CITY OF FULLERTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting City Council Chamber Monday, February 13, 2012 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stanford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Van Gorden led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Scott Stanford, Vice-Chair Kathleen Shanfield, Sean Fitzgerald, Scott Hayes, Barry Levinson, Kirk San Roman, and Carl Van Gorden

Absent: None

Staff Present:

Director Penny Loomer, Parks Project Manager Hugo Curiel, Administrative Manager Alice Loya, Recreation Manager Aaron Orozco, Recreation Manager John Clements, Community Center Supervisor Eloisa Espinoza, Parks Project Specialist Doug Pickard, and Deputy Director of Maintenance Services Dennis Quinlivan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Dasney asked about the status of the proposed improvements at Hillcrest Park.

CONSENT ITEMS (Items 1 - 2)

1. MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION NOVEMBER 14, 2011 COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Van Gorden MOVED and Commissioner San Roman SECONDED to approve the November 14, 2011 minutes.

AYES: Fitzgerald, Hayes, San Roman, Shanfield, Stanford, Van Gorden

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

ABSTAIN:

Levinson

The MOTION PASSED 6-0.

2. MAINTENANCE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2011 AND JANUARY 2012

Commissioner Hayes MOVED and Commissioner San Roman SECONDED to approve the Maintenance Services Monthly Reports for February, 2012.

AYES:

Fitzgerald, Hayes, Levinson, San Roman, Shanfield, Stanford, Van Gorden

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

The MOTION PASSED 7-0.

REGULAR BUSINESS (Items 3 – 8)

YOUTH SPORTS PARTNER ANNUAL REVIEW

Recreation Manager John Clements discussed the youth sports league and explained that five of the partner groups have met the standards for 2011 and the other four are pending reinstatement of their non-profit status. He said that staff recently found out about their 501(c)3 status and hoped that it would be reinstated soon.

Commissioner San Roman asked which partner groups did not meet the standards. Manager Clements reported that it was West Fullerton Little League, Fullerton Amateur Softball Association, Fullerton Hills Softball Association, Fullerton Hills Softball, and Fullerton Youth Rugby.

Commissioner Van Gorden asked how this affected their standing in the league. Manager Clements said that they are still in good standing with the organization and the national chapter. They are gathering tax documents from previous years to submit for requalification.

Vice-Chair Shanfield asked what would happen if it was not resolved by June 30th. Manager Clements explained that their association level would drop.

4. CELL TOWER UPDATE

Manager Loya reminded the commission that this item was a follow-up in response to questions on the cell tower policy raised at the November commission meeting. She reported the City's cell tower policy includes a \$7,500 application fee, Parks & Recreation charges \$3,000 per month in rent and the main provider can co-locate up to three different carriers on the same tower. She also explained that the City does have a master plan, as the locations are selected by the phone carrier and are determined by where they need coverage. She described the various areas in parks allowed to house equipment or vaults. She said that the towers are camouflaged to fit into the park environment.

Commissioner Fitzgerald asked what the market rate is in the private sector. Manager Loya said that she has found that the rates aren't set but some are cheaper.

Commissioner Levinson requested that staff research what other cities charge and what is a typical coverage range. He also asked about studies regarding the safety of having cell towers nearby. Manager Loya said there are no rulings regarding cell towers.

Commissioner Levinson asked for an explanation of what happens to the fee if their application is denied. Manager Loya explained that during the review process, various departments charge their salaries as they review the feasibility; which draws down from the application fee. Whatever remains is returned to the applicant if staff determines it is not feasible or possible.

SKATE PARK

Manager Orozco gave a report on the timeline of the skate park at Independence Park. He spoke about the economy's affect on the master plan. The skate park has been closed for two years and there is renewed community interest in having the park reopened. The location of the skate park is so far back on the site, it is not easily visible from the street so criminal activity had been occurring. He said that there were five arrests as a result of a recent undercover investigation

The Commission discussed the possibility of a non-profit group operating the skate park and pursuing grants or other funding. Staff reported that building an alternate park in another location could cost between \$80,000 to \$150,000.

A community meeting was held with the public on February 2nd.

Chairman Stanford felt there is a need to open the skate park and asked how we could insure there is not a recurrence of past problems. He asked about security lighting and a skate park advisory committee to develop a self-policing policy.

Sergeant Petropulos from the Fullerton Police Department spoke with Commissioners, explaining that he was the undercover officer in Narcotics and Vice operation. He agreed with the collaborative effort of community policing. He suggested perhaps charging an admission fee.

Chairman Stanford recommended following the Pooch Park advisory group model. He also suggested having security cameras installed at the back of the property.

The following residents spoke in favor of opening the skate park:

Michelle Kearney, Kathy Dasney, Isaac Davis, Joshua Sandoval, Keith Freeman, Matt Guadio, Joseph, Jeff Levine, Mark Zamudio, Connie Woodward, Kat Sultanmorad, Grant Levy, Amy Peluso, Mia Rodriguez, David Gustaveson

Commissioner San Roman MOVED and Commissioner Van Gorden SECONDED to approve forming an advisory group and bring a proposed plan of the group's commitment to next Commission meeting.

AYES: Fitzgerald, Hayes, Levinson, San Roman, Shanfield, Stanford, Van Gorden

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The MOTION PASSED 7-0.

6. REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Parks Project Manager Curiel gave commissioners an update on the following items:

- 1. Hillcrest Park on hold because of the loss of Redevelopment funding
- 2. Lemon Park renovation completion scheduled for mid-May
- 3. Bud Turner trail project unused trail will be cleared and graded
- 4. Euclid horse trail court decision will be reported soon
- 5. Hiltscher trail now open
- 6. Arbor Day March 24th

Parks Project Manager Curiel elaborated on pursuing grant money for construction costs at Hillcrest Park. He discussed an OCTA grant funding the widening of Harbor Blvd, which will extend the sidewalk and cover the canal.

7. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Director Loomer introduced herself. She informed the Commission that at the March meeting the Commission will set a date for a walking tour of the new Community Center to view the construction progress.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Levinson requested an update on the Hiltscher Trail. Deputy Director of Maintenance Services Quinlivan reported that the trail is open.

Commissioner Levinson was concerned with the loss of Redevelopment funding for First Night. He commented on how great the Tennis Center looked and was happy commended staff on the grand opening.

Commissioner Van Gorden asked about the liquor license for the Tennis Center. Manager Clements said that staff is considering limited hours, smaller sales ideas and trying to find something to attract a concessionaire.

Vice-Chair Shanfield asked staff for an update on the Puente Bike Trail Bridge. Parks Project Manager Curiel told the commission that the bridge is in place.

Parks Project Manager Curiel also stated that the trail/mile markers project is moving forward. Parks Project Specialist, Doug Pickard, is heading this project and after the next meeting he will finalize subtle changes and then bring it back to the contractor for installation in one month.

Commissioner Levinson mentioned a few maintenance issues around Laguna Lake.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stanford adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

⊃enny L**⊘o**mer, Secreta

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