



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS-2820 CLARK AVENUE
APRIL 13, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM by Chair Hallam
2. ROLL CALL
Chair Hallam, Commissioners Adams, Boyle, Holder and Wagner.
Staff: Superintendents Anglin, Wyrick, Supervisor Brandie Potter, Executive Secretary Jo Ann Dickson
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Commissioner Adams
4. PRESENTATION/S
A. None
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS
6. **ACTION ITEMS**
A. None
- COMMITTEE REPORTS**
7. A. None
- CONSENT CALENDAR**
8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 9, 2009
9. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT – ITEMS 9.1. – 9.13.
- COMMISSION INFORMATION**
10. CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ITEMS
A. None
- END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

M/S HOLDER/BOYLE to approve the Consent Calendar

AYES: ADAMS, BOYLE, HALLAM, HOLDER, WAGNER

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

11. COMMISSION ONGOING BUSINESS

- A. Ingalls Park – No action on the grounds fee or Ingalls Park Concession or Animal Shelter.
- B. Animal Shelter Expansion – Commissioner Adams discussed the expansion and that after the CC meeting, there was discussion regarding the formation of a 501 3-C in order to keep the shelter going as is. The Commissioner asked if an Ad-Hoc committee could be formed to look into formation of the non-profit status for the shelter and the project. Commissioner Boyle noted that several years ago he attended a CPRS conference where some cities have formed foundations. Commissioner Wagner noted that she is hesitant to form a foundation, that the private sector would contribute to, especially at this economic time, and that the foundation “members” or board would want to run the shelter or dictate how the facility and staff were to be controlled. Chair Hallam asked this item be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- C. Silverlakes/Belstarr – Commissioner Hallam noted the negotiations are ongoing for the Silverlakes Project. Commissioner Wagner asked about the timelines for the project. Commissioner Wagner asked when the RFQ/P is ready for the Rivertrails Stables. Secretary Jo Ann Dickson stated the RFQ/P is due on April 23, 2009.
- D. Ridge Ranch Park
- E. Cultural and Fine Arts Programming
- F. Teen Programming and Teen Center
- G. U.N.L.O.A.D. Program
- H. Norco Hills Conservancy – Chair Hallam asked that the Director invite Kevin Bash to the next meeting to speak about the problems the Conservancy is having with the prison or at to at least send a report to the Commission. Commissioner Adams noted that there is a lot of finger pointing with this matter and she understands that the pumps on the roof were ordered to be turned on. Commissioner Holder asked about how the Founder’s Day ride is affected by the “lock out” from the prison. Commissioner Adams stated no, this is not affected in any way for the ride. Commissioner Wagner asked if the parking issue was discussed. Superintendent Anglin stated that yes, that issue was discussed at the meeting. Some parking will be in front of Riley Gym in the “Community Center Parking/Cal Trans” lot, in front of the community center building, and the gym parking lot. Commissioner Wagner stated for the record that there is going to be a parking problem and wants everyone to be aware of this issue.
- I. Veterans Memorial

12. DISCUSSION OF REMOVED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS.

13. OTHER MATTERS

- A. Update on Wayne Makin Sports Lighting and Irrigation Project. – Superintendent Anglin

Superintendent Anglin stated to the Commission that this information is provided to the Commission as an update to the Wayne Makin Sports Complex Lighting and Irrigation Project. She noted that based on the review of proposals received through a Request for Proposals and Qualifications (RFPQ) process, the City invited RHA Landscape Architect of Riverside, California, into negotiations whereas RHA Landscape Architect was selected as the firm for the project to complete an assessment of the lighting along with irrigation issues at the Wayne Makin/Shearer Sports Complex.

Staff is recommending to the City Council that an award of a Professional Services Agreement to RHA Landscape Architects Planners, Inc. for the design, construction documents and planning services related to the Wayne Makin Sports Complex Lighting Project at the City Council meeting on April 15, 2009. Superintendent Anglin noted that the project is identified in the current Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Total cost of this portion of the project, including 10% contingency funds, is \$82,797.

B. Sports Advisory Meeting Update – Supervisor Potter

- Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Conference room.

This item is information only to keep the Commission abreast of upcoming meetings with the Sports Advisory Sub Committee and to provide the Commission with the minutes from the January 13, 2009. Commissioner Boyle stated that it is a sad situation that the burglaries are on-going at the sites. Supervisor Anglin noted to the Commission that Girls Softball was again recently broken in to with two golf carts being stolen. The youth that stole the items were caught, and the youth also stated they also had vandalized the snack bars previously. This is still an on-going issue.

On a positive note, Commissioner Boyle stated the fields are looking the best they have since he has been on the sports advisory committee.

C. Program / Fee Follow-up – Director Petree- Ongoing with City Council

Commissioner Hallam asked the Commission to go look at the lot on Shadow Canyon. There is a local resident interested in buying this property. Hallam noted it will be coming to the Commission as a zoning issue.

Commissioner Holder asked what is up with Parmenter Park. Superintendent Anglin noted that the restroom bids were received, and they have to go with the second lowest bidder, due to the non-disclosure of prices from the lowest bidder. The Commissioner also asked about the lighting situation. Superintendent Wyrick noted that all the copper wiring was stolen, several times and most likely will not be re-installed.

Commissioner Boyle asked about the economy and fee schedules, and stated that everyone has to absorb the costs. He feels everyone needs to pay for use. Commissioner Adams noted that the residents that were at the CC meeting did not understand the fees, and thinks that their taxes pay for the facilities. She noted that she tried to make the comments that the horse community does get a subsidy. She also stated that at the CC meeting, she informed residents that the youth organizations do

pay for some of the upkeep and fees to have their children involved. Commissioner Adams stated that everyone needs to know the severity of the deficit.

Commissioner Wagner stated that everyone who competes in shows outside of Norco pays a grounds fee and the local equestrians are aware of that. She also noted that some of the local organizations also charge a grounds fee to the participants, and the fee is not passed on to the City. Commissioner Wagner also noted that some things will be said to the citizens in order to be re-elected. Chair Hallam said that every aspect of government is being affected by costs. Commissioner Wagner noted that this is why some items should be coming before the Commission before it goes to the CC so the truth is spread, not false rumors.

Commissioner Holder asked that the Sports Advisory be careful when speaking about non-resident fees and residents fees. She feels everyone that participates in the organization should be paying fees, just not the non-residents. She stated that even with the "task force" being formed for the grounds fee, that it should not be a resident versus a non-resident fee. It should be a fee for all users. Commissioner Holder again stated that if you use the arena, you should pay for it, regardless of residency. Discussion continued. Commissioner Holder does not believe in a utility tax for the residents to cover the fees associated with the use of the arena, or youth sports. The exact users are the ones who should pay for the use, for the arena, the horse owners who utilize the facility, and for the youth, the participants, and also noted it is a privilege to be able to have horses, but expenses go along with it.

Commissioner Hallam stated that if you go to a state, county, or federal park, you must pay fees to use their facilities and that is the only way to keep the parks going. Running the City is running a business. Commissioner Adams noted for the record, the non-residents are not the ones upset over paying grounds fees, it's the residents who are upset. Discussion continued.

Commissioner Hallam stated if we go back to the County, then we will see fees. Commissioner Adams said that most of the people that argued the point, do not understand how a City runs, and the economics of it.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S WAGNER/HOLDER to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. to the Commission meeting on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

AYES: ADAMS, BOYLE, HALLAM, HOLDER, WAGNER

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Jo Ann Dickson, Executive Secretary