

MINUTES

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

JANUARY 18, 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 Conference Room, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Frantz, Persichina, Pagliano, Vullo

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Clewis, Pierson

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Andy Clark, Community Services Director

THE FOLLOWING ACTION WAS TAKEN BEFORE THE MEETING WAS CALLED

TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA presented a plaque to outgoing CHAIRWOMAN BAYER. CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA thanked her for the last 10 years she served the City as a PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSIONER and added that she will be sorely missed. The COMMISSION wished her well in her new position as PLANNING COMMISSIONER.

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, DECEMBER 7, 1999

COMMISSIONER FRANTZ moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER VULLO

THAT THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 1999, BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA SO ORDERED.

REORGANIZATION OF PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

The PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION reorganized. LOU PERSICHINA was appointed CHAIRMAN, and JOHN PAGLIANO was appointed VICE CHAIRMAN.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Dr. Tabellario, President of the Marloma HOA, updated the COMMISSION on his survey findings regarding a possible riding ring at Rockbluff Park. He stated that a newsletter will be sent to all Rollingwood residents asking them their view on a possible riding ring at Rockbluff Park. He added that out of the 18 horse lots in Marloma, 17 were in favor of a riding ring. Also, out of the 10 horse lots in Rollingwood, he managed to poll approximately 7 and only one objected to the riding ring. After the newsletter is received, Dr. Tabellario will update the COMMISSION on the findings of the survey.

PENINSULA HOLIDAY PARADE DEBRIEFING

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR provided a staff report per written material.

COMMISSIONER FRANTZ inquired as to whether the parade will end at the entrance to The Avenues to draw everyone to the shopping center. The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated the parade will end at the entrance to the shopping center this year. The COMMISSION commented that the parade needs more publicity and that publicity for the parade start earlier.

RIGHT-OF-WAY PLANTING REQUEST

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR provided a staff report per written material. Mr. Lars Houske addressed the COMMISSION and stated he is the owner of the property in Rolling Hills and he shares an easement with the City of Rolling Hills Estates. He stated Pepper Trees were planted there previously, but were removed and he subsequently planted silk oaks to replace them.

CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA inquired whether Mr. Houske thought of coming to the City prior to planting the trees. Mr. Houske stated he was told to come to the City first, but he did not think it was necessary as long as he maintained the trees.

CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA also stated he walked the site (south side of PVDN and Dobbin Lane) and questioned why three 55-gallon water tanks were located in that location. Mr. Houske stated he built and installed the watering system using hoses and the water tanks, but that it was temporary.

CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA stated he was reluctant to approve any tree that was not on the approved City tree list.

COMMISSIONER FRANTZ stated he was concerned about the height of the Silk Oaks and their potential to fall during high winds. He also stated his concern with constantly falling leaves from this tree.

In answer to an inquiry as to why the Pepper Trees were removed, Mr. Houske indicated he felt the trees were intentionally killed.

COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO asked if there were Pepper Trees that could be planted in place of the Silk Oaks, as it was his preference that Pepper Trees be planted at that location. The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated the City could obtain some Pepper Trees for planting. In answer to COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO'S question, Mr. Houske stated he will maintain the trees.

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

THAT MR. HOUSKE REMOVE THE SILK OAK TREES PLANTED IN THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN 30 DAYS, AND THAT PEPPER TREES BE PLANTED TO REPLACE THE SILK OAKS.

AYES: Frantz, Pagliano, Persichina, Vullo

ABSENT: Clewis, Pierson

Mr. Houske stated he will inform staff as to when the trees are removed. Mr. Houske stated he will split the cost of larger Pepper Trees with the City, as he would prefer a

boxed tree larger than 15 gallons. Staff and Mr. Houske will meet after removal of the Silk Oaks and determine the size and cost of the proposed Pepper Trees.

GIRL SCOUTS' REQUEST TO USE HOWLETT PARK

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR provided a staff report per written material. CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA stated he would like to see this approved as we approve the Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast event at the park.

COMMISSIONER FRANTZ stated that his concern was overbooking the park's use, as Little League will be there and with approximately another 200 park patrons, parking may be a concern.

It was the consensus of the COMMISSION that if there is not a conflicting event that this application can be approved. There being no further discussion, COMMISSIONER VULLO moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO

TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE ANGELES GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL TO USE ERNIE HOWLETT PARK ON MARCH 11, 2000, FROM 4:00 TO 7:00 P.M.

AYES: Frantz, Pagliano, Persichina, Vullo

ABSENT: Clewis, Pierson

In answer to an inquiry, the COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated the sing along event will not involve amplification. In addition, there was a question as to whether there will be sufficient lighting at 7:00 p.m. The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated that no additional lighting will be allowed, and that the event may end earlier as the park closes at dusk.

RIGHT-OF-WAY LANDSCAPING PROPOSALS

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR provided a staff report per written material. CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA stated he visited each of the improvement sites and his priority list is as follows: 1) Triangle Median at Silver Spur Road/PVDN; 2) Silver Spur Road (east side between Kingspine and Willow Wood Road); 3) Palos Verdes Drive North Medians (between Sunnyfield and Hitching Post); and 4) PVDE (at north entry to City).

COMMISSIONER FRANTZ concurred with CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA'S priority list.

Dr. Tabellario stated that traffic calming issues are going to be discussed by the Traffic and Safety Committee for Silver Spur Road. He recommended that the triangle area be cleaned up, but would not recommend spending a lot of money on this area at this time until the traffic calming issues were resolved. He added that in conjunction with the rings being proposed at Rockbluff and at Silver Spur, the Committee should review traffic and safety issues in these areas.

