CITY OF FULLERTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

City Council Chamber Monday, June 9, 2008 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Stanford led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Shawna Adam, Sueling Chen, Kathleen Dasney, Craig Russell, Kathleen

Shanfield (arrived 7:30 p.m.), Nancy Spencer and Scott Stanford

Absent: None

Staff: Parks and Recreation Director Joe Felz, Parks and Recreation Managers

Judy Peterson and Dannielle Mauk; Parks Project Manager Hugo Curiel; Recreation Supervisors John Clements and Eloisa Espinoza; Landscape Superintendent Dennis Quinlivan; Building and Facilities Superintendent Lyman Otley, Redevelopment Manager Ramona Castaneda:

Redevelopment Project Manager Christina Pilapil

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Gilroy, Pooch Park Ad Hoc Committee Member, 1133 Paula Drive, Fullerton - Announced that today, June 9th, marked the first anniversary of the Pooch Park's opening. He also spoke on the successful Pooch Park First Anniversary Celebration on June 7th, which hosted 18 vendors and approximately 200 attendees. Mr. Gilroy said everyone was thrilled with how the park looked, and he commended the Landscape Division staff for their efforts. He also thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Department for their support.

CONSENT ITEMS (Items 1 - 3)

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

AYES: Adam, Chen, Dasney, Russell, Spencer, Stanford

NOES: None ABSENT: Shanfield

The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

1. MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2008 COMMISSION MEETING

Recommendation to approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2008 Commission Meeting.

2. LANDSCAPE DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2008

Recommendation to receive and file the Landscape Division May 2008 Monthly Report.

Commissioner Spencer thanked Landscape Superintendent Dennis Quinlivan for a recent tour of Laguna Lake, and said the landscaping and succulent garden were beautiful. There was a discussion about both the look and comfort of the benches at Laguna Lake with Commissioner Spencer saying she saw people sitting on the concrete benches a long time while she and Vice-Chair Dasney thought the metal benches weren't comfortable.

Vice-Chair Dasney asked what style bench would be used at Laguna Lake and Director Felz said the bench style was still in the review stage. Vice-Chair Dasney said she wanted to review Laguna Lake at another time. Commissioner Spencer asked who designed the newly improved area as it was well done, and Director Felz asked Parks Project Manager Hugo Curiel to speak to that. Project Manager Curiel said he and Superintendent Quinlivan worked together with Engineering's input, which was needed due to the steep slope.

Vice-Chair Dasney asked about Gilman Park and the debris there. Superintendent Quinlivan said his crews go out to Gilman Park on a quarterly basis although the last storms did catch them a little by surprise. He said they were aware of the flooding situation and use pitchforks to clear the debris out. Vice-Chair Dasney asked about mosquitoes, and was told Orange County Vector Control keeps on top of the problem pretty well with a map of every pooling area in the City where they treat for mosquitoes. Vice-Chair Dasney commented that the grass and trees at Gilman were nice.

Vice-Chair Dasney asked about Vista Park, and Director Felz said it was in property negotiations. He said the Summit House Restaurant owners want turf down to the railing and the rest would be native plantings. Vice-Chair Dasney said the area around the Gazebo was nice although there was just dirt near the building. Superintendent Quinlivan said Maintenance was working on that area with the sidewalk as the line of demarcation. Director Felz added that there were two view corridors which were maintained and the restaurant owners were happy with the result.

3. BUILDING AND FACILITIES DIVISION MONTHLY REPORTS FOR MAY 2008

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

Vice-Chair Dasney noted the report Building and Facilities Superintendent Lyman Otley provided to the Commissioners tonight per her request which provided a history of the graffiti removed over five years.

Vice-Chair Dasney asked about the custodial contract and where the current contractor ranked. Superintendent Otley said the current contractor was the highest bidder; he said

Bell Pacific, the new contractor, has had satisfactory and long-term experience in similar cities, and will be on-board July 1. He also said two other bidders weren't qualified.

Vice-Chair Dasney reported on her visit to Gilman Park, saying the restrooms were not clean and one toilet was not working and, when flushed, the water would come through the other toilet and the floor drain. She noted that at Laguna Lake, while the restroom was dark, the toilets worked fine.

REGULAR BUSINESS (Items 4 – 9)

4. TRI-CITY PARK MASTER PLAN AND COUNTY GRANT

Staff will provide an update on the Master Plan and County grant for Tri-City Park.

