



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS-2820 CLARK AVENUE
MAY 11, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM
2. ROLL CALL
Chair Hallam, Commissioners Adams, Boyle, Holder and Wagner.
Staff: Director Petree, Superintendents Anglin, Wyrick, Supervisor Brandie Potter, Executive Secretary Jo Ann Dickson
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Kevin Bash

4. PRESENTATION/S

A. Kevin Bash, Norco Regional Conservancy

Kevin Bash spoke to the Commission regarding the Lake Norconian Foundation. He noted that the new Commission went to the California Preservation Conference. Mr. Bash noted that the Norco Trails are historic and sit on the Coast to Crest Trail, and also noted that the bluffs are a historic neighborhood, several 50's homes that will help bring grant funding. The lake sits on historic property. Mr. Bash was told by the Ken Calvert, that the base is very important, he wants the base to stay. Should a resort be open on the historic Lake Norconian with a theatre, chapel, etc. sitting on 280 acres, would make Norco solvent overnight.

Kevin noted that the Foundation has the best attorney for historic preservation. He has been told that there is nothing like what Norco has any where in the nation. Norco was a poultry capital at one time. These "hidden" buildings make Norco unique.

CRC is the second most expensive prison in the State, and was told if the Propositions don't pass this month, they may have to release 2,000 – 3,000 inmates. Mr. Bash noted that the buildings must have a survey, to allow them to become a historic building. There are 35-40 buildings within the Navy and Prison site that could be classified as "historic".

A survey is now being done to note the buildings as historic sites within Norco. Chair Hallam noted that the Founders Day Celebration was a success. He thanked the Commission, Brian Petree, Chris Wyrick, and Michelle Anglin and the Recreation Department for their support. Volunteers from various organizations helped out. He also stated that they made \$100 and was excited that they made anything. Imagine one day you would be able to come and ride

around the lake, what it would mean to the City is phenomenal. He noted that Ellen Revel passed away. She was Rex Clark's last surviving daughter.

Chair Adams informed the Commission that Ellen Virginia Revel started to have a different attitude towards her father Rex Clark after speaking with Kevin Bash. She then started going by the name Ellen Clark Revel.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Powell – Approached the Commission and informed the Commission that he is very passionate about his music. He found himself always at the Showcase Theatre in Corona. His passion is his music. Mr. Powell asked the Commission if it would be possible for the City of Norco to host music venues. He stated that he was shown Nellie Weaver Hall by Commissioner Hallam, and noted that it would be a great place to provide live music for the local youths and adults. He stated the location is great, everyone knows Ingalls Park. Mr. Powell feels it would be of great benefit to have the City host music venues, and stated that the City is surrounded by Corona, Ontario, Riverside, and these youth used to go to the Showcase Theatre to listen to music. He also spoke about bringing in vendors, ie: Carls Jr., clothing stores, tattoos vendors, etc.

The Director informed Mr. Powell that the Commission cannot interact with him tonight since this is not on the agenda. He explained the Brown Act, and noted that this can be put on a future agenda. The Director also suggested that Mr. Powell meet with staff and the Sub Committee to discuss all of the issues, then bring it back to the entire Commission. Chair Hallam wanted the Commission to note he was speaking about the amphitheatre.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. A. NJAAF Youth Sports Facility Agreement
Supervisor Potter informed the Commission that each year the Youth Sports Facility Agreement is reviewed for any necessary revisions before issuing permits for the use of fields for the youth sports organizations. She noted that staff met with Norco Junior All American Football (NJAAF) President, Wayne Holston on Thursday, January 29, 2009 to confer regarding the needed changes to this year's agreement. Sub-Committee Member Boyle has reviewed these changes from the previous agreement and is supportive of this action.

The Supervisor also noted that staff will meet with NJAAF and obtain their President's signature on the Agreements which will bind them to the guidelines, terms and conditions in which they must fulfill and comply with in exchange for use of Wayne Makin/Shearer Sports Complex and that staff will be moving toward execution of the agreement by July 27, 2009

B. Concession Stand Agreement for Norco Junior All American Football – Supervisor Potter informed the Commission that Concession Agreements are representative of the concession stands in their current condition and the organization's responsibilities, and that this document identifies specifications, regulations and conditions for use of both the City and the users.

Staff met with Norco Junior All American Football (NJAAF) President, Wayne Holston, on Thursday, January 29, 2009 to confer regarding the needed changes to this year's Concession Stand Agreement. Sub-Committee Member Boyle has reviewed these changes from the previous agreement and is supportive of this action.

