

**CITY OF FULLERTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

City Council Chamber
Monday, May 12, 2008
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Russell called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Chair Russell led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Shawna Adam, Sueling Chen, Kathleen Dasney, Craig Russell, Kathleen Shanfield, Nancy Spencer and Scott Stanford

Absent: None

Staff: Parks and Recreation Director Joe Felz, Parks and Recreation Managers Grace Carroll Lowe, Alice Loya, Judy Peterson; Parks Project Manager Hugo Curiel; Landscape Supervisor Tom Moreno; Building and Facilities Superintendent Lyman Otley

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT ITEMS (Items 1 - 3)

Chair Russell requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar items as corrected. Vice-Chair Dasney MADE A MOTION and Commissioner Spencer SECONDED the motion to approve the Consent Calendar items as corrected.

AYES: Adam, Chen, Dasney, Russell, Shanfield, Spencer, Stanford
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

1. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2008 COMMISSION MEETING

Recommendation to approve the Minutes of the April 14, 2008 Commission Meeting.

Vice-Chair Dasney asked that an item be clarified on Page 13, first sentence of Paragraph 4, saying it should read "complaints *from* dog park users."

2. LANDSCAPE DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2008

Recommendation to receive and file the Landscape Division April 2008 Monthly Reports.

3. BUILDING AND FACILITIES DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2008

Recommendation to receive and file the Building and Facilities Division April 2008 Monthly Report.

Regarding Item #10 on the Monthly Report, Vice-Chair Dasney asked if the City needed to go out to bid on the custodial contract after five years; Building and Facilities Superintendent Lyman Otley said "yes" and that it was renewable yearly for five years based on satisfactory performance. She also asked if the current contractor was participating, and he said "yes," that 17 contractors picked up bid packages, but only five submitted packages, and only four qualified. He said staff is checking references and backgrounds, and will submit their recommendation to Council in June.

REGULAR BUSINESS (Items 4 – 10)

4. MEMORIAL BENCH APPLICATION

Director Felz said the memorial bench request for Hillcrest Park was a fairly routine request although the request was to place a bench on the reservoir where there may be changes as a result of revisions to the park Master Plan. He said the family understands that the bench may be moved in the future, and is willing to sign a letter of agreement. He said staff is recommending placement on the south end of the reservoir overlooking the Fullerton/Anaheim area, which would not disrupt usage of the park.

Commissioner Spencer asked when the application was made, and Director Felz said it was formally submitted about two weeks ago although discussion had been ongoing a little over a year. Commissioner Spencer asked what type of bench would be installed, and he said, per his review of prior minutes on the memorial bench issues, the style hadn't been chosen yet, but he was confident that, upon direction from commission, staff could select an appropriate bench for placement. He noted the bench might be changed, depending on the outcome of the master plan.

Commissioner Spencer asked about vandalism at the park, and Director Felz said it was no more significant than anywhere else although some graffiti would be expected. He said the bench at Laguna Lake Park is a memorial bench but not comfortable for seating; hence staff will use a different type.

Vice-Chair Dasney said her interpretation of the December 2004 and April 2005 Commission minutes indicated Parks and Recreation would develop a list of bench styles appropriate for various parks. He agreed with her understanding that the styles would be on a case-by-case basis per his review of the minutes. For Hillcrest Park, Director Felz said the style would be something consistent with the historic design elements and the flagstone at the reservoir and that he was confident staff could select an appropriate bench; however, Commission could look at the bench styles if they

wanted. Vice-Chair Dasney suggested stone benches although they might be expensive.

Commissioner Spencer asked whether there were still any old WPA benches in Hillcrest Park but Director Felz said there probably weren't any original benches there although there are some classic styles. He noted that train depot and the museum do have some original WPA benches. Vice-Chair Dasney said she didn't want to get involved in the bench selection process. Director Felz said for the Hillcrest memorial bench, it will probably not be used park-wide and could be used elsewhere when park renovations are completed, with the plaque moved to another bench whose style would be used throughout the park. When asked by Commissioner Shanfield, Director Felz said the Buck family was aware of the arrangements and that he had met with Vince Buck although Sally Zivitz would be taking care of the arrangements.

