
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION



**APRIL 04, 2012
7:00 PM**

AGENDA

Mark Jones – Chair

Jack Noenickx – Vice Chair

Daniel Cooper – Commissioner

Jeffrey McConnell – Commissioner

Farid Tabrizy - Commissioner

Location: City Council Chamber, 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills, California 92653

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Members of the public wishing to address the Parks and Recreation Commission can do so during the Public Comments portion of the Agenda with a time limitation of three minutes per person, an overall time limit of ten minutes for any one subject, and a total time limit of thirty minutes for Public Comments. If you are commenting on an Agenda item, your comments will be heard at the time that item is scheduled on the Agenda. If you are addressing the Commission on an item not listed on the Agenda, the Parks and Recreation Commission is prohibited by law from discussing or taking any action on that item.

CALL TO ORDER

Resolution No. 96-04-09-1 established rules of decorum for public meetings held by the City of Laguna Hills. Resolution No. 96-04-09-1 is available on the table at the back of the City Council Chamber.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the time to address the Parks and Recreation Commission on any matter not listed on this Agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Public Comments are limited to three minutes per person, an overall time limit of ten minutes for any one subject, and a total time limit of thirty minutes.

2. MINUTES**2.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 1, 2012**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2012 REGULAR MEETING.

3. PRESENTATIONS**4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS****4.1 2012 WINTER QUARTER EVALUATION**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION PROVIDE INPUT TO STAFF REGARDING THE FORMAT AND THE INFORMATION PRESENTED IN THE QUARTERLY REPORTS.

4.2 GOLFING, ROCKETS, AND REMOTE-CONTROLLED DEVICES IN CITY PARKS

RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO STAFF ON AMENDING THE LAGUNA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD LANGUAGE TO PROHIBIT GOLFING, THE USE OF MODEL ROCKETS AND OTHER REMOTE-CONTROLLED DEVICES IN CITY PARKS.

4.3 2012 FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT.

4.4 EARTH DAY LAGUNA HILLS EVENT UPDATE AND ART CONTEST

RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REVIEW AND JUDGE THE ART CONTEST SUBMISSIONS FOR EARTH DAY LAGUNA HILLS.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**5.1 GENERAL EVENT UPDATE (OPEN HOUSE, MEMORIAL DAY HALF MARATHON)**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The next Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be June 06, 2012, at 7:00 PM, in the City Council Chamber, located at 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills, California.

CERTIFICATION

I, DAVID T. REYNOLDS, Deputy City Manager of the City of Laguna Hills, do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Agenda was posted at Laguna Hills City Hall, Laguna Hills Community Center, and La Paz Center by March 30, 2012, at 5:00PM.



DAVID T. REYNOLDS
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

March 30, 2012

DATE

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CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
Parks and Recreation Commission
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Jones called the Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Laguna Hills, California, to order at 7:00 PM in the Laguna Hills City Council Chamber, 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Jones.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Present: Vice Chair Mark Jones, Commissioner Daniel Cooper, Commissioner Jeffrey McConnell, Commissioner Jack Noenickx, Commissioner Farid Tabrizy

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT: Dan Meehan, Community Services Superintendent; and Jaime Ballard, Administrative Assistant.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michelle Whittaker of Laguna Hills indicated she was excited about the renovation of Stockport Park and emphasized the importance of the slope renovation if the budget permits. Mrs. Whittaker indicated you can see the erosion on the slope from the irrigation problems. Mrs. Whittaker stated she witnessed a group of kids skateboarding down the slope one afternoon.

1.1 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

REMARKS BY OUTGOING CHAIR

ELECTION OF CHAIR

**MOTION TO NOMINATE AND ELECT VICE CHAIR JONES AS CHAIR BY
COMMISSIONER COOPER S/COMMISSIONER NOENICKX.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

MOTION TO NOMINATE AND ELECT

**MOTION TO NOMINATE AND ELECT COMMISSIONER NOENICKX AS VICE CHAIR BY CHAIR JONES S/ COMMISSIONER COOPER.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

2. MINUTES

2.1 REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 7, 2011

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2011, REGULAR MEETING, BY CHAIR JONES S/VICE CHAIR NOENICKX.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 STOCKPORT PARK PLAYGROUND AND SLOPE RENOVATION, NO. 239B

Richard Fisher with Fisher and Associates greeted the Commission and public. Mr. Fisher indicated Stockport Park is one of the parks that is scheduled for renovation in the current fiscal year. Mr. Fisher stated the renovation would include updating the play equipment, improving the sand feature, and replacing the current playground surfacing.