Supervisor Potter stated that modifications were made to reflect the quarterly fee of the ice machine maintenance that will be the organization's responsibility to reimburse the City for all associated costs. Among the changes that were discussed at the January 2009 Sports Advisory meeting, the organization was notified that as of the 2009 season the organization will be responsible for reimbursing the City for associated costs of pest control services that will be done on an every other month basis. Staff has informed Sub-Committee Member Richard Boyle the modifications of the agreements.

The Supervisor also noted to the Commission that staff will meet with NJAAF and obtain their President's signature on the Concession Stand Agreement which will bind them to the guidelines, terms and conditions in which they must fulfill and comply in exchange for the use of the North Snack bar at Wayne Makin/Shearer Sports Complex.

Pest Control Services are \$65 per appointment (bi-monthly) which is split between NJAAF and Girls Softball. Discussion followed. Commissioner Boyle noted that the youth organizations are very pleased with the snack bars and the most cohesive Sports Advisory Committee he has dealt with for the past several years.

C. Sports Advisory Update

Supervisor Potter told the Commission that staff met with the Sports Advisory Council on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to receive quarterly updates from Norco Girls Softball League (NGSL), Norco Little League (NLL), Norco Junior All American Football (NJAAF), American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), and Chairperson Gary Hummel. The Supervisor attached for reference the approved copy of the January 13, 2009 meeting's minutes and a draft copy of April 14, 2009 meeting's minutes.

Supervisor Potter informed the Commission that the next Sports Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 6 p.m. in the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department Conference Room.

Commissioner Boyle asked when the sectionals are. Supervisor Potter noted that the possible sectionals end July 23.

Superintendent updated the Commission on the "warranty" issues for the Wayne Makin Snack Bars. She noted several options with the sliding windows. There isn't really too much that can be done with them. All roof repairs were completed.

D. Smoke Free Parks Discussion – Chair Hallam, Commissioner Adams
Chair Hallam informed the Commission that the UNLOAD Committee has suggested that a dialogue be open to make all parks tobacco free, with the exception of Ingalls Park.

Superintendent Anglin gave the Commission an overview on the past Commission/Council actions regarding smoke free parks. She noted that back in 2001, AB 188 came into effect. This action did go to Council in October 2001, asking them to develop an Ordinance to make Wayne Makin a smoke free park. The vote was 3-2 against the action.

The local youth organizations have the rules of no smoking, or alcohol is allowed at the youth games in their bylaws. She asked how it would be enforced at the parks, and who would enforce it.

The Director noted that Ingalls Park is now known as the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center. He also stated that there are major venues that happen at the Event Center, that are sponsored by tobacco/alcohol sponsors. AB 188 also notes that there is to be no smoking within 20 ft. of a public building. He asked that the Commission bring this to the Sub Committee and then back to the Commission for further discussion.

Chair Hallam let the Commission know that he was one of the bad guys, who was told at Wayne Makin he was not allowed to smoke. He also noted that at Wayne Makin, it is enforced very strongly. Chair Hallam also stated the enforcement for the City would be a nightmare, and not realistically enforced.

The Director noted that the UNLOAD Committee had asked that this issue come before the Commission.

Commissioner Holder, agreed it is a non-enforceable issue. She believes that maybe signage could still be put up in the parks, just asking that no smoking be allowed.

Commissioner Boyle agrees that this is not enforceable. Ingalls is another issue.

Commissioner Wagner stated that she does not feel we should not pursue this matter at this time. She does agree that signs possibly should be able to be posted asking people not to smoke at the facility.

Commissioner Adams disagreed with the statement that it's not enforceable. She doesn't see that an Ordinance isn't a huge move to enforce this issue. To put up signs, that don't enforce an issue that doesn't have an Ordinance behind it is contradictory. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Adams again stated that this really affects the youth, she feels the signs may be a teaching tool for the youth.

Director Petree again noted that AB 188 refers to playgrounds only. An Ordinance enacted by the City Council would have to be established to include an entire park. The Director stated that this would require a law to restrict smoking from all parks. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Wagner believes that this should be referred to the Sub Committee at this time.

CONSENT CALENDAR

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 13, 2009
9. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT – ITEMS 9.1. – 9.16

COMMISSION INFORMATION

10. CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ITEMS
 - A. None – Council did approve the RFQP for the Animal Shelter for posting.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S BOYLE/WAGNER to approve the Consent Calendar

AYES: ADAMS, BOYLE, HALLAM, HOLDER, WAGNER

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

11. COMMISSION ONGOING BUSINESS
 - A. Ingalls Park
 - B. Animal Shelter Expansion
 - C. Silverlakes/Belstarr – Project/Timeline Update, Director Petree – Tentative July 18, 2009 Groundbreaking. Development Agreement between City Attorney, and Belstarr Attorney. Projected time frame is completion within one year after ground breaking.
 - D. Ridge Ranch Park – Plans were received for plan check. The Department has completed their plan check.
 - E. Cultural and Fine Arts Programming
 - F. Teen Programming and Teen Center

- G. U.N.L.O.A.D. Program
- H. Norco Regional Conservancy
- I. Veteran's Memorial

12. DISCUSSION OF REMOVED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS.

13. OTHER MATTERS

- A. Concert in the Park Update – Superintendent Anglin wanted to thank the Norco Blue Diamond Brigade for hosting this event. Commissioner Wagner was in attendance at this event. There are a few other venues that Brian Gallagher will be having in the community. There was a collaboration with local organizations for this event, and she foresees this could grow into a regular event with different bands/entertainment.