Commissioner Spencer said there was a citizens' committee to choose a bench style for the downtown benches, and Director Felz said they could go through a similar process. Vice-Chair Dasney quoted Vince Buck's comments on bench styles, which suggested that a bench standard should be used throughout the park, and it should be tasteful. Director Felz said he appreciated Dr. Buck's suggestions for benches which were tasteful although some were not for commercial use, and said his recommendations would be considered. Commissioner Spencer asked if there were sufficient funds to purchase a reasonable bench, and he confirmed there were.

Commissioner Chen asked if a bench were vandalized, if the citizen would replace it, and Director Felz said the initial cost of the bench includes the maintenance. She then asked if the \$3200 cost would be adjusted for inflation. Director Felz said the \$3200 was the current approved price; Manager Loya said, per the presentation sent previously to Commission, there could be a yearly adjustment for price increases which would amend the resolution. Director Felz suggested building an automatic annual inflation adjustment as done with the park dwelling fee. Commissioner Shanfield noted that in the agenda letter, reference was made to donating a bench at Laguna Lake when it should have said Hillcrest Park. Director Felz agreed and thanked her for the correction. Manager Loya made a correction, saying there is an allowance for an annual increase for memorial benches in the fee resolution.

Vice-Chair Dasney noted there was an agreement for the memorial bench policy to be reviewed by Commission after one year, asking if this had happened; Commissioner Spencer said it hadn't happened. Chair Russell noted that since then, there had been perhaps one bench and a few trees. Commissioner Spencer said one of the problems is because Fullerton's memorial trees don't allow plaques due to maintenance issues. She further noted the policy states that Commission could designate the style and placement of the benches. However, the commissioners noted there wasn't a large demand for benches, and Commissioner Shanfield said she would prefer the donor to select the bench style.

Vice-Chair Dasney suggested the staff could come up with their top two options and the family could choose. Commissioner Spencer said the policy wasn't well known to the public. Director Felz said staff could bring bench styles back to Commission next month; but he asked that the current request be approved in a timely fashion.

Commissioners Shanfield and Spencer indicated they would like to see bench styles return to Commission next month as an information item.

Commissioner Shanfield made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve and accept the donation of a memorial bench that is approved by the donor to be located in Hillcrest Park with approval from the donor. Vice-Chair Dasney seconded the motion.

Chair Russell called for discussion, asking what Commissioner Shanfield meant in her motion by "approved by the donor," since there were limitations due to the \$3200 cost. Commissioner Shanfield AMENDED her MOTION to read that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve and accept the donation of a memorial bench chosen with participation from the donor, to be located in Hillcrest Park with approval from the donor. Vice Chair Dasney SECONDED the amended motion and Chair Russell called for the vote.

AYES: Adam, Chen, Dasney, Russell, Shanfield, Spencer, Stanford
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

The AMENDED MOTION PASSED unanimously.

5. NO-SMOKING POLICY IN PARKS AND PARK FACILITIES

Director Felz noted that tonight was the second Parks and Recreation Commission review of the no-smoking policy, and taking the recommendation from the previous Commission meeting, they would focus on putting the policy into an ordinance format which would be understandable to the community, enforceable by the City, leagues, leaseholders, etc. and could also be posted. He said staff would take direction from the Commission to make a final decision tonight to take to Council with an ordinance or they could re-visit the issue.

Director Felz said the staff recommendation was no smoking within 25 feet of athletic fields and picnic areas in addition to current state laws. He said this would essentially move smokers into outlying areas, corners of parks, and parking lots, noting this would be about 80% of the park areas, not including trails, unique areas such as Laguna Lake or high-fire zones.

Through a Power Point presentation, Director Felz provided an overview of Chapman Park, saying this was a standard with established athletic fields, and noting the corners and outer areas proposed for smokers. Regarding Emery Park, due to large lawn areas and trails, smoking would be permitted because they are away from play or picnic areas. He said Independence Park was similar and that this wasn't a perfect analysis due to informal picnic areas, but the photos would provide staff with a sense of where Commission would be going. He showed other park aerials that were similar.

Referring to Attachment G, Director Felz provided no-smoking and smoking information on each park. Vice-Chair Dasney asked about parking lots at Rolling Hills Park noted on the attachment, saying there weren't any parking lots. He agreed this might be an error and, instead, would probably be at the grass area where the street cuts in.