Mr. Fisher presented the Commission with a PowerPoint presentation which included examples of the proposed playground improvements. During this presentation Mr. Fisher explained the apparatus proposed for the 2 - 5 year old playground and the 5 - 12 year old playground along with demonstrating the new sand play area features.

Mr. Fisher indicated the easterly slope at Stockport Park is in need of renovation as well and stated it had been included as a bid alternate to verify with City Council if the renovations are within budget. Mr. Fisher stated the slope would receive new shrubs, trees, groundcover, and a new irrigation system. Mr. Fisher suggested a barrier fence to protect the slope and provided the Commission will examples used at other parks.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE PARK ENHANCEMENTS AND SLOPE RENOVATIONS WITH THE CONDITION OF EXAMINING BACK STOPS, BY CHAIR JONES S/COMMISSIONER COOPER.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 2012 LAGUNA HILLS HALF MARATHON, 10K & 5K EVENT

Superintendent Meehan presented information from the staff report. Chair Jones asked Superintendent Meehan if walkers for the event would be asked to move towards the back to allow runners at the front of the start line. Superintendent Meehan indicated walkers have been asked to do so in the past and would be continued to do so. Chair Jones expressed concern about the 10K race where it meets at Aliso Creek Trail, west of Moulton Parkway. Chair Jones stated he was concerned about the cross over between the 10K participants and the half marathon participants and suggested stationing extra staff and signage at this point. Superintendent Meehan indicated he would forward the concerns to Renegade Racing. Vice Chair Noenickx asked if staff had engaged Laguna Hills High School to help with volunteering. Superintendent Meehan indicated Renegade Racing recently hired a volunteer coordinator and someone who exclusively works on sponsorships and that they had in fact contacted the Laguna Hills High School for volunteers along with Saddleback Memorial Hospital for sponsorship.

**MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT, BY CHAIR JONES
S/COMMISSIONER COOPER.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

4.2 2011 COMMUNITY SERVICES YEAR END REPORT

Superintendent Meehan indicated the report was intended to keep the Commission and City Council apprised of the on goings of the Community Service Department over the last year. It was the consensus of the Commission to try and advertise activities and classes by means of social media outlets to capture the attention of more people. The Parks and Recreation Commissioners also suggested that the demographics had changed over the years and suggested changing the classes and activities geared towards a different age group to encourage higher enrollment.

**MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT, BY VICE CHAIR NOENICKX
S/COMMISSIONER MCCONNELL.**

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

4.3 COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Superintendent Meehan indicated the City Council would like to establish a "Community Bulletin Board" at the Community Center. Mr. Meehan indicated it would be a locked bulletin board, controlled by staff and considered a limited public

forum. Mr. Meehan stated that the City currently only allows City or City co-sponsored event information to be posted at the Community Center and that the board would be used to post information of community interest approved by staff per policy.

**MOTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PROJECT USING CURRENT POSTING BOARD UNTIL FUTURE POSTINGS REQUIRE THE PURCHASE OF SEPERATE POSTING BOARD, BY COMMISSIONER COOPER S/VICE CHAIR NOENICKX.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

- 5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
- 6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

DAVID T. REYNOLDS
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

ATTEST:

MARK JONES, CHAIR

APPROVED AT MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2012

CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ISSUE: 2012 WINTER QUARTER EVALUATION

SUMMARY:

At the conclusion of each quarter, staff prepares a summary of Community Services Programs and a staff level critique of the City's quarterly offerings to keep the Commission apprised of the accomplishments and out comings of the Department. A total of 1,775 participants were enrolled in programs for the winter 2012 quarter. Revenue for the winter quarter totaled \$58,831. Staff is seeking input from the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding the format of the quarterly reports that are prepared and the information that is provided.