Commissioner Wagner would like to see a summer series in the park. She stated it was a very nice event, and noted that the local service clubs and vendors would be able to participate. A very family oriented event.

Chair Hallam asked how much this event cost the City. Superintendent stated very little, less than \$100.

- B. Neighborhood Park Arena Use Discussion – Director Petree added this to the agenda to initiate this for a Sub Committee discussion. He has been receiving complaints about certain people using the arena for their own use. There is apparatus that is being put up in the arena, and not allowing the residents to use the arena, and telling them to leave. There is cutting going on at Pacer Park, where a local person is bringing in machinery to train horses. Some people are monopolizing the arena and not letting any one else use the facility.

The Director stated that it is illegal for anyone to be charging for training at any City arena. There is no rule for anyone to use the arena, but to profit from it, is illegal. The Director has asked that this item be brought to the Sub Committee for discussion and means of solving the issue.

Chair Hallam stated that the Commission needs to jump on this issue before it gets out of hand. Chair Hallam also noted that no one should be able to bring in the equipment and tie up an arena.

Further discussion followed. The Director informed the Commission that this is going to be looked in to further, and he will inform the Commission of the outcome. The Director is referring this issue to the Sub Committee.

Commissioner Holder asked that signage be posted at the facility noting the restriction of time, etc. to all, and that this issue also happens at The Basin.

- C. Lot 22, APN 130-311-023 – Shadow Canyon Circle, Open Space Connection – Director Petree noted he has a request from the Kay's regarding the lot on Shadow Canyon Circle. He provided to the Commission a lot diagram, and aerial of the property of how they would like to develop the lot. The lot is very narrow, and land adjacent is owned by the Orange County Water District. The Director referred to a power point map and pointed out the different aspects of the property along with giving the history of the lot in question.

The Kay's would like to purchase a piece of the "open space" that is connected to Lot 22. The particular piece of open space does not affect the view space and is next to a ravine. The Commission needs to make a recommendation to the City Council should they agree with the purchase of the property. An MAI appraisal must be done. The Planning Commission must also review this due to a zone change from open space to A-120. At this time, the Director is not asking the Commission to make a recommendation regarding this property this evening. A full study will go to a Sub Committee before any decisions are made.

Mrs. Kay noted that it would be approximately one acre and a quarter. Commissioner Adams asked Mrs. Kay about rerouting the trail so that the riders can still come up off of the trail from the river. Commissioner Adams noted that Mrs. Kay is an avid equestrian. Commissioner Adams asked how Mrs. Kay would feel about accepting this as a PAKA. A PAKA puts a deed restriction on the property. Mrs. Kay has no issues with accepting a PAKA.

Chair Hallam noted he is usually very negative about giving up open space, but with this property he has no problems with accepting this for the property owner to purchase the property. This item will be referred to the Sub Committee.

Commissioner Boyle asked if this sets a precedence on allowing open space to be purchased. The Director said it possibly could, but every request would be reviewed thoroughly.

Commissioner Wagner stated that this becomes horse keeping property, by allowing the Kay's to purchase the open space strip. Commissioner Adams stated there is still room to provide the trail to the river. The requestor has stated that she is willing to accept a PAKA.

Director Petree – Norco Mustang Trail Challenge begins this week. He may have tickets available for Saturday evening.

Commissioner Adams asked when doing an event in the park, could we look at the water inflatables at the events and if there are corporate

sponsors, or maybe have a vendor having it available for the youth. Commissioner Adams asked if the Commission is willing to have someone come speak to the Commission about the possibilities of having these types of play things in the park for the event.

The Director noted the big issue for the City is if we can get corporate sponsorship to help. Superintendent Anglin also stated that we are in need of volunteers to be involved and help with the large events, as we don't have the budget to have staff work these type of venues.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S HOLDER/WAGNER to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. to the Commission meeting on Monday, June 8, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

AYES: ADAMS, BOYLE, HALLAM, HOLDER, WAGNER

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Jo Ann Dickson, Executive Secretary

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