Chair Russell asked about athletic fields, saying he had second thoughts on his position. He asked how "athletic fields" are defined, e.g., Chapman and Acacia, saying some areas were officially recognized baseball diamonds and others were not. He noted that the fields change with soccer, and asked whether that would be considered an official athletic field. He said the Sports Complex, Bastanchury and Lions Field were all athletic fields but other neighborhood parks would be less clear.

Director Felz said areas where formal sports activities are held would be considered athletic fields; the backstop at Hillcrest Park, now gone, would not be considered an athletic field. Chair Russell said athletic leagues have their own no-tobacco policies, and asked if a person at a park when games or practices weren't being held could smoke or not. Director Felz said the policy against smoking would still apply, and a general municipal sign would be posted, but enforcement would be stricter when there was play. He and Manager Loya confirmed with Commissioner Shanfield that the no-smoking lines noted in the overviews were developed based on 25 feet from athletic fields, picnic shelters, tot lots, public buildings.

Commissioner Spencer asked about trails, and Director Felz said that would be coming up; however, they're trying to take the no-smoking issue one piece at a time. He referred to the Pacific Drive Park overview, noting the line on the left would actually be in to the right a little more. Commissioner Shanfield had concerns the smoking area was larger than the non-smoking, and Director Felz said that was the exception.

Vice-Chair Dasney asked about the dog park, and Director Felz said staff would be addressing this later, also.

Chair Russell asked about the policy on school property and was told there was no smoking allowed per a tobacco use ban at both the elementary and high school districts.

Commissioner Stanford asked for clarification on no-smoking enforcement and Director Felz said no-smoking would be posted, and the police could be called if a smoker refuses to comply. Commissioner Stanford said the no-smoking policy didn't appear that much different from the current one and that most people wouldn't know about the ordinance; commissioners Spencer and Shanfield agreed. Director Felz said there would be a much bigger difference on athletic fields and there would be an overlay above and beyond state law. Vice-Chair Dasney said those offended by smoking would have something they could point to. Director Felz agreed the policy would be difficult to enforce but the complainant could make a legitimate phone call to the police. He said a complete ban would be difficult to enforce, with more chances of confrontation.

Commissioner Shanfield said she voted for the no-smoking areas, Option 2, envisioning smaller non-smoking areas. Chair Russell said he felt the opposite - that the picnic areas were not discussed at the last meeting, and some athletic fields shouldn't be non-smoking because they aren't official fields. Director Felz said the smoking areas in the parks are large, passive turf areas which non-smokers would have no reason to occupy. He said the overviews were not completely accurate either but provided an idea of where the no-smoking areas would be.

Vice-Chair Dasney asked about the no-smoking area at Gilman Park noted in Attachment G, and why the parking lot wasn't considered for smoking. Director Felz and Manager Loya said the parking lot is currently closed due to problems there and would be reviewed as part of the master plan.

Commissioner Chen expressed her appreciation for staff's thoroughness in delineating smoking and non-smoking areas; however, she said the requirements were rather complex, so she suggested simplifying the rules. Director Felz said the simple rule is eliminating smoking where any formal and informal gathering places are in parks but not banning smoking in passive areas. When asked about the signage, he said signs would be posted banning smoking up to 25 feet from picnic and athletic fields.

Commissioner Stanford asked if staff was comfortable with the plan, and Director Felz said "yes" because there would be enforcement from user groups but it eliminates the lone smoker in the middle of a large open turf area from being forced to stop smoking. He noted the policy would make it clear, for example, that there would be no smoking on the sidelines while children play on the field.

Chair Russell asked why there should be an ordinance against smoking near an athletic field if there was no game, just as speed limits can vary depending on whether school children were present. Director Felz responded that that would be too open to interpretation; a physical boundary or time constraint would be more clear.

Commissioner Chen asked about children playing an informal game on a field with a smoker nearby. Director Felz said that's a gray area; however, staff is trying to find enforceable rules for smoking and would allow the most practical approach to the issue. Commissioner Dasney said she thought he had found it.