BACKGROUND:

The Community Services Department hosted the annual "Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance" on February 10, 2012. Two hundred and twenty-four (224) fathers and daughters enjoyed a special dinner catered by Wood Ranch BBQ, followed by dessert and an evening filled with lively music and dancing. Attendees also had a "Western" themed keepsake photo taken. Table 1 below provides an event attendance comparison from 2010 through 2012.

Table 1: Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance Attendance Comparison

2010	2011	2012
200	197	224

A number of programs were successful during the winter quarter. In the Sports and Fitness category, the Co-Ed Soccer session of "After School Sports" had more than one hundred (100) participants. Also well attended in the winter quarter were three sessions of "The Veggie Kitchen." "The Veggie Kitchen" offers participants easy and economical vegetarian recipes.

The Circle of Friends program continued to offer its monthly events, with the highlight of the winter season again being the Valentine's Dance which drew a crowd of sixty-four participants. Table 2 below provides an event attendance comparison for the Circle of Friends Valentine's Dance for the previous three years.

Table 2: Circle of Friends Valentine's Dance Attendance Comparison

2010	2011	2012
54	64	64

At the conclusion of each quarter, staff brings a summary report to the Parks and Recreation Commission. In general, a brief report highlights the recreation activities and special events from the previous quarter, and an enrollment total and comparison is attached. The format of the summary report has remained unchanged for a number of years. Staff is seeking input from the Commission regarding any desired changes to the format of the report and what information should be presented in each quarterly report that would be helpful to the Commission.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION PROVIDE INPUT TO STAFF REGARDING THE FORMAT AND THE INFORMATION PRESENTED IN THE QUARTERLY REPORTS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Winter Activities Enrollment totals for 2011 and 2012

Exhibit A

Winter 2011 Enrollment Summary

Winter 2011/2012

(Blank Cells Represent No Class/Activity Offered)

CLASS	Winter 2011			Winter 2012		
	Res	NonRes	Total	Res	NonRes	Total
Adult Basketball League - Men's Competitive	10	34	44	12	35	47
Adult Open Gym Basketball	17	23	40	6	14	20
Adult Bicycle Maintenance and Safety				0	0	0
Adult Softball - Comp Co-Ed	7	18	25	0	0	0
Adult Softball League--Men's Lower D	14	23	37	18	42	60
Adult Softball League--Men's Rec	22	50	72	9	41	50
Adult Softball League--Men's Upper C	0	24	24	0	0	0
Adult Softball League--Men's Upper D	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Volleyball Co-Ed	11	39	50	6	29	35
Adult Volleyball League--Womens	9	26	35	17	27	44
Advanced Karate	4	3	7			
Advanced Karate	5	1	6			
African Safari				0	0	0
After School Sports Coed Kickball-Lomarena	5	0	5			
After School Sports Coed Kickball-San Joaquin	16	0	16			
After School Sports Coed Kickball Valencia	14	1	15			
After School Sports Coed Frisbee-Lomarena				8	1	9
After School Sports Coed Frisbee-San Joaquin				6	2	8
After School Sports Coed Frisbee-Valencia				10	1	11
After School Sports Coed Soccer Lomarena	22	0	22	31	2	33
After School Sports Coed Soccer San Joaquin	12	1	13	17	3	20
After School Sports Coed Soccer Valencia	29	1	30	28	8	36
All About You				0	0	0
All Sorts of Sports	11	1	12	12	1	13
Amazing Adventures	3	3	6			
American Red Cross Adult, Child CPR	0	0	0			
Ballet I	2	4	6			
Beg/Int/Adv Drawing				2	1	3
Beg/Int/Adv Drawing				2	3	5
Beginning Guitar	0	0	0	4	4	8
Begining Hiking	3	2	5	0	0	0
Beginning Karate	4	3	7			
Beginning Karate	2	3	5			
Beg/Int/Adv Drawing and Painting	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beg/Int/Adv Drawing and Painting	5	3	8	5	3	8
Beg/Int/Adv Drawing and Painting	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beg/Int/Adv Drawing and Painting	2	3	5	2	3	5
Belly Dancing I	10	14	24	15	20	35
Belly Dancing II	0	9	9	4	11	15
Belly Dancing III & IV	0	12	12	0	10	10
Boogie Blast				0	0	0
Bug Buddies	3	3	6			
Bugs				0	0	0
CDC Dance Company-By Invite Only	0	3	3	0	3	3
Ceramics Creations				2	6	8
Children's Adv/Beg Tennis				0	0	0
Children's Beginning Tennis	1	0	1	0	0	0
Children's Drawing and Painting			0			0
Circle of Friends Bowling Night	18	0	18	18	0	18
Circle of Friends Hoedown				34	0	34
Circle of Friends Pizza and Movie Night	25	0	25	25	0	25
Circle of Friends Karaoke				40	0	40
Circle of Friends: Valentine's Dance	64	0	64	64	0	64
Classic Combo A-Tap, Ballet & Jazz	6	9	15	4	8	12
Classic Combo A-Tap, Ballet & Jazz	4	8	12	3	7	10
Classic Combo A-Tap, Ballet & Jazz	0	0	0			