Director Felz said the Tri-City Park Master Plan and County Grant agenda item was an information item. He said that the Tri-City Park Authority had received a \$200,000 grant to develop a master plan for the park. He said Tri-City Park was worn out due to heavy use, and the County, an original funder of the park, wanted to support the park. Director Felz noted that both supervisors Norby and Campbell support the park, and that they will be meeting tomorrow on the park, and that afterwards he would provide a report to the Commission. He added that the Tri-City Park will be sure to solicit a great deal of public input.

Vice-Chair Dasney asked if past director Ron Molendyk was still involved in Tri-City Park, but Director Felz said that he (Director Felz) was now the City's representative.

5. CIVIC CENTER / COMMUNITY CENTER CONCEPT PLAN

Staff recommendation that Commission review and recommend to City Council a Civic Center/ Community Center concept plan.

Director Felz used a Power Point presentation to provide a history and overview of the Civic Center/Community Center project which includes Amerige Park, the Senior Center, and the Boys and Girls Club.

He showed an overview of the previous concept plan that was presented to Commission and then presented to City Council in May 2007. He noted that Council rejected the plan which proposed two different facilities for the Senior Multi-Service Center and the Boys and Girls Club. He said the City Council didn't support having two separate facilities although they did listen to and take into consideration user group comments. Staff was re-directed to work on a new Senior Center / Boys and Girls club as part of a new Community Center facility plan. It was noted the Library's concept plan was approved.

Director Felz said that staff was also asked to look at traffic plans for crossing Commonwealth and for renovating the existing Boys and Girls Club. He added that the bridge-over-Commonwealth concept was not preferred by either the Library or the user groups, plus the costs would have been prohibitive, so this idea was abandoned. Instead, he said the plan is to have a signalized pedestrian crossing mid-block, with a median. In addition, signals at Short Street and Highland Avenue on Commonwealth would stop traffic at those intersections, making for a very safe crossing mid-block.

Although the new joint-use community center would still have a separation at one point between the Boys and Girls Club and the Senior Center, Director Felz said the two sections would work together as part of a community center. Possible new amenities would be a gym and pool as well as a kitchen facility. There would be connections between the two sections with a common entryway and front counter. Parking would be in the back; but the drop-off for the park would have to be redesigned.

Vice Chair Dasney asked if there would be a pullout for dropping off at the street, and Director Felz said the front of the building, with activities going on inside, would be more visible without a drop-off area out front. He asked the Redevelopment staff present whether parking on the street was planned, and Redevelopment Project Manager Christine Pilapil said the design process was not at that stage yet. Director Felz said parking issues could be alleviated through the possible addition of second floor parking at the current senior center lot as well as use of the current employee lot behind City Hall. He noted the City also wanted to ensure there were enough handicapped parking spaces.

Commissioner Spencer expressed concerns that the proposed Center wouldn't be a community center like Brea's, but would be two separate facilities composed of the Boys and Girls Club and the Senior Center.

Director Felz said staff and other user representatives toured some successful joint-use community centers including Rancho Cucamonga's and Mission Viejo's. He said Rancho Cucamonga's community center is home to three organizations including the YMCA, the City's Recreation Department, and their Senior Center. As in Fullerton's plan, their building has two entrances: one side has a YMCA, which takes up about one-fourth of the community center, and has controlled access. The YMCA is a partner with the City and provides for significant youth and teen programs. The community center has multiple programs as well as a rental program. The senior center has dedicated offices, classrooms, and dining but no controlled access.

Director Felz said because nine months out of the year, the youth don't start until 2:30 or 3:00 p.m., the seniors would use common spaces like a gym, pool, or technology room, in the morning, and the space is used more efficiently. He noted the seniors could use the gym in the morning, the youth are there during the mid-day, and then there could be adult use in the evening. He said FAST provided a very good document on therapeutic recreation at the proposed pool for seniors, the disabled, and youth, which wouldn't duplicate Fullerton Aquatics Sports Team (FAST) activities at Independence Park.

Director Felz said a technology room could have shared uses, noting that Rancho Cucamonga's technology room was very successfully being shared by all user groups. He also noted a large kitchen to accommodate senior lunches which could also be used for rentals or demonstrations.

Director Felz said the proposed concept plan would be submitted to the City Clerk tomorrow (June 10) in an agenda letter for the June 17, 2008 Council meeting with Commissioner comments included.

Director Felz introduced Boys and Girls Club Board Member Dan Kiernan and Executive Director Fred Johnson as well as Senior Club President Tony Amato who were in the audience.

