



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO

Parks and Recreation Commission

February 9, 2015

City Hall Conference Rooms A & B
2870 Clark Avenue, Norco, CA 92860

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:32 PM
2. **ROLL CALL**
Chair Holder, Present
Vice Chair Kahan, Present
Commissioner Boyle, Present
Commissioner Gable, Present
Commission Hallam, Arrived at 7:03 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT Superintendent Scagnamiglio, Supervisor Koke, Supervisor Calvert, Facilities Coordinator Ireland and Executive Secretary Shepard

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Commissioner Boyle
4. **PRESENTATION/S**
A. Introduction of Special Events and Volunteer Specialist Janna Noyes
Director Petree introduced Janna Noyes and provided a little background on Janna.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 22, 2014

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S Kahan/Gable to approve the consent calendar

AYES: Boyle, Gable, Holder, Kahan

Motion Passed

7. **DISCUSSION OF REMOVED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

8. DIRECTOR DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Pumpkin Rock Discussion

Director Petree stated that Commissioner Kahan had broached the subject at our last meeting regarding adding creativity to Pumpkin Rock. Director Petree provided a little background on the history of the rock. This rock has been a pumpkin for over 20 years with some slight variations. Some groups in town have assisted in maintaining the Pumpkin, ie., Norco FFA, Saddle Sore Riders. It is a challenge to get into this area and in most cases vehicles are not permitted in the area. If they are permitted, it is with the permission of the City. Director Petree passed the discussion to Commissioner Kahan.

Commissioner Kahan stated that the community has been very active in wanting to maintain the rock as a pumpkin. His concern is to help maintain the landmark, how can we formally acknowledge groups to become the caretakers. With the self-proclaimed caretakers, he is somewhat concerned about "Turf Wars" if some want to paint the rock for one event, then another group wants to paint another. Do we allow a change in the theme? How often? Create a schedule for the different groups? Guidelines? He encourages community involvement but wants to make sure boundaries are set if needed.

Commissioner Boyle stated that if we designate a particular group, what is there relationship to the City and the liability? He is all for volunteering and being involved in the City. There are a lot of questions still to be answered.

Commissioner Gable stated that it could get over zealous. She thinks it is a good idea if is done properly and there is a set schedule. She stated that since it is a horse trail, caution needs to be taken when taking an ATV up the hill for the maintenance.

Resident Ted Hoffman stated that the rock has been many different colors and themes over the years. The rock has become more accessible since the residential development and it is now more accessible to people. He likes the idea of themes being used but he does not want to see any City funds spent on the rock since there are many other things the City needs to spend the money on.

Resident Lisa Campbell agreed that City funds should not be used. She confirmed that City funds have not been used in the past. She likes the idea and would like to see it start slowly with 2 or 3 times a year and make sure the theme is returned in a reasonable amount of time.

Director Petree agreed that it is a good idea and would expect it to be done by volunteers. He would issue a permit to the user. The fire department would not have to be there; they would just have to be notified in case of an emergency. Director Petree suggested the Ingalls subcommittee meet and come up with some ideas and bring it back to commission. At that point, the Commission can determine if it should go to council for consideration.

M/S Gable/Kahan to approve Ingalls Sub-Committee meeting to discuss Pumpkin Rock

AYES: Boyle, Gable, Holder, Kahan

Motion Passed

ABSENT: Hallam

B. Reserve the date for the Mayor's State of the City Address
Director Petree informed everyone that the Mayor's State of the City Address is scheduled March 26, 2015, at Nellie Weaver Hall. The reception will be at 6pm with the presentation at 7pm. It will be hosted by the Norco Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center.

9. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A. Department Operations Report Recreation and Community Services
In Superintendent Anglin's absence, Supervisor Calvert presented an overview of the Staff Report that was provided to the Commission

Chair Holder questioned if there was any progress in the joint use with the High School regarding the City's use of the pool. Director Petree stated that the school was shutting the pool down for maintenance for a period of time. With that and their schedule, there is no time available for recreational use.

C. Department Operations Report Parks and Building Maintenance
Supervisor Koke presented an overview of the Staff Report that was provided to the Commission.

D. Department Operations Report George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center
Facilities Coordinator Ireland presented an overview of the Staff Report that was provided to the Commission.

Commissioner Kahan stated that there are medallions missing from the legacy wall at the Veterans Memorial. Supervisor Koke stated that he is aware and has made arrangements for the medallions to be replaced. Commissioner Kahan stated it may be good idea to re-glue any that have not been replaced yet. Director Petree stated that they are inspected regularly.

Commissioner Kahan reminded everyone that the deadline for ordering new bricks to be placed in the Veterans Memorial is February 16th.

Resident Ted Hoffman stated that the original master plan was completed 10 – 15 years ago. There are some things that are being used differently than when it was proposed. He would like to have the commission review the master plan to see what needs to be tweaked and updated. Additionally, Patty Ireland has discussed the number of events at Ingalls. Years ago when Clark Arena was built, Council stated that it was not to be opened until there was staff to man it. There is not adequate staff to maintain the events that are being booked. He asked that staffing be reviewed during the upcoming budget process. It cannot happen with the three volunteers and the limited staff. Staff is doing an excellent job, but the events are piling up. If this is going to be an event center, there needs to be a larger staff.

E. Department Operations Report Animal Control Services
Superintendent Scagnamiglio presented an overview of the Staff Report that was provided to the Commission.

F. Cell Site Updates

Director Petree stated that Verizon stepped into fill the void left by ATT. Verizon has three sites in the plan and staff will keep the Commission updated.

In response to Commissioner Kahan's question, the revenue for the cell sites is earmarked for in the Parks Division Budget.

10. **COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**

11. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Special Events Update

Supervisor Calvert reviewed the report that was provided to the Commission.

In discussion regarding the Movie in the Park, Commissioner Kahan stated that the return may not be worth the investment even if it is sponsor money that is used to show the movie since many residents do not stay for the movie after the concert. Staff is trying to determine why attendance has decreased over the years for the movie.

Commissioner Gable stated she would like to see the Beatles tribute band return.

Chair Holder promoted the Australian Light Horse Show for the National Day of the American Cowboy.

B. Senior and Human Service Programs Update

Supervisor Calvert discussed the report that was provided to the Commission.

C. Youth Sports Advisory Committee Update

Supervisor Calvert discussed the report that was provided to the Commission.

12. **COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Hallam stated that a Norco Fair Committee member had approached him commenting that the Veterans Memorial would not be open during the fair hours. Director Petree responded that no one has approached him regarding this issue.

Chair Holder mentioned that the Norco ROTC used the veterans memorial for their promotion ceremony. The attendance was great.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Holder adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

M/S Kahan/Boyle to adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting scheduled for March 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.