Exhibit A

(Blank Cells Represent No Class/Activity Offered)

CLASS	Winter 2011			Winter 2012		
	Res	NonRes	Total	Res	NonRes	Total
Classic Combo B-Tap, Ballet & Jazz	0	0	0	2	4	6
Classic Combo B-Tap, Ballet & Jazz	11	4	15			
Classic Combo C	1	4	5	6	8	14
Clog Dance	4	3	7	0	0	0
Clog Dance	4	4	8	2	1	3
Clog Dance	2	5	7	2	5	7
Clog Dance (3 Month Option)	2	14	16	5	11	16
Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance	108	89	197	131	93	224
Do, Re, Mi Musical Me				0	0	0
Day Hike to Los Pinos Peak	0	0	0			
Dino Days	2	5	7			
Extreme Science				9	1	10
Fairy Fitness				0	0	0
Fossil Finder Fossil Fixer	0	39	39	0	0	0
Fossil Finder Fossil Fixer	103	0	103	0	0	0
Funk Fitness-3 Month Option				4	4	8
Fun with Shapes, Colors and Numbers	0	0	0			
Gentle Yoga	7	3	10	3	7	10
Get Your Groove Out				0	0	0
Hiking Club	0	0	0	7	4	11
Hip Hop (Ages 6-8)	3	4	7			
Hip Hop (Ages 9 & Older)	4	1	5			
Hip Hop				3	2	5
How to Sell on eBay!	1	0	1	5	0	5
Intermediate & Advanced Drawing and Painting	0	0	0			0
Intermediate Guitar				2	0	2
Intermediate Karate	6	3	9			
Intermediate Karate	4	2	6			
Jazz I	0	0	0			
Jazz II/III	0	4	4	0	3	3
Jazz & Tap I/II			0			0
Jr. Funk Fitness				0	0	0
Karate				2	3	5
Ki Yo Kids				0	0	0
Kids Bicycle Safety Clinic				0	0	0
Kindergarten, Here I Come!	11	4	15	8	5	13
Kitchen Kreations				9	0	9
Lyrical II/III (Requires Instructor Approval)	0	4	4	0	3	3
Lyrical Leaps and Turns				1	4	5
Mediterranean Hand Drumming: Level I	0	0	0	0	3	3
Mediterranean Hand Drumming: Level I	0	0	0	0	1	1
Mediterranean Hand Drumming: Level I	0	3	3	0	2	2
Mediterranean Hand Drumming: Level II	0	9	9	0	7	7
Messy Muddy Hands and Toes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middle School Dance	256	34	290	200	30	230
Middle School Dance	258	29	287	188	27	215
Music Together	10	8	18	9	6	15
On the Farm				5	3	8
Parent and Tot Clay Time				0	0	0
Parents Night Without the Kids	0	0	0			
Parents Night Without the Kids	0	0	0			
Pee Wee Basketball	5	6	11			
Pee Wee Cheer & Pom	0	0	0			
Piano Keyboard for Adults	0	0	0			
Piano Keyboard for Adults	0	0	0			
Piano Keyboard for Children (4-8)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Piano Keyboard for Children (4-8)	4	0	4	4	0	4
Piano Keyboard for Children (9-17)	0	0	0			