Commissioner Stanford asked about the proposed gym activities and its size. Director Felz said it would be a minimum full-size gym, i.e., have a full basketball court, potentially a two-court layout which would also have a divider and screen out the public for youth security as well as space for rentals.

Commissioner Stanford asked, since taxpayer money would be paying for it, if the community could fully use it. Director Felz said yes, and that the recommendation is for a community center with use by all residents, both adults and youth. Commissioner Stanford recommended having two courts, saying this would enable the City and the community center to support the athletic leagues also rather than it being mostly for the Boys and Girls Club and seniors. Director Felz said that was the intention and that Commissioner Stanford had summarized it nicely.

Commissioner Chen asked about the library portion of the Civic Center plan, and Director Felz said it was moving forward already, with the Library staff and users providing space needs input and involved in more detailed design work. Commissioner Chen asked about any renovation plans for City Hall, and he said there are none planned right now. He also confirmed that Parks and Recreation Department is really only looking at the Community Center portion of the project.

Director Felz said that currently, Parks and Recreation would be the managers for the proposed facility and would have a different type of agreement with the Boys and Girls Club, just as it does currently with the Senior Club. Commissioner Chen brought up the need for a future plan for maintenance, and asked if rentals would cover the maintenance costs.

Commissioner Adam asked about the kitchen, as Director Felz had said a commercial kitchen would be needed for the senior lunches. She asked if it would be duplication of services if the Boys and Girls Club had rentals and would, therefore, need another kitchen. He said staff recognizes that as an issue and was trying to find a good plan to address this concern.

Commissioner Adam asked about the minor league baseball plan and other multiple uses which might create a lot of activity in one location, expressing concern about the lack of parking. Director Felz acknowledged this concern, too, saying this would be addressed and that additional parking alternatives were being looked at.

Commissioner Stanford asked what staff was asking of the Parks and Recreation Commission at tonight's meeting. Director Felz said Commission is being asked to review and approve the new direction in the concept plan, i.e., a community center model with joint uses of the proposed facility by the two major groups and full access by the entire community for a variety of programs.

Chair Russell asked if a discussion tonight of the pool would be appropriate and Director Felz said the major amenities including pool, gym, and community center should be discussed tonight, so discussing the pool was entirely appropriate.

Commissioner Spencer asked about rentals on the weekend and how that would impact the Boys and Girls Club. Director Felz responded that there was enough of a distinction between the times of uses of the various groups so rentals would be largely workable. Vice Chair Dasney said if the multiple uses were seen by staff as more beneficial than detrimental, then she would support their plan.

Commissioner Stanford said he supported multiple uses at multiple times; but if the proposed center has portions being labeled the Boys and Girls Club and the Senior Center with the rest of the community trying to squeeze in-between, he would have concerns. Conversely, if the proposed center was really for all the community with partial dedicated use by the two groups, he would support spending \$25 million it.

Vice Chair Dasney said no one would probably argue with Commissioner Stanford's comments, but that she believed it was just a mindset stuck on the labels Boys and Girls Club and Senior Center, not that she wanted the community center only for those two organizations.

Commissioner Adam asked about the two organizations being tenants, and what the rent would be. Director Felz said there was no specific rent in mind, and that one would have to keep the benefits to the community and the historical understanding of their agreements in mind. This would be a new project and a new agreement with any potential tenant.

Chair Russell said he had three issues, and that he wanted to make sure the history on the buildings was clear. He asked for a history lesson on the Boys and Girls Club: Who owned the property, who built it, etc. Director Felz said the Boys and Girls Club was built in 1953 on City property for \$120,000 by service clubs such as the Lions Club. There was a 25-year contract in 1966 that ended in 1991 and a 30-year lease for joint use with the City that expired in 2006. The pool was built later in 1961.

Director Felz said the first Senior Center was built in 1962, although the funding source was not clear. The major Senior Center portion was built in 1984 with City funds. The ballpark was built in 1912, the park built in 1932 with WPA funds, and Duane Winters Field renovated in 1988 using City funds.

Chair Russell asked, legally, who owned the structure. Director Felz replied it was the Boys and Girls Club, and confirmed the City would be tearing the Boys and Girls Club's building down if it tore the building down. He also confirmed that the City property ends at St. Mary's church. Chair Russell asked about the field, and Director Felz said it's half St. Mary's and half the City's with an agreement whereby St. Mary's allows Pony Colt to use the field, too. He also confirmed the senior tennis court is the City's, noting that square footage for parking will almost double by using the tennis court and small ballfield areas. He added the church supports the plan.