Regarding trails and some specialized parks such as Laguna Lake, Director Felz said the State Fire Marshall report with high fire severity zones, expected July 1, will probably not meet all of what staff wants to accomplish although it would cover Robert Ward Trail and a portion of the equestrian center. The high fire zones will already be non-smoking as determined by the State; but staff will work with the fire chief to determine other local high fire areas. Thus, he said staff is recommending all the trails be re-visited, that one end of the southern section of Laguna Lake would be designated for smoking while smoking would be allowed around the perimeter of the lake, given that many fishermen and women enjoy smoking.

However, Director Felz said, at the equestrian center, there are areas which, while not designated a high fire zone, should probably be banned for smoking. He noted the fire chief may want to ban smoking on the trails, and that Commission would have to decide whether trails should be all no-smoking or only some.

Commissioner Adam questioned if there were any parts of the trail that weren't fire hazards, especially during high fire season with homes backing up to them. Director Felz said there were few areas that weren't fire hazards. Staff noted a few areas but Commissioner Stanford suggested it was better just to declare all trails no-smoking.

Regarding Laguna Lake Park Equestrian Center, Chair Russell suggested that the Rec Riders could provide enforcement through their own regulations and by-laws as it wasn't

a high fire area rather than expecting the City to be the “bad guy.” Vice Chair Dasney said the Fire Chief would probably define the Equestrian Center as high risk so it was a non-issue. Commissioner Shanfield asked if all parking lots could be considered okay for smoking but Director Felz said one would only want to control where it’s not allowed, and define that boundary. Chair Russell suggested the Fire Marshall should declare all trails high fire zones, and Director Felz said that would probably happen.

Director Felz discussed the lease holders, saying those who have control of their properties through their leases, e.g., golf course, YMCA, Golfer’s Paradise, Summit House, and Meridian could control the smoking themselves through their business model if there wasn’t a total ban on smoking in parks. He differentiated them from leaseholders such as FAST or Boys and Girls Club who only control programming.

Commissioner Adam asked about the Muckenthaler Cultural Center and Director Felz said Muckenthaler was a hybrid, is in negotiations currently and that it wants to retain a smoking area. He noted if Commission wanted an outright ban; no one could smoke at the Muckenthaler and guests would have to smoke in the street. Commissioner Stanford said he thought of parks as having trees and picnic areas, and that one could take places like the Muckenthaler or the Museum out of the equation because of their agreements; Director Felz agreed.

Regarding the dog park, Director Felz said the Commission could come up with a temporary solution since the dog park only has an ad hoc committee currently; however, the members would like some control over the smoking there. Vice Chair Dasney said she’d like the dog park in the list of parks as it was a City park. Director Felz said the dog park was a hybrid, and the commission could make a decision on smoking areas, perhaps in a corner and a parking lot. She reiterated she wanted it on the list and would prefer smoking in the parking lot but she didn’t have a strong opinion about possible smoking areas. Commissioner Chen said she saw the dog park like a play area for dogs and would prefer to have those areas non-smoking.

Commissioner Shanfield asked if the pooch park became a non-profit, if the members could make the designation themselves. Director Felz said they would still have to go to Commission and get Council approval, but they could make such a request. Commissioner Shanfield asked about ash cans and signage at the park and Director Felz said that was the plan and those were already ready to go at Laguna Lake and would be attached to the trash cans. Commissioner Shanfield said she agreed with Commissioner Chen that a dog park should be considered a playground; however, Chair Russell said there probably wasn’t a definition of a dog park as a child’s play area. He asked if this was going to Council; and Director Felz said it would.

Chair Russell said he’d like to provide a “complete package” for Council on the non-smoking issue. Thus, Commission and staff would have to wait until the report from the State on high fire zones was received. Director Felz agreed, saying when the State report is received, this information could be incorporated into the Commission recommendations for the July Commission meeting, and forwarded to Council the first meeting in August.

Chair Russell said he and Commissioner Shanfield were interested in overlays for all the parks to see where non-smoking areas were as there were more areas than

discussed at the previous meeting due to picnic areas and athletic fields being included, and Director Felz said they could do so for the July Commission meeting.

Commissioner Shanfield asked about the pooch park incorporation which Director Felz said was at least a year away. Chair Russell asked if Commission recommended a blanket no-smoking rule, if there could be an exception for the dog park, and Director Felz said that could easily be one of the one or two exceptions. A discussion ensued about problems of not defining boundaries and that, if smoking were only allowed in the parking lot, whether dog owners would leave their dogs to go to the parking lot.

