



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS-2820 CLARK AVENUE
JANUARY 14, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Bash called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Commissioners Bash, Boyle, Hallam, Holder, Wagner
Director Petree, Superintendents Anglin, Wyrick,
Supervisors Kennedy, Potter, Ridge - Executive Secretary
Jo Ann Dickson
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Richard Boyle
4. PRESENTATION/S
A. None
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS
A. None
6. **ACTION ITEMS**
A. None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. A. Wayne Makin Concession Agreement Update.
Supervisor Potter reported on the Concession Agreements and advised Commission that at this time, the specifications and regulations are under review by Commissioner Boyle and that the Sports Advisory Committee will be holding their quarterly meeting on January 15, 2008. After the document is finalized, it will be brought back to Commission for approval. The Director noted that the agreement speaks about the new equipment and the responsibility of the equipment during the designated sports seasons.
- B. 2008 Western Art Show Update.
Supervisor Kennedy gave the Commission an update on the upcoming 12th Annual Western Art Show and Sale. The Supervisor reviewed the programming and events that will be held during the Art Show and noted the sponsors of the dinners and noted the artist's entry divisions. Supervisor Kennedy also informed the Commission on the entertainment for this years show.
- C. Wayne Makin Snack Bar/Restroom and Storage Project Update.
Superintendent Anglin informed the Commission on the latest updates on the project. She noted that the project to date is 80% complete, with a

completion date of January 31, 2008 which includes the punch-list items. Supervisor Anglin noted that the grand re-opening of the snack bar/restroom facilities is tentatively set for the first weekend of March. There will be a training of all ancillary equipment for both staff and league members. Commissioner Boyle asked about the opening day ceremonies and the date for it being the middle of March along with the 50th Anniversary of Little League. Possible dates for the dedication could be the 22nd of February or the 1st of March, 2008.

D. U.N.L.O.A.D. Update.

Supervisor Ridge reported that the Buena Vista High School Drama Club would be performing at the next U.L.O.A.D. meeting scheduled for January 28, 2008. The performance depicts what can happen to teens under the influence of alcohol and drugs. The Supervisor invited the Commission Members to attend a meeting and witness the efforts of the community to help educate young people.

CONSENT CALENDAR

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 14, 2007
9. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT – ITEMS 9.1. – 9.10.

COMMISSION INFORMATION

10. CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ITEMS
 - A. None

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S Wagner/Boyle to approve the Consent Calendar

AYES: Bash, Boyle, Hallam, Holder, Wagner

NOES:

ABSENT:

11. COMMISSION ONGOING BUSINESS

A. Ingalls Park

Commissioner Wagner asked what had happened regarding the vinyl fencing issue at the Streets and Trails Commission. The Director noted from what he understood, it was a 4-1 vote to look into vinyl fencing for the trails looking into shape and height of the fencing. The new trail fencing standard will be taller. There was no decision made at this time, Public Works staff will be looking into more aspects of the fencing issue and reporting back to the Streets and Trails Commission with their findings.

B. Animal Shelter Expansion

C. 122 Acre Development

The Director provided an update on the Belstarr Management Company's upcoming MOU and provided Commission with the latest map depicting the

conceptual site plan for the Silverlakes Project along with information regarding the EIR that is necessary for the project to proceed, and is part of the MOU elements. The Director reviewed portions of the MOU and the map/site plan. Director Petree noted that this item is on the City Council/Agency agenda for the January 14, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Wagner asked about the brown squares next to the stalls, the Director noted that its trailer parking next to the stalls. The Commissioner asked how many camping spaces will be incorporated. The Director noted 150-200. Commissioner asked about the entrances to the facility if they are not "horse friendly" except for one entrance that looks like a trailer entrance. The Director noted not at all. All entrances will be "horse trailer" friendly. Commissioner Wagner asked if the arenas will be available for open riding in the evenings. The Director noted that he does not know that answer. The Commissioner then asked when this plan is going before the judge. The Director noted with the MOU and conceptual site plan, and the MOU notes the Deed restriction and the clouds need to be removed from the MOU and the MOU process.

Commissioner Holder asked the Director if the staging area and the campground would be open for public use. The Director stated yes, they would be. Commissioner Holder then asked who is going to support the campground. The Director noted it would be maintained by the concessionaire. Commissioner Boyle asked why the staging area was put where it is, if this was Belstarr's concept. The Director noted that he felt that Belstarr may have thought it made more sense to put the staging area next to the campground. The Director noted this is not an extended stay campground.

Commissioner Bash noted that it is astounding that this plan is almost the exact Parks and Recreation plan, with the exception of the hotel and storefronts.

- D. Walking Horse Estates / SunCal / Norco Ridge Ranch-Park Improvements
- E. Cultural and Fine Arts Programming
- F. Teen Programming and Teen Center
- G. U.N.L.O.A.D. Program
- H. Norco Hills Conservancy

Commissioner Bash reported on the December 7, 2007 event and commented that the event went very well and was in the AP press, and informed the Commission on the interesting events that are being scheduled with the Conservancy and the historical aspects of the buildings. Commissioner Bash noted that Ken Calvert stated to him that the prison is going away. The Commissioner then informed the Commission on a film festival that is being planned which will feature movies filmed here in Norco. The Committee would possibly have the films shown at Pikes Peak as a drive in movie, RCC and in Corona. February 2nd will be a photo display of old Rex Clark photos.

