierson, Vullo

PORTUGUESE BEND NATIONAL HORSE SHOW FEE REDUCTION REQUEST

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR provided a staff report per written material. The EQUESTRIAN SERVICES SUPERVISOR noted that this horse show event is the largest horse show event at the park. She explained that the \$5,000 fee is for the use of the park for 10 days, and no other fees are charged (i.e., kitchen use of \$25 per day, \$250 per day for box stalls and paddock use) and that this was also the price they were charged at the Empty Saddle Club. She added that with any type of set up or delivery of goods for this horse show, the park's use is impacted, and traditionally, no horse shows or clinics are permitted, nor are any other park permits issued during these 10 days. The EQUESTRIAN SERVICES SUPERVISOR noted that the horse show has been impacted also, as they are not allowed to use the ballfields this year, thus reducing the size and scope of the areas used.

The COMMISSION discussed the amount of days specifically used for the horse show and other horse shows held at the park.

CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA noted that he was a member of the subcommittee that reviewed the horse show fees. He felt that the subcommittee reviewed the fees in depth and that the \$5,000 was reasonable for the use of the park and that this event was allowed to use the park 10 days without any extra fees, only the \$500 per day park use fee. During set up days, use of the fields and equestrian area is restricted.

Cathy King and Sally Kelly, representing the Childrens Committee, stated that the \$500 per day fee should be charged only for the 3 days of the horse show, not days to set up, and noted that the Las Amigas Horse Show and Carriage Classic are not charged for set up days.

COMMISSIONER CLEWIS stated she attended the COUNCIL meeting, and the topic of equity in charges was discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding a reduced fee for set up days, what would constitute partial day's use, etc. It was noted that the subject of horse show fees has been discussed numerous times at various COMMISSION, committee, and subcommittee levels.

COMMISSIONER PEKICH agreed that there should not be unequal fees, that even though there were variations in the horse shows, there should be parity between horse show fees.

CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA stated that the Portuguese Bend Horse Show is not

charged extra park fees at this time, but they could be ultimately charged \$500 per day for use of the park plus \$250 for stall use and \$25 for kitchen use, etc. After some discussion, it was stated the Portuguese Bend Horse Show used the park approximately 6 to 7 days. CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA suggested that a small subcommittee consisting of staff and the COMMISSION be appointed to again discuss an equitable fee schedule to be presented to COUNCIL for approval, as he was not comfortable voting on this matter. He again reiterated the fact that the Portuguese Bend Horse Show has been allowed to use the park 10 days at a \$500 per day fee.

COMMISSIONERS CLEWIS and PIERSON will represent the PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION, and will serve on this subcommittee with COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CLARK and EQUESTRIAN SERVICES SUPERVISOR FITTON. The purpose of this subcommittee will be to structure fees for all horse show use of the park. The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR extended an invitation for a representative of each horse show to attend this meeting to address their specific horse show and their use of the park.

NATURE CENTER SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

The Naturalist from the Nature Center reviewed the George F Canyon Nature Center Financial Report and Activity Summary, and stated that revenues continue to rise. It was noted that in the future, a comparison report of revenues/expenditures of the previous six months will be provided.

ADJOURN TO PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

COMMISSIONER CLEWIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO

TO ADJOURN TO THE PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, THE TIME BEING 8:25 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA SO ORDERED.

NATURE CENTER EQUIPMENT PURCHASE REQUEST

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR provided a staff report per written material and reviewed the equipment for purchase. Discussion ensued regarding the programs proposed and the Wentz Easy-View Scope. It was stated that the equipment purchased will be locked up at night, except for the Wentz Scope (which will be bolted down inside the Nature Center).

BOARD MEMBER PAGLIANO moved, seconded by BOARD MEMBER PEKICH

TO RECOMMEND THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT IDENTIFIED IN THE STAFF REPORT, TOTALING \$4,989.24.

AYES: Clewis, Pagliano, Pekich, Persichina

ABSENT: Frantz, Pierson, Vullo

It was noted that the COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR will investigate insurance riders for the newly purchased equipment, and will inform the Sheriff's Department conduct a security audit of the Nature Center.

BOARD MEMBER CLEWIS stated the labeling of the painting in the downstairs area of the Nature Center is still not complete. She requested the COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR to remind Molly Collins that she has been paid in full and to request her to complete the project as soon as possible.