Director Felz said he could provide the information on smoking areas in parks, but needed more direction on Pooch Park. Vice Chair Dasney suggested allowing smoking in all areas of Hunt Park; then allowing the group, when incorporated, to make a recommendation. She asked if there was any opposition and Chair Russell said he liked the suggestion. Commissioner Adam said she hoped smokers would be considerate of non-smokers and Commissioner Shanfield said people offended by smoking there should be encouraged to go to Commission or Council. Director Felz said an informal and voluntary smoking area could be set up.

Commissioner Shanfield MADE A MOTION to table the item until late summer to go to Council in early September with parks overview information brought to the June Commission meeting. Commissioner Stanford SECONDED the motion.

AYES: Adam, Chen, Dasney, Russell, Shanfield, Spencer, Stanford
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

6. 2008 – 2009 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Director Felz introduced the item, saying staff had previously provided the Commission with information on the 2008-09 Operating and Capital Improvement Program budget, and was now officially presenting the budget and specifics for Commission recommendation to City Council. Manager Loya came to the podium to provide more details on the budget.

Vice Chair Dasney asked if Manager Loya could highlight any changes made due to review by City Council at its May 6 meeting. Manager Loya said there was no discussion at Council, and that the budget was referred to Commission for its review; she noted that the budget would be reviewed by Council at the June budget hearings. Manager Loya said the budget tonight was similar to last month's overview but with more specific numbers. She said the budget is written for two years, was written for 2007-08 and 2008 – 09, and that the Commission had only seen the revisions for 2008-09.

Using a Power Point presentation, she stated that the Parks and Recreation budget had increased from \$6.4 million to almost \$6.5 million, saying the revenue didn't change but the funding did. She provided a pie chart showing where funding came from including

about 50% from General Fund, program revenues of 22%, 6% from operating grants, 11% from the Brea Dam (which has to go back for Brea Dam facilities and events), 1% from water and trash for the newsletter; 5% from Redevelopment used for large City events, and 5% from the fund balance for starter programs or if there is a need for increased program funding outside of the General Fund.

Manager Loya said the Parks and Recreation Fund consists of revenue from program revenues, the fund balance, and General Fund contributions; she said what changed in the budget was how much money was used from the fund balance from the adopted to the revised budgets. Manager Loya said other funding sources did not change other than the Brea Dam. She made a correction on a slide, saying the Brea Dam revenue didn't go down as indicated in the slide; rather both the Brea Dam and Trash and Water went up slightly, while Redevelopment and Grants stayed the same.

Chair Russell asked about the operating budget, and whether the \$40,000 used to cover the deficit from Cal State Fullerton not applying for the Richman Center grant meant that something else could not be funded. Manager Loya and Director Felz agreed, but Director Felz also noted that the fund balance is savings or additional revenue received during the year that can then be used to assist on a one-time basis, and that CSUF is planning on applying for and receiving funding for subsequent years. Vice-Chair Dasney asked if staff is still trying to get Police Department asset seizure funds, and Director Felz said they were hoping to have half of this deficit covered by those funds.

Commissioner Adam asked what would happen if CSUF did not receive the grant next year, and Director Felz replied that that was the ultimate question which staff would have to explore. When Chair Russell asked about just pulling the plug on that portion of the program, Director Felz said that the programming there was just beginning, that this funding was a piece of the "puzzle" of the neighborhood community center model that had been promised to the community and HUD, and that Council would probably override a decision to disallow funding, and put the money back in.

Chair Russell again expressed his annoyance with CSUF's dereliction of duty and how the City was left holding the bag, questioning whether they would ever see anymore grant funding. Commissioner Spencer also asked what happens to the building placed on the property after the grant is over, and Director Felz said it becomes City property. Director Felz said he couldn't disagree with any of Chair Russell's comments and that the City's disappointment had been expressed at the highest levels. Commissioner Chen asked about the partnership, and Director Felz said they would be partners again and that he had confidence in CSUF's new staff which has strived to repair the damage. Commissioner Shanfield asked if the new staff could come and speak to the Commission and answer questions as Dr. Castro did, and she was told they could come if requested.