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

A. None

13. **OTHER MATTERS**

A. Request by Commissioner Bash to Discuss the Formation of a Youth Advisory Sub Committee

Supervisor Ridge reported to Commission the findings with regards to forming a Youth Advisory Sub-Committee. She noted various surrounding communities, Chino, Corona, and Riverside and what type of Committees they have and the issues that each Committee advises their communities on. Staff requested further dialog with Commission to identify suggestions for a possible Teen Advisory Committee in the City of Norco.

Commissioner Hallam noted that it would be good to have representation on the U.L.O.A.D Committee. He also noted that he has spoken to other communities about Teen Centers, and stated that he was told they work for a while, then crash and burn.

The Director asked Commission for their input for a Teen Advisory Sub Committee. Commissioner Hallam noted that in the beginning of U.N.L.O.A.D, there were several teens that attended. At this time, no youth attend the meetings. The Commissioner would like to see a Teen Advisory Sub Committee that would also attend the U.N.L.O.A.D. Committee meetings.

The Director and Commission discussed many ideas and concepts for a Teen Advisory Committee, involving the school districts, communities, organizations and various other youth geared sponsors.

Supervisor noted Chino Hills standards for selection of their Committee. There is an application process and interview process before selecting the members for the Advisory Committee. Commissioner Boyle noted that it is important to get kids who are not only in ASB, and are out there in the mainstream. He feels that we need to reach out to those kids and get them to become active and aware of their community.

Superintendent Anglin from what she understands that "Friday Night Lights" is starting back up at the high school. This is a mentor program, i.e.: kids that are in trouble and need help, yet there are fun things in which they help organize their own activities. The program is modeled after Casey's Pledge. Casey was a mentor who helped establish the mentor program, and was ultimately killed by a drunk driver.

Commissioner Wagner stated that there needs to be a partnership between the City and the schools. She noted that this type of organization is active at Norco Intermediate. Commissioner Hallam said he feels that the school counselors need to get involved in programs like this, and feels that it is a great importance.

Commissioner Holder noted that we need to involve junior high kids through high school. We need to have representatives from sports teams, ASB, band, a good variety of youth. The students need to be motivated in order to get active.

Supervisor Kennedy expressed that in order to motivate students, possibly obtaining credits towards high school for their participation. She stated that kids need incentives.

Chair Bash said he feels that a committee of nine would be great. That it should be a commitment of six months and credits towards high school would be very beneficial. Students need community volunteerism now that goes towards their graduation.

Staff and Commission are excited about exploring this idea much further. More discussions followed.

At this time the Director stated that staff and Commission would delve in to this idea coming up with suggestions and ideas into forming a Teen Advisory Committee.

B. City Council Strategic Planning Workshop

Director Petree informed the Commission about the upcoming City Council Bi-Annual Strategic Planning Workshop which is being held on January 18, 2008. The Director provided the Commission with the three key strategic focus areas and the Departments related focus areas, and reviewed the information that will be provided to the Council at this Workshop. The items for the Parks and Recreation Department to discuss with Council Members are: Ingalls Park Build Out Operation and Maintenance, Snipes Park Master Plan and Hillside Open Space and Preservation.

The Director noted that the information will be brought back to the Commission for input and ideas that will be incorporated with staff's input. This feedback will be provided to City Council for review. Commissioner Boyle noted that the youth sports organizations contribute a lot of money to the fields, etc. and feels other organizations should "buy in" to being a part of the answer for upkeep of facilities.

The Director stressed that the work that Commission and staff has completed and continue to work on with regards to the Department Vision Planning workshops will be discussed at the Council workshop. Director Petree is excited to share this with the Council Members as the Commission and staff has developed very good statements along with vision for the future. The Director will also discuss the Core Values that have been discussed at the Commission / staff workshops.

Commissioner Wagner asked the time and place for the Council Workshop, with the Director noting Friday, January 18, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. at the Small Auditorium.

Commissioner Boyle noted how much the youth sports organizations have spent on the fields at Wayne Makin/Shearer Fields. He would hope that additional local organizations would be part of a “buy in”, which shows a type of ownership to a facility. Expenses are going up and we need to get the “buy in” from the organizations to help the City maintain the facilities they use.

C. Next Vision Planning Workshop

The Director noted the 11th of February will be the PRC meeting along with the Vision Planning Workshop.

Commissioner Holder noted there was a safety seminar on Saturday the 12th at Ingalls Park. She stated the low turnout could possibly be due to football playoffs and the Santa Ana winds. Commissioner Holder did inform the Commission that it was a very informative seminar, with presentations by NART, Ray Ariss and “Hail Yeah” and a woman from a saddle lighting company that stressed visibility at night when riding.

Richard Boyle discussed with Commission the Therapeutic Riding Committee and what the Committee will be doing to implement the program. Commissioner Boyle also commented on the “Get a Grip Foundation” program for kids, centered on golf and teaching kids to play the game.

Commissioner Bash noted that basketball/youth sports and other youth organizations need to acknowledge the youth that achieve in their organizations/sports programs. He stated that Commission needs to start to recognize the youth who are achievers in all areas of life, not only the sports aspects. Commission and staff discussed streamlining the idea and concurred to look into starting to acknowledge and recognize the youth and adults who achieve.

Commissioner Bash informed Commission that Paul Miller, a volunteer for Little League for many years passed away on January 1, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Holder/Hallam to Adjourn at 8:28 p.m. to the February 11, 2008 PRC meeting.

AYES: Bash, Boyle, Hallam, Holder and Wagner

NOES:

ABSENT: