



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS-2820 CLARK AVENUE
JANUARY 11, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM Chair Hallam at 6:30 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Chair Hallam, Commissioners Adams, Boyle, Wagner
Absent: Commissioner Holder
Staff:
Director Petree, Superintendent Anglin, Supervisor Calvert
Executive Secretary Dickson
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Commissioner Boyle
4. PRESENTATION/S
A. None
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS
A. None
6. **ACTION ITEMS**
A. None
- COMMITTEE REPORTS**
7. A. None
- CONSENT CALENDAR**
8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 14, 2009
9. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT – ITEMS 9.1. – 9.9.
- COMMISSION INFORMATION**
10. CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ITEMS
A. None

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S WAGNER/BOYLE to approve the Consent Calendar
AYES: ADAMS, BOYLE, HALLAM, WAGNER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: HOLDER

ABSTAIN: NONE

11. COMMISSION ONGOING BUSINESS

- A. Ingalls Park – The Director presented the Commission with a Power Point presentation on the Ingalls Park Expansion Project Phase 1. The Director noted that the south pad should be complete by November 2010. As seen in the power point, a lot of grading has taken place at Ingalls Park. Various views of the property were shown, designating where the new covered arena is being placed, the new road, where the old shelters were, along with the work that has been done by So Cal Sandbags, Inc. Director Petree also noted that Edison is working on the transformer design for the south pad. There is also going to be a reclaimed water line included in the project.

The Director informed the Commission that the Notice to Invite Bid has been sent out with bids due on February 3, 2010. Staff is hoping the bids come back lower due to the lack of construction that is being done regionally. The big issue is the possibility of not having enough money to do the entire Ingalls Park Project through fruition.

Director Petree advised the Commission the Request for Proposal for the Management of the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center is going to the City Council at the January 20, 2010 for direction. The Director stated that this is one of two options the City Council has, either Option 1 – RFP for the management of the event center or Option 2, hire more staff to manage the property, which would double the size of staff needed to devote to the new arena, NWH, etc. at a cost of approximately an additional \$400,000 annually. Commissioner Wagner asked if Pikes Peak Park is in the mix for the management process. The Director noted that quite possibly this could be included; this would be part of the negotiations during the process of selection of a management team.

- B. Animal Shelter Expansion – Plan check 1 is complete, with plan check review #2 scheduled for the week of January 15, 2010. The Notice to Invite Bids will be ready to go out in the month of February.
- C. Silverlakes/Belstarr – Project will be presented to City Council at the February 3, 2010 City Council Meeting.
- D. Ridge Ranch Park – Plan check is complete. The second review is scheduled for the week of January 15, 2010. The project will be ready and out to bid in February.
- E. Cultural and Fine Arts Programming
- F. Teen Programming and Teen Center – Supervisor Calvert gave an update to the Commission. Chrystal Foster is starting to plan a Teen Expo for the summer of 2010.

The goal of this event is to offer a variety of teen topics/resources including a selection of sports, arts and culture, career, higher education, volunteerism etc., develop a teen database of potential customers, including their contact information and interests. Create a teen presence to be the center of future programming, and to partner with other community

organizations that serve teen. Staff has approached RCC suggesting that they have a table and do presentations on college options, information about jobs and schooling, college and job resume assistance, job application, interview skills and more.

Supervisor Calvert has also spoken to Jan Snyder of Grace Fellowship Church who has a program called The Voice and does weekly arts and poetry programs and has a portable skateboard ramp. Jan is already interested in working to reach teens and we think that they would be interested in having a table and arts exhibit/activity at the Teen Expo.

A date has not been set yet, but staff will certainly do so before they go much further in the process. Staff members are interested in attracting teens, parents of teens and teen focused businesses and organizations.

- G. U.N.L.O.A.D. Program
- H. Norco Hills Conservancy
- I. Norconian Foundation

12. DISCUSSION OF REMOVED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS.

13. OTHER MATTERS

- A. Senior Center Renovation Project Update – Supervisor Calvert presented the Commission with a Power Point on the progress of the Senior Center renovation. She noted that the project is ahead of schedule, and if the weather remains good, the project could be complete as soon as mid February. She noted that the seniors have been very patient during the process and noted they are anxious to have their newly renovated center open and completed.
- B. Update Regarding Santa Ana River Trail Parkway – Director Petree gave the Commission an update and a power point on the SARTP. He noted that he is meeting with the Consultant team, the Public Works Director, and the City Associate Engineer, on Wednesday, January 13, to speak about the bicycle trails, horse trails, and various other issues with the project through various areas of the noted properties. Director Petree stated that the Army Corps of Engineers are sticklers about the environment concerns, and are the owners of much of the property. He did note that they have accepted the trail at this time. The Director proceeded to show each slide to the Commission and explain the various trail alignments and pathways that are in the proposal stage. After the presentation, the Director asked for any questions related to the project. Commissioner Adams asked about the shoring up of the trail in case of heavy rains. Director Petree noted there are no funds in the project for maintenance, and this issue is being left up to the jurisdictions where and when maintenance is needed. Maintenance is the big issue according to the Director. Discussion followed on various aspects of the project.