TRACY AUSTIN DOUBLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT - JULY 21-23, 2000

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR provided a staff report per written material. He stated that the Dreyfus fund has expressed an interest in a commercial booth with internet access to provide information on their funds in exchange for a \$2,000 to \$3,000 cash donation. If approved, there would be \$200 charge incurred by the City for an internet connection. He added that the tournament subcommittee suggested increasing the cash prize fund from \$1,000 to \$2,000, if additional cash sponsors were acquired.

The BOARD was in favor of allowing the commercialization request from Sam's Club, and would approve the installation and the cost of an additional phone line for the 3-day event for the Dreyfus Fund, if the City receives the proposed \$2,000 to \$3,000 cash donation from Dreyfus.

After some discussion, BOARD MEMBER CLEWIS moved, seconded by BOARD MEMBER PAGLIANO

TO INCREASE THE CASH PRIZE FUND FOR THE TRACY AUSTIN DOUBLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT TO \$2,000, PROVIDED ADDITIONAL SPONSORS ARE ACQUIRED TO COVER THE COST OF THIS INCREASE; AND TO APPROVE INSTALLATION OF THE ADDITIONAL PHONE LINE NECESSARY FOR INTERNET ACCESS FOR THE DREYFUS FUND IF THE PROPOSED DONATION OF \$2,000 TO \$3,000 IS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE FROM THEM.

AYES: Clewis, Pagliano, Pekich, Persichina

ABSENT: Frantz, Pierson, Vullo

5K AND 10K CROSS COUNTRY RUN - APRIL 29, 2000

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated that there will be a meeting in the Council Chambers between the Sheriffs' Department, the radio club representative, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR, MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT, and COMMISSION MEMBERS PAGLIANO AND PERSICHINA.

The race course will be reviewed and measured.

The t-shirts will be delivered on April 19, 2000.

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR asked for a volunteer to handle the race results.

RECONVENE TO THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING

BOARD MEMBER PEKICH moved, seconded by BOARD MEMBER CLEWIS

TO ADJOURN THE PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND RECONVENE TO THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING, THE TIME BEING 8:55 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA SO ORDERED.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, APRIL 11, 2000

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA ORDERED

THE CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2000, BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, APRIL 3, 2000

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA ORDERED

THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2000, BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

CITY CELEBRATION PLANNING MEETING, MAY 16 AT 6:00 P.M. -

COMMISSIONERS FRANTZ, PAGLIANO AND VULLO are serving on the City Celebration Planning subcommittee.

HOUSKE RIGHT-OF-WAY TREES UPDATE - The COMMUNITY SERVICES

DIRECTOR stated the Silk Oak Trees were relocated to a location near the Maintenance Yard.

MAYOR'S RIDE - MAY 6, 2000 - The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR reminded the COMMISSION that if they wished to rent a horse for the Mayor's Ride, he would need to be informed tonight.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL SCOREBOARD - The COMMISSION discussed the relocation of the scoreboard at Ernie Howlett Park. It was noted that the PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION was not informed of this relocation request. It was the consensus of the COMMISSION that this item should have been brought to the attention of the PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION before the relocation took place, as the sportsfields have been a much discussed item of concern.

It was the consensus of the COMMISSION, after reviewing the minutes of August 18, 1992 and June 1, 1993, that the COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR write a letter to both the Little League and Pony League presidents, informing them that they are responsible for all items covered in the contract (i.e., covering the scoreboard to prevent vandalism and damage during the off season; painting the scoreboard poles every two years or more frequently if needed; repairing the scoreboard within 30 days of notice; all expenses involving the scoreboard will be borne by the Little League and

Pony League, etc.)

A brief discussion ensued regarding the issue of the instances where one should abstain from voting.

COMMISSION ITEMS

COMMISSIONER CLEWIS informed the COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR that there is standing water in front of the Tennis Center women's restroom at Ernie Howlett Park.

COMMISSIONER CLEWIS asked for an update of the Activity Room at The Avenue. The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated that the City informed the owner of the Mall that the City would not move forward with the Activity Room due to the monthly \$5,000 charge imposed, and the fact that the cost to construct the room would amount to \$250,000.

COMMISSIONER CLEWIS inquired as to the location of the land referred to for acquisition near Howlett Park. The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated the COUNCIL is considering the acquisition of the Fitzpatrick property and it was still under Closed Session status.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5K and 10K Cross Country Run

Tracy Austin Tennis Tournament

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA ORDERED

THAT THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING BE ADJOURNED THE TIME BEING 9:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Approved,

Ellen Shinkai Douglas R. Prichard

Minutes Secretary City Clerk