



MINUTES  
CITY OF NORCO

Parks and Recreation Commission

July 13, 2015

City Council Chambers  
2820 Clark Avenue, Norco, CA 92860

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:31PM
  
  2. **ROLL CALL**  
Chair Boyle, Present  
Vice Chair Kahan, Present  
Commissioner Gable, Absent  
Commission Hallam, Present  
Commissioner Holder, Absent
  
  3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Commissioner Kahan
  
  4. **Oath of Office - Richard Hallam**

City Clerk Link provided the Oath of Office to Richard Hallam as he was recently reappointed to a four year term as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

5. **Presentations**

NONE

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Resident Ted Hoffman stated he was here for a friend, Jeff Alexander, who is a dog handler and trainer. Jeff started a company called Rebuilding Warriors. He would like to hold a ceremony on August 8<sup>th</sup> at the veterans memorial. He finds wounded veterans and trains companion dogs then provides the dog to the veteran. It is all done through private donations. Ted believes this is what the veterans memorial is all about. He hopes that Jeff does approach the City about using the facility and the City permits him to do so.

Additionally, he stated that he heard the library was vacating the City building they are now housed in and looking at the County building where DPSS was located. He would like to see the City work with the County for an equine museum at that new building. He recommended it also being the location of the Hall of Fame.

Deputy City Manager/Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (DCM/DPRCS) Petree stated that Jeff Alexander has been working with Facility Coordinator Ireland for the Rebuilding Warriors event.

Resident Lance Gregory commented on the Brew n' Que. He conversed with the promoters and they complimented the staff and Parks and Recreation for how helpful they were.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 11, 2015
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 26, 2015

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**M/S Hallam/Kahan** to approve the consent calendar

**AYES: Boyle, Hallam, Kahan**

**Motion Passed**

**ABSENT: Gable, Holder**

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

NONE

**9. DIRECTOR ACTION ITEMS**

NONE

**10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A. Department Operations Report Recreation and Community Services Superintendent Anglin presented an overview of the Staff Report that was provided to the Commission. Commissioner Hallam asked if funding was reduced for Party Partners. Superintendent Anglin stated that yes; the funding from Corona has expired. The funding from the Beacon Hill church was just in time to cover the losses of the grant from Corona. The members of the church were very impressed with the program and are anxious to volunteer.

Chair Boyle stated he was a judge at the Party Partners talent show and enjoyed it. This program is dear to his heart so he is glad the program is still going.

Chair Boyle asked about the lacrosse program. Superintendent Anglin stated that the program for Lacrosse will be used as an introduction to the youth so they can learn from the ground level up. They will start with the basics of the sport and the program will hopefully be a feeder program to the high school level.

DCM/DPRCS Petree stated that right now, there are Club programs for soccer only. It is just a matter of time that the inland empire qualifies for CIF. It is one of the fastest growing sports in the western United States.

Kahan inquired what the season was for lacrosse to see if it overlaps with other activities for field usage. Superintendent Anglin stated that right now it is a camp to teach individuals about all aspects of the sport so it will not interfere with sport field usage.

C. Department Operations Report Parks and Building Maintenance

Superintendent Koke presented an overview of the Staff Report that was provided to the Commission.

DCM/DPRCS Petree wanted to provide the Commission with information that staff is working on getting security cameras that are mobile so we can move them to areas where negative incidents seem to be on the rise. Chair Boyle stated that vandalism seems to be a constant, so cameras are a good idea.

Chair Boyle inquired if the exhaust fan at Wayne Makin is a shared cost or a city expense. DCM/DPRCS Petree stated it is infrastructure, so it falls on the City. However, if it is found that maintenance is not being done by the users, it may become a cost to the groups.

Commissioner Kahan asked to have a tree trimmed that is blocking a view to the field. Superintendent Koke stated he look into the issue.

D. Department Operations Report George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center

Facility Coordinator Ireland presented an overview of the Staff Report that was provided to the Commission.

Chair Boyle commented on the Brew n Que stating that he thinks it went well. There were some issues that happen when you have such a large event. However, the event coordinator had a lot of support and was appreciative of all staff had done for the success.

E. Department Operations Report Animal Control Services

In Superintendent Scagnamiglio's absence, DCM/DPRCS Petree presented an overview of the Staff Report that was provided to the Commission.

Chair Boyle questioned if there was a comparison year to year of Administrative Citations written. DCM/DPRCS Petree responded stating that the citations were up at the end of last year but right now it is hard to say because staff is in the middle of the "canvassing time". That question will be easier to address at a later date but he feels there is a slight increase at this time.

11. **COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**

NONE

12. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Special Events Update

Superintendent Anglin reviewed the Staff Report that was provided to the Commission.

Commissioner Kahan thanked the Riverside Astrological Society. The details of what could be seen through the telescopes were amazing! Saturn and the rings were visible through the scopes as well as Jupiter! He was very pleased with the number of residents attending this event.

**B. Senior and Human Service Programs Update**

Supervisor Calvert reviewed the Staff Report that was provided to the Commission.

Commissioner Kahan inquired as to what staff is looking for in regards to hours per week for volunteers. Supervisor Calvert stated that staff can work around a volunteers schedule for most things. However, for maintenance, it will be a specific schedule.

Chair Boyle asked if recruiting volunteers is in conjunction with the WEX program. Superintendent Anglin responded by stating that the WEX program is with Riverside County Department of Social Services and yes, staff did contact them to help us assist in filling those positions as well.

**C. Youth Sports Advisory Committee Update**

Supervisor Calvert reviewed the Staff Report that was provided to the Commission.

Chair Boyle expressed his concern about the AYSO issue of lower registration based on the determination that Travel Ball coaches are on the sidelines recruiting players to their program. He stated that in the future, it may be a Commission item to consider. Supervisor Calvert stated that it is not yet an issue on the Norco fields.

**D. Aquatics Sub-Committee Update (Continued)**

Superintendent Anglin re-iterated the discussion that occurred at the last meeting. Chair Boyle wanted to continue the discussion from the previous meeting. He discussed the partnership with the school district since we do not have the funds to run our own pool. He is concerned about being able to offer free-time swim to our residents which he feels is important.

DCM/DPRCS Petree discussed the demolition of the existing facility. We don't have funding for it right now, but there are some DIF funds put aside. It is going to become a hazard. Staff is continually repairing the fence to keep people out. He feels we can continue discussions with the school district. This summer they were doing plaster repairs which did not allow recreation swim, but he feels that if there is time available, there will be available recreation swim to the residents.

Commissioner Hallam stated that he would like to see a water park for children once the demolition of the pool is done.

**M/S Hallam/Kahan** to recommend to the City Council to demo the pool noting that it is not feasible to convert the facility to a skate park.

**AYES: Boyle, Hallam, Kahan**

**ABSENT: Gable, Holder**

**Motion Passed**

### 13. **COMMISSION/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Kahan questioned if there was going to be a Grand Opening at Silverlakes in addition to the soft opening for September 12<sup>th</sup>. DCM/DPRCS Petree stated that as of right now, there is only the soft opening on September 12<sup>th</sup>. He also stated, for the record, the water being used on the fields is well water.

Chair Boyle stated it is good to see progress being made at Silverlakes; it's been a long time coming.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Boyle adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for September 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

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Robin Shepard  
Executive Secretary