Vice Chair Dasney said she could understand CSUF dropped the ball with Dr. Castro passing away, but was optimistic that the program would be revitalized. Chair Russell said he was still leery and would feel better if a CSUF representative would come to reassure the Commission of its commitment.

Commissioner Chen asked why, if CSUF dropped the ball, the City had to pick it up; and Director Felz said it wasn't CSUF's core mission, property or programming. When asked by Chair Russell what CSUF's contribution was, Director Felz said CSUF has a civic engagement program with successful grant writing to assist the local community. He added that when Dr. Castro passed away, the direct programming CSUF was going to provide didn't occur; however, CSUF is indicating it would like to get involved with that again. Chair Russell said he wanted to hear from CSUF at a public Commission meeting that it will be reapplying for the grant and when that would be, and that it is committed to the project. He added that he was opposed to the grant funding before.

Commissioner Shanfield asked if the building was supposed to be temporary and Director Felz replied it's actually fairly permanent. Commissioner Spencer reiterated Chair Russell's previous concerns and agreed CSUF should come to the Commission to speak. Director Felz said he would ask CSUF to attend an upcoming meeting.

Parks Project Manager Hugo Curiel, with a Power Point presentation, provided an overview of the six capital projects with changes, with input from Director Felz.

Union Pacific Trail – A Redevelopment purchase, this project was originally unfunded, but \$300,000 was received from Orange County Transportation Authority and \$466,050 from Redevelopment. A grant request has been submitted to the State Parks and Recreation for a match for the grant. If funded, the Redevelopment portion would be eliminated.

Downtown Public Art – increased by \$10,000 to help fund Lemon overpass.

Gilbert Park Community Center – Funding was increased \$50,000 to fund the leasing of a temporary building and installation of utilities and site improvements.

Lemon Park Improvements – The last two years of funding will be consolidated into one year instead of phases, with improvements for various amenities including restrooms and drainage. Commission will receive a request to approve this plan.

Laguna Lake Phase III – Recent improvements included benches, ash trays, trash cans, and landscape improvements, with funding from a \$450,000 state grant and a park dwelling fee match of \$150,000.

Richman School Field Lighting – This project was separated out from other park lighting so that HUD funding for Section 108 neighborhood improvements will cover that instead. Ladera Vista and Commonwealth athletic field lighting will be paid with the original park lighting funding.

Fullerton Community Center – Separates the library project and funding from the community center project with the library project moving forward sooner. Street improvements are a third project. The funding is anticipated from the remainder of the Amerige Heights development. The concept plans are moving forward and will be coming to Commission next month, thus, no decision has been made on those plans. Director Felz confirmed with Commission Shanfield that the funding listed for the Community Center did not include funding for the library project.

Commissioner Stanford asked when additional plans for the Community Center would be forthcoming, and Director Felz said staff would like to bring them to Commission next month with perhaps a tour of the parks. He further explained Council liked the library plan but didn't care for the community center plan except for the library plan, and wanted to develop a joint-use community-wide center based on the existing Senior Center rather than new separate buildings as desired by some user groups, and wanted to change traffic circulation/pedestrian crossing plans.

Vice Chair Dasney asked about the new Community Center concept plan going to Council on May 20 as noted in Director Felz' most recent update, but Director Felz said Council asked that the plan go through Commission first, so it will go to Council June 17.

Commissioner Stanford MADE A MOTION to approve the budget as outlined, Commissioner Adam SECONDED the motion. Chair Russell called for the vote.

AYES: Adam, Chen, Dasney, Russell, Shanfield, Spencer, Stanford
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

7. COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS TO LEMON PARK RENOVATION PROJECT AD HOC COMMITTEE

Director Felz provided an overview of the Lemon Park Renovation Project ad hoc committee, saying staff would like two commissioners to be appointed. He noted there was some controversy attached to this issue with the Lemon Park murals, but that the murals were only part of the planned renovations. He added that the Public Art Committee would also be involved, and the item would return to Commission. Vice-Chair Dasney asked if Council wanted to make its own appointments as it did with Hillcrest Park, but Director Felz said this was a routine matter and consistent with all their other capital projects, and that he hadn't heard otherwise from the Council.

Commissioners Stanford and Chen agreed to serve on the Lemon Park Renovation Project Ad Hoc Committee.