Exhibit A

(Blank Cells Represent No Class/Activity Offered)

CLASS	Winter 2011			Winter 2012		
	Res	NonRes	Total	Res	NonRes	Total
Piano Keyboard for Children (9-17)	0	0	0			
Playground Games				0	0	0
Playtime!	14	9	23	15	2	17
Preschool Dance I	11	12	23	1	5	6
Preschool Dance II - Tap, Ballet & Pre-Jazz Combo	9	8	17	13	4	17
Pretty Princess	4	3	7			
Primary Ballet	0	0	0			
Public Speaking and Stage Presence				0	0	0
Runners Club	2	1	3			
Sitton Peak Day Hike	0	0	0			0
Soccer Starters	6	5	11	9	7	16
Sports and More				0	0	0
Super Hero Fitness				0	0	0
Sweat Treats	3	2	5			
Tap I/II	1	3	4	1	3	4
Teen and Adult Intermediate Tennis	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Veggie Kitchen: Soup and Salad	9	8	17	9	8	17
The Veggie Kitchen: Good Food Fast				9	4	13
The Veggie Kitchen: Around the World	9	10	19	9	10	19
The Veggie Kitchen: Global Kitchen				10	3	13
The Veggie Kitchen: What to Do with Tofu	7	7	14	7	7	14
The Veggie Kitchen: Totally Tofu				11	2	13
Tot and Preschool Lango Spanish	1	4	5	0	0	0
Totally T-Ball	14	10	24			
Trucks, Trains, Boats and Planes	1	0	1			
Tunes and Tales	11	4	15	22	15	37
Under the Sea	0	0	0			
Yoga Basics	6	6	12	11	6	17
Yoga Flow	5	2	7			
Young Rembrandts Cartoon Drawing	0	0	0	4	0	4
Zumba	21	11	32	27	6	33
Zumba (3 Month Option)	4	3	7	1	1	2
Enrollment Totals:	1304	713	2017	1170	605	1775
	65%	35%		66%	34%	

CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT
COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ISSUE: GOLFING, ROCKETS, AND REMOTE-CONTROLLED DEVICES IN CITY PARKS

SUMMARY:

Staff is recommending the amendment of Chapter 8.04 "Park and Recreation Facility Use Regulations" of the Laguna Hills Municipal Code (LHMC) to add language to prohibit golfing and the use of model rockets and other remote control devices in City Parks. The recommendation is based on safety concerns to park patrons, damage to park turf and other park amenities, and noise disturbance. Staff is requesting feedback from the Parks and Recreation Commission on the proposed prohibitions.

BACKGROUND:

The City received a complaint from a resident about an individual playing golf at Costeau Park. In its current form, the LHMC does not prohibit the playing or practicing of golf in City Parks. Although an individual playing golf in the park could be violating other park rules if they were causing damage to the park, or subjecting others to the potential for injury, the act itself is not against the law in accordance to LHMC.

In review of the LHMC, and also in review of other surrounding city codes, staff recommends amending section Chapter 8.04 "Park and Recreation Facility Use Regulations" of the LHMC to add the prohibition of golfing in City parks. Staff recognizes the potential for damage to the park turf and/or injury to other park patrons as a result of someone playing golf in the park. Provided below are other city examples of rules and regulations applicable to no golfing in city parks in accordance to its municipal code.

- 1) No person shall play or practice the game of golf, including chipping, putting, driving or any other type of play or practice, which includes the hitting of a golf or similar type ball with a golf or similar type club.
- 2) No person shall play, practice or in any way engage in the game of golf, including, without limitation, putting, driving, chipping and all other aspects and parts of the game of golf, in any designated park or recreational area except at the times and places designated by the director.