The Director stated that the Orange County Water District is very protective of their open space and river and that they tread lightly and try dealing with them in a very diplomatic way.

The Director advised the Commission that the goal of the project is to keep most of the trails within the river area as much as possible. He also noted that the equestrian trail is the easy trail; it is the bike trail that may cause issues due to the environmental issues and natural habitats.

Discussion continued on various aspects of the project, and stated the trail costs run approximately 1 million dollars per mile.

Commissioner Adams informed the Commission that she attended one of the meetings held, and noted that JoAnn Ross, one of the consultants, that if a property owner's or entities along the horse/bike trail wanted to install a fence on their own property, nothing could be done to stop them, which would prohibit equestrian/bike trails in certain areas. She also noted that splitting the trail at the one stage of the project is a great idea, where as riders would have two alternatives to ride, based on the experience of the rider, and would most likely keep fencing from going up in the areas that could be restricted should the property owner/environmental efforts be affected.

The Director stated that when new plans are available, he will bring this item back to Commission to keep them abreast, and also informed the Commission that there will be public meetings held regarding the entire project.

Commissioner Boyle stated he was at Pikes Peak Park this past weekend, and noted several maintenance issues: The horse tie ups, there is wood that has splintered, and needs repair, along with a water issue, where water is flowing into the horse shoe pits. He was not sure if it was an irrigation issue or a line that possible had broken causing it to drain downward to the pits.

Commissioner Boyle asked staff if there was going to be a Western Art Show this year. Superintendent Anglin stated as far as City staff hosting one, there would not be one, due to economics and lack of funding. She and staff have provide to two separate local organizations, Day of the Cowboy, and the Hall of Fame Committees information that was requested on certain aspects of hosting an art show. To date, the Hall of Fame Committee stated they would not be ready to host an art show until 2011. The Day of the Cowboy has not gotten back to staff for any further information. There is an understanding that both groups have spoken, but no information has been received by staff.

Commissioner Adams thanked the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department for their help on her son's Eagle Scout Project, and noted that this department is what the community should be about, helping each other. The plaque placed us one of possibly nine that will be placed at the Naval Warfare Assessment Center. She again thanked everyone responsible for helping her son and his project.

Chair Hallam asked the Director about the Norco Chamber of Commerce and the Norco Valley Fair. The Director stated he had just come out of a meeting with the Chamber representatives, the City Manager, two City Council Members, regarding the event. The Director let the Commission know that the Chamber still owes the Sheriff's, Rainbow Express, NHA and not sure of whom else is owed at this time. The Chamber has made it known that they intend to pay back everyone they owe. The Chamber will be sending a letter to Beth requesting they be able to hold the annual fair again this year. As noted, the Chamber does not have a current contract with the City. The City Manager will present the information to the City Council at the next meeting, along with Council Members Azevedo, and Hanna providing their own feed back on the meeting issues. This will be the time when the entire City Council has to determine if they are going to issue a one year contract with the Chamber for the fair, or if there will be another option the City will take excluding the Chamber of Commerce.

Chair Hallam stated that Velma is not well, and she is the only one who is even capable of running this fair. He also noted that he will be in attendance at the next City Council meeting to speak against negotiating another contract with the Chamber of Commerce. There at this time is no guarantee that the Council will allow the Chamber to continue with the fair. The Director noted that there are a lot of rumors of different dates and other information regarding holding an annual event. Nothing is set in stone at this time.

Commission Member Wagner asked that when this subject comes up at the City Council meeting, that the Director reiterate the Commissions recommendation made last year that the Chamber of Commerce is not allowed to continue with the fair because they are not a good customer. She gave examples if other customers came in and did not abide by a signed contract, they would not be allowed to rent or use another City facility again. She again asked that the Director reiterate to the Council that the Chamber of Commerce has not been a good 'customer' to the City.

Chair Hallam noted that even though it is run by the Chamber of Commerce, people do not differentiate the difference between the City and the Chamber of Commerce that the normal citizen thinks they are one and the same, which is not a true fact. He strongly believes this is a reflection on the City, the uniformed citizens that do not know the difference. Chair Hallam also stated when people go to the fair, and it turns out poorly, the people who attended it, do not go to the Chamber to complain, they contact the City and hold them accountable for the poor event.

Commissioner Adams also agrees that the majority of people believe the Chamber and the City are one and the same. The Director stated he will let the City Manager know of the Commissions feelings, that this organization should not be putting the fair on. Commissioner Wagner stated again that the organization is not a good customer, that is how it should be stated, not to link the Chamber per say by naming them, call them the "customer".

The Commission also believes that the event should possibly be held at a different time of year. Again, the Director noted that this decision is ultimately up to the City Council and the decision will be made soon regarding the Norco Valley Fair.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S WAGNER/BOYLE to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. to the Commission meeting on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

AYES: ADAMS, BOYLE, HALLAM, WAGNER

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: HOLDER

ABSTAIN: NONE

Jo Ann Dickson, Executive Secretary

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