Chair Russell said he had some concerns with a pool in a community center. He said that it would incur additional building costs and maintenance and would also not be inviting for rentals such as weddings. He thought a pool would benefit the Boys and Girls Club and seniors more. If voting, he said he would not be supportive of the pool and would give it a low priority although he could be convinced otherwise.

Chair Russell also had concerns about parking even if square footage was doubled. Even then, without the second floor parking, there wouldn't be enough parking, especially if there was an event at Amerige Park.

Director Felz said an analysis indicated a pool would be beneficial, and that he was confident it would be well-used and complement the FAST pool. Chair Russell said, just as he had requested information from other youth organizations to provide information on their services, he would like to hear from the YMCA that they are fully programming their pool. Director Felz said that was a fair question and that could be the next step staff would take. Chair Russell added he would like to see the gym space increased and the other commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Stanford asked about the Boys and Girls Club getting a facility built whereas the YMCA had to build its own. Director Felz said this question has been discussed with both staff and user groups, and he explained that the Boys and Girls Club provides programming and funding for a largely different (more underprivileged) segment of children and families than the YMCA.

When asked about youth attending the various Boys and Girls Club sites, Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Fred Johnson spoke, saying they use vans to transport older kids (8+ years old) to the Center whereas younger children stay at the schools. He said the programming determines which child goes where, and some would be based on the child's own preference. He confirmed that the slightly larger gym could do much more.

Chair Russell asked, in a fact-finding mode, if the Commission was trying to come up with a joint-use community center because there were two diverse groups wanting to build on the same property, or if the Boys and Girls Club could be placed elsewhere. Director Felz said because community centers are considered intergenerational and there are two viable groups, one with an old facility, the proposal of joint-use was intentional and not just circumstantial. He added that both organizations specifically prefer this location because of its proximity to the Civic Center and downtown.

He said the City has evolved and is now ready to have a community center rather than specialized buildings in different locations. Chair Russell said the Commission had been pushing for a community center for 10 years and again questioned if this was really the best proposal or just meeting the needs of two existing groups. Director Felz said if one did a survey to find the best site, one would probably end up at the same place. And, when he was referring to the history of separate buildings and uses, he was referring to practices from the 1930's to 1960's.

Chair Russell said he wasn't arguing about that, but didn't want to just assume joint use with the Boys and Girls Club. Director Felz said that was definitely worth questioning but, if the Boys and Girls Club weren't at their current site, and the City was considering an after school program, it is likely they would create a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club.

Commissioner Chen said, based on the agenda letter matrix of proposed improvements and costs, it looked like the community center is actually the senior center and the Boys and Girls Club. Director Felz said the spaces were really based on programming but the titles were used for clarification.

Commissioner Chen asked, since the City gave the Independence Park pool to FAST, why it would want to take on another pool. Director Felz said this would not be an abandonment of the existing pool but a complement to this pool. Vice Chair Dasney said

while she was becoming sympathetic with Chair Russell's viewpoint, that everyone had to remind themselves that those who enjoy the Boys and Girls Club are generally not those who come from homes with pools or can pay for lessons. She said the seniors who would use the pool would be different from those using the YMCA, also.

Commissioner Shanfield said the YMCA is looking for members, and that their pool is not utilized to the maximum. Commissioner Shanfield said Brea is having three pools built, so one should probably look seriously at whether another pool should be built. Vice Chair Dasney agreed the pool should be looked at closely because it does use a lot of square footage, and she could support the Boys and Girls Club utilizing the Independence pool, but would rather not deny the youth the pool at the Boys and Girls Club.

Chair Russell asked for user comments.

<u>Dan Kiernan, Boys and Girls Club Board Member</u> – Said the Club supports joint use because there are limited funds and limited space. He said they want to take care of the kids that really need their help, and that many can't even afford the \$10 yearly fee and are on scholarships. He provided budget information, saying much of it comes from grants and fundraising, and provided demographic information on the youth. He described the programs and how the children come to the center and feel safe which, in turn, reduces problems for the City. He said that the club doesn't turn anyone away. He said the pool issue should be looked at and understood the commission's concerns, but felt the pool was really beneficial.