Vice Chair Dasney asked about the May 27 6:30 community meeting and Director Felz said it would be held at the Maple Center. He said there had already been two productive meetings and that although there had been extensive media coverage on the murals, there were actually few issues. He said the community is more concerned about programming for youth at Maple Center. When asked, Director Felz said he, Recreation Manager Judy Peterson, Cultural and Events Manager Dannielle Mauk, Senior and Family Services Supervisor Eloisa Espinoza and Recreation Supervisor Aaron Orozco will all be involved. He said he would provide further information to the commissioners.

Chair Dasney asked about the Public Art Committee meeting, and Director Felz said they're aiming for Monday, the 19th of May but staff was still trying to firm up the meeting with the Public Art Committee Chair who sets the meeting date and time.

8. REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Director Felz said Council took a different direction from the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation on the Hillcrest Park Master Plan Committee appointments and, due to the lack of information on the formation of the previous Hillcrest Park committee, Council asked staff to start from scratch, and to keep the appointment process consistent with other committees. He said this change was not a commentary on the commission's recommendation, especially as recommendations would be reviewed by the commission anyway.

9. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Regarding the homeless situation at Pacific Drive Park, Director Felz said the City had a meeting with the County expressing the City's serious concerns about the County's Armory that houses the homeless nearby. He said the Armory was now closed so the problem has largely "gone away," but the County would look into how it operates the Armory and alternative sites.

Director Felz said the Lemon Park Capital Project and Murals were somewhat controversial, but he expressed optimism that the process would end on a positive note.

He noted the Civic Center Plan was discussed earlier.

Director Felz added information about the commissioner request for a workshop on after school programs, especially for teens. He said there will be a meeting of the four groups, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, elementary school district, and the City, offering after school and youth programming. He said they would be trying to get a picture of who provides what services and see if there are gaps or a duplication of services, noting that the Council had asked for information on this as well, and that teen services and gang diversion were issues of concern for them. However, he said staff has to obtain sufficient information before going back to Commission and Council.

Regarding Commission site visits to Hillcrest Park and Laguna Lake, Director Felz suggested a July visit or only visiting one park in June. Commissioner Shanfield said she wouldn't be able to attend the Commission meeting in July, nor would Chair Russell.

When Vice Chair Dasney asked what the goal of the visits were, Director Felz said it might be helpful to learn more about Hillcrest Park before the Hillcrest Park Master Plan was developed and that the Laguna Lake visit would just update commissioners on the new improvements and challenges. Vice Chair Dasney asked when the Hillcrest Park Master Plan Committee would be formed and Director Felz replied it would be in six or eight weeks, and that it would go through the City Clerk's Office and the Applicant Review Committee. After discussion, it was agreed that Hillcrest might be more important but that there was no rush. Commissioner Shanfield again suggested ex-City employee Kay Miller as a good historical guide for Hillcrest Park. Commissioner Spencer said Kay was aware she might be providing a tour.

Director Felz commented on the Civic Center Plans update, saying staff will have community and user group input.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Adam commented on her participation on the Public Art Committee, and said today was last day of the student artist search for the orange crate murals at State College and Yorba Linda Boulevard, and that participants would receive high school credit. The dedication for the Fender guitar mosaic mural, to be created by Katherine England, will be coming up soon. Capri Shoes should be having a mural painted on one of its walls but there are delays due to visa problems because he is Canadian. Vice Chair Dasney asked about the mural location and Director Felz, noting these murals are the last of the SOCO projects, said it's in the alley behind 107 So. Harbor where Leo Fender first constructed his electric guitar.

Commissioner Spencer asked about CSUF and Fullerton College student involvement in the Lemon mural project, and Director Felz said the restoration is complicated and tedious, but the students could be involved in creating new or replacement murals. Vice Chair Dasney remarked the department had been in the news quite a bit recently.

Director Felz reported there was a copper wire theft again at the Sports Complex but that the security measures helped reduce the losses. He said pending state legislation will try to make it harder to recycle those metals. Commissioner Shanfield asked about security measures and Director Felz said we may be installing cameras and alarms as security measures, but that the neighbors would be their number one security measure, and that a letter would be sent soon.

Vice Chair Dasney MADE A MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Chair Russell adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Felz, Secretary

JF:pf