Mr. Steve Simeral, Rollingwood HOA President, stated his concern regarding the crossing at Silver Spur Road and Palos Verdes Drive North. He would recommend that the first priority for right-of-way landscaping be Silver Spur Road (east side between Kingspine Road and Willow Wood Road) and would like to have curb and

gutter installed along this area, and requested the 3-rail fencing be continued along this area. Mr. Simeral also stated he was concerned about the commercial district signs on Palos Verdes Drive North diverting more traffic onto Silver Spur Road. Mr. Simeral was informed he should attend the Traffic and Safety Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2000, and was also informed to attend the CITY COUNCIL meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2000, as they will be discussing the priority listing of the landscaping proposals.

Ms. Judy Ruby and Ms. Natalie Layton, representing Bridlewood Circle HOA, addressed the COMMISSION. Ms. Ruby stated the Bridlewood Circle area has 18 single-family homes and is a private street. She stated that the HOA is required to maintain Palos Verdes Drive East behind their homes due to the developer's agreement with the City. She added it has become increasingly costly to maintain this area. The 3 rail fencing is in deplorable condition and the HOA does not have sufficient funds to maintain the fence at this time. She added they are looking to improve the area but need the City's help.

Ms. Layton asked for the City's help to maintain this area as the developer agreed to maintain Palos Verdes Drive East, but at that time there was no landfill at this location and the number of trucks on Palos Verdes Drive East has increased tremendously, and the HOA feels they are being asked to maintain something that was not represented and agreed upon 20 years ago.

Ms. Ruby and Ms. Layton were informed that this item will be forwarded to CITY COUNCIL and CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA suggested they attend that meeting with their concerns. The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR informed the COMMISSION that PLANNING DIRECTOR ORCI and CITY MANAGER PRICHARD are scheduled to meet with the Bridlewood representatives regarding the maintenance of this area, and that tonight's discussion is in regard to the area from the City's boundary sign to the storm drain, and the area in the west right-of-way truck pull-off (now closed) where asphalt will be removed and replaced with a well-balanced combination of shrubs.

The Bridlewood representatives also suggested the City sign should be maintained or replaced.

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

TO RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING RIGHT-OF-WAY LANDSCAPING PROPOSALS, LISTED IN PRIORITY: 1) TRIANGLE MEDIAN (AT THE INTERSECTION OF SILVER SPUR ROAD AND PALOS VERDES DRIVE NORTH); 2) SILVER SPUR ROAD (EAST SIDE BETWEEN KINGSPINE AND WILLOW WOOD ROADS); 3) PALOS VERDES DRIVE EAST (AT NORTH ENTRY TO CITY); AND 4) PALOS VERDES DRIVE NORTH (BETWEEN SUNNYFIELD AND HITCHING POST DRIVES).

AYES: Frantz, Pagliano, Persichina, Vullo

ABSENT: Clewis, Pierson

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR encouraged all the HOA representatives to attend Tuesday's CITY COUNCIL meeting.

CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA encouraged all the HOA representatives to attend the Traffic and Safety Committee meeting for their safety concerns.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, NOVEMBER 23, 1999 AND DECEMBER 14, 1999

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA ORDERED

THE CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS OF NOVEMBER 23 AND DECEMBER 14, 1999, BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, DECEMBER 6, 1999 AND JANUARY 3, 2000

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA ORDERED

THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 1999 AND JANUARY 3, 2000, BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR reviewed the information on the CPRS Conference of March 15-18, 2000. COMMISSIONER VULLO will attend the conference.

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated the members of the tennis club requested a sign stating "TENNIS PARKING ONLY". He stated the CITY MANAGER was not in favor of this sign being installed on a permanent basis. It was the consensus of the COMMISSION that a sign for restricted parking on a permanent basis should not be allowed; however, they were in favor of restricted parking during special events.

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated that four baseball leagues on the Peninsula want a baseball clinic to be held by Sports Educators of America. He added that the City will be hosting this event if approved. It would cost \$1,500 to hold this clinic and BMC Landscaping has offered to donate \$500 for this clinic. All four baseball leagues have agreed to pay \$250 each, therefore, there would be no cost to the City. They are expecting approximately 200 children to attend this clinic.

COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO volunteered as the Traffic and Safety Committee representative, and COMMISSIONER PIERSON was appointed as the Equestrian Committee representative.

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR distributed the Nature Center's Millenium patch. He informed the COMMISSION that Naturalist Aileen Bevan has resigned her position, but she will train the new Naturalist, and will volunteer at the Center when time permits.

COMMISSION ITEMS

COMMISSIONER FRANTZ inquired as to the protocol for agenda items. The Minutes Secretary will provide an outline that the COMMISSION may follow for agenda items.

COMMISSIONER VULLO asked that on future agendas, the Cross Country Run

should be included.

COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO asked for an update regarding reserving courts at the Tennis Club. The COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR stated the City's rules for reserving courts will be followed.

COMMISSIONER PAGLIANO suggested the COMMISSION discuss the possibility of again selling logo space on the back of the t-shirts for the Cross Country Run.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Cross Country Run

Tracy Austin Tennis Tournament

City Celebration

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER FRANTZ moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER VULLO

THAT THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING BE ADJOURNED THE TIME BEING 8:50 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PERSICHINA SO ORDERED.

Respectfully submitted, Approved,

Ellen Shinkai Douglas R. Prichard

Minutes Secretary City Clerk