<u>Tony Amato, Senior Club President</u> – Said he was very impressed with the Commission's questions. He said the seniors support the concept and that all the users have to work together to make do with what limited space they have. He said the seniors and Boys and Girls Club have been good neighbors and have supported each other and will continue to do so.

<u>Dick Waltz</u>, <u>Past President of Senior Club</u> - Said they hope to work out the problems with the Boys and Girls Club and have been trying since 1981 to get a new senior center built.

Commissioner Chen asked about operating hours at the Boys and Girls Club, and Board Member Dan Kiernan replied that it varied according to the time of the year. Executive Director Fred Johnson provided further details about school and summer hours, noting that they are also open later for basketball leagues.

Commissioner Chen asked how they would operate while improvements were being made, and Executive Director Johnson said they could use portables and work around the existing buildings, agreeing that it wouldn't be easy. Chair Russell asked if staff had received input from the rest of the community and if they knew that others would support it and utilize it like other community centers.

Director Felz noted that the two user groups represent a significant part of the community, plus staff had received feedback over the last 15 years. Chair Russell disagreed that the two user groups represented most of the community. He said that, with other master plans, community input was solicited, and perhaps something could be done like that. Vice Chair Dasney said her information was somewhat anecdotal but she believed a large

percentage of Brea Community Center's users were from Fullerton which meant Fullerton could use a community center.

Chair Russell clarified he was just asking for a mechanism to get input, and Director Felz said that was a very valid request, and that will be done. Commissioner Spencer asked about duplicating the YMCA, and Director Felz said the Y had a different target group and was a faith-based organization. Commissioner Spencer asked for clarification on what the Commission was voting on, and Director Felz said they were to vote on the staff recommendation for a single community center facility that would also serve as the home for the Boys and Girls Club and senior programs.

Commissioner Stanford said he could support the plan in concept if the community center was really going to be for the community and not just wedged in where the Boys and Girls Club wasn't. Director Felz agreed, saying there would have to be a serious review of the programming.

Commission Stanford MADE A MOTION to approve the concept of a community center with tenants being the Boys and Girls Club and Senior Club with full community usage. Commissioner Shanfield 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.

Chair Russell thanked the audience for attending.

6. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED NO-SMOKING AREAS IN PARKS

Besides the agenda letter with color aerials of all the City parks with smoking and nosmoking areas outlined in red, Director Felz provided a Power Point presentation of sample park types and how the proposed no-smoking ordinance might apply:

<u>Grissom Park</u> – Would have only a small portion that is non-smoking due to passive areas and no organized activities.

Hillcrest Park – Because of being heavily wooded, many areas may be non-smoking.

<u>Independence Park</u> – Due to large open areas, there would be some turf areas where smoking is allowed.

<u>Lemon Park and Maple Center</u> – Smoking would be allowed in the parking lot and one small area of the park away from play areas and fields.

<u>Mountain View Park</u> – Smoking would be allowed in passive areas.

Commissioner Shanfield asked if it wouldn't be easier and save on signage if smokers were told they could only smoke in the parking lot. Chair Russell said some smokers might believe their rights were being stepped on if they were relegated to smoking only in parking lots.

Vice-Chair Dasney asked about Lion's Field, noting that there could be a lot of people on blankets watching the younger players' games near the fields who might be exposed to smokers standing 25 feet from the fields. Commissioner Stanford said the younger players and the field space they use are smaller than the official playing fields so it might not be a problem. Director Felz said the whole area might be declared an athletic field.

Vice-Chair Dasney asked about restoration plans for the playgrounds at Laguna Lake; Director Felz said there weren't any current plans. She then asked about the trash cans with ash trays near picnic benches since the proposed ordinance would prohibit smoking near picnic areas. Director Felz said they will move those receptacles away from the picnic benches once a no-smoking ordinance has gone into effect. Chair Russell thanked staff for their work and Director Felz thanked the Commission for helping to clarify the issue.

Commissioner Shanfield said there was still nothing in the no-smoking information about the dog park, so Director Felz invited the pooch park representatives in the audience to speak on the matter.

Bill Stefanski, President of the Pooch Park Ad Hoc Committee, said the dog park wasn't designated as any kind of athletic field. However, he said the advisory board unanimously voted for a no-smoking ban because of secondhand smoke affecting both humans and dogs, poisoning possibilities from cigarette butts, and a higher risk of cancer.

Chair Russell suggested Mr. Stefanski return to the Commission meeting in August. He also asked if the Pooch Park committee, being a City tenant, could vote on the park being no-smoking. Director Felz said the advisory board reports to the Commission and it isn't a formal tenant, but staff could look into the possibility of a formal no-smoking vote from the Pooch Park committee.

Vice-Chair Dasney asked about getting an update at a later date on the Pooch Park movement towards permanency, and was told staff could provide that.

Vice-Chair Dasney and Commissioner Shanfield commended the Pooch Park Ad Hoc Committee for its very successful first anniversary event.

Chair Russell commented on Pooch Park and smoking, saying the park would have to be an exception and he didn't like exceptions. He noted that Parks and Recreation allows Little League to enforce non-smoking and asked why Pooch Park couldn't be set up as a similar user group. Director Felz said staff could take Commission's direction on this.

7. REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Director Felz reported on recent City Council agenda items:

- Fullerton Recreational Riders' Memorandum of Understanding at Laguna Lake Equestrian Center was approved.
- Budget hearings were very successful with Parks and Recreation recommendations accepted with very minor changes.

8. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

 Community Meetings: The Lemon Park May 27th meeting went well, was not controversial, and there was a discussion on youth programming at Maple Center. Commissioner Stanford asked about future meetings, and Director Felz said he would send e-mails to the Commission.

Capital Projects Update:

- Recently completed capital projects include the three neighborhood parks at Adlena, Byerrum and Valencia parks and Laguna Lake Phase II.
- Current projects with approved plans or under construction include Golfer's Paradise / University Heights netting, put up at Cal State Fullerton's expense; Gilbert Community Center; the Tennis Center Pavilion; the Adlena Park wall; Richman Community Center; and Brea Dam facility renovations.
- Planning phase projects include the Gilman Park playground, Hiltscher Trail, Lions Field, and Richman Park field lighting. Director Felz noted that there was some controversy on the playground at Gilman Park. He said the neighborhood meeting in December 2007 seemed to indicate consensus, but at a May 7th meeting, there seemed to be more issues. Vice-Chair Dasney asked about the addresses in the recent Gilman Park community meeting notification that were missed and Director Felz explained that five or six of nearly 200 addresses were inadvertently overlooked due to a data selection process that can be somewhat unclear. He said the project is on hold while staff gathers more information on the park including the flooding that occurs there.

Vice Chair Dasney asked if the proposed playground would be out in the small entrance strip or near the two bridges, and Director Felz said it would be closer to the bridges. However, he said the City will try to build equipment that can handle a flood. He noted that a larger issue is that 20 years ago, there was a slope failure, so staff wants to ensure they've covered all the bases.

Chair Russell asked why the issue had to go back to the Commission just because some neighbors made "a fuss" even after it went through proper channels. Director Felz said the short answer was that Council asked staff to review the matter again and bring it back to Commission and then Council. Vice Chair Dasney said she needed a timeline and Director Felz said they would provide the information. She added that the City Manager seemed to be implying that Parks and Recreation wasn't doing due diligence.

Commissioner Spencer noted that there always seems to be controversy on notification surrounding each community meeting. She asked what the Gilman controversy was about, and Director Felz said some neighbors don't want the play area across from their homes.

- A brief report was provided on upcoming summer programs.
- Director Felz noted the spray grounds at Lemon, Adlena and Valencia parks would be open beginning June 16th.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Spencer asked about the Cal State University Fullerton Richman Community Center grant. Director Felz said staff had met with CSUF and learned they are submitting a new grant and have asked them to attend a Commission meeting.

Commissioner Shanfield asked about the Hillcrest Park Master Plan Committee, and Director Felz replied that Council didn't accept Commission's recommendation, thus the City Clerk will be sending out applications. However, he said, a commissioner should submit an application if she wants to serve on the committee. Commissioner Shanfield asked if there would be a conflict of interest in serving on both the Commission and the Hillcrest Park Committee. Director Felz said Commission would have an opportunity to provide input on the process, but that it would still have to go through Council, so there shouldn't be a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Chen said she, her daughter and her daughter's friends participated in a Brea Dam campout. She said they had a great time, it was well organized and the bathrooms were clean.

Chair Russell asked about the upcoming summer Commission meetings and whether there would be any cancelled meetings. He said as there would be a quorum at all the meetings and full agendas, he was willing to not miss any meetings. It was agreed that the Commission would not go dark during the summer.

Commissioner Stanford MADE A MOTION and Commissioner Spencer SECONDED the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Felz, Director of Parks and Recreation

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