Upon review of the LHMC, staff also determined that the use of model rockets and remote-controlled devices are not prohibited in City's parks. For similar reasons to not allowing golfing in parks (i.e. safety and damage concerns), staff recommends

amending section Chapter 8.04 “Park and Recreation Facility Use Regulations” of the LHMC to add language to disallow the use of any object capable of propelling a projectile such as rockets and to prohibit the use of remote controlled devices such as model airplanes. These types of devices also may create noise sufficient to disturb the peace and quiet of a park. Listed below are samples of other city’s municipal code language related to the prohibition of these types of devices in city parks.

- 1) No person shall carry or discharge firearms, firecrackers, rockets, torpedoes, or other types of explosives, or carry or discharge any gun, or pistol, or any sling shot or similar device, or any bows and arrows, or carry or use any other object capable of propelling a projectile, or operate any model airplanes, model boats, or remote-controlled devices of any kind, or carry or use any object calculated to make a noise sufficient to disturb the peace or quiet of the park, or bring into any park any of the above objects or articles.
- 2) No person shall possess or operate any radio-controlled or other remotely operated model, toy or similar device, including but not limited to cars, boats, rockets, airplanes or gliders, in any designated park or recreational area except in areas designated and under conditions established by the director or, in the case of a private park, the consenting owner.

Attached to this staff report is the current LHMC for the Parks and Recreation Commission’s reference.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO STAFF ON AMENDING THE LAGUNA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD LANGUAGE TO PROHIBIT GOLFING, THE USE OF MODEL ROCKETS AND OTHER REMOTE-CONTROLLED DEVICES IN CITY PARKS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Chapter 8.04 “Park and Recreation Facility Use Regulations” of the LHMC

Chapter 8-04 PARK AND RECREATION FACILITY USE REGULATIONS

Sections:

<u>8-04.010</u>	Declaration of purpose.
<u>8-04.020</u>	Definitions.
<u>8-04.030</u>	Hours.
<u>8-04.040</u>	Facility permit.
<u>8-04.050</u>	City priority.
<u>8-04.060</u>	Vending and other commercial solicitation.
<u>8-04.070</u>	Camping.
<u>8-04.080</u>	Signs.
<u>8-04.090</u>	Firearms, weapons, fireworks.
<u>8-04.100</u>	Protection of foliage, landscape, historical and park structures, equipment.
<u>8-04.110</u>	Sanitation.
<u>8-04.120</u>	Barbecues and fires.
<u>8-04.130</u>	Animals.
<u>8-04.140</u>	Glass beverage containers.
<u>8-04.150</u>	Alcoholic beverages.
<u>8-04.160</u>	Motor vehicles or similar conveyances.
<u>8-04.170</u>	Bicycles.
<u>8-04.180</u>	Skateboarding and rollerskating.
<u>8-04.190</u>	Park closure.
<u>8-04.200</u>	Effect of park regulations and enforcement.
<u>8-04.210</u>	Eviction.
<u>8-04.220</u>	Community center and sports complex.

8-04.010 Declaration of purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to regulate the use of city parks so that all persons may enjoy and make use of the parks. The following regulations apply to all city parks. (Prior code § 8-05.005)

8-04.020 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

“Alcoholic beverages” means beer, wine, malt liquor, or distilled spirits.

“Athletic fields or courts” means ball diamonds, soccer fields, roller hockey rinks, volleyball and basketball courts, skateboard facilities owned and operated by the city.

“ATV” means an all terrain vehicle as defined in Section [111](#) of the California Vehicle Code.

“Camp” means to set up or use tents, shacks, movable structures or vehicles, bedrolls, or sleeping bags or other such paraphernalia for overnight sleeping purposes.

“Director” means the Parks and Recreation Director or his or her designee.

“Eviction” means expulsion from the park and, if applicable, revocation of a facility permit.

“Exclusive use” means the right to use a park, or portion thereof, for any activity at a specified time, to the exclusion of all others.

“Facility permit” means written permission by the Director for a specified use of a park area or facility in a park.

“Motorcycle” means any motor vehicle, motorized bicycle, or motor-driven cycle as defined respectively in Sections [400](#), [405](#), and [406](#) of the California Vehicle Code.

“Motorized quadricycle” means a four-wheeled device, as defined in Section [407](#) of the California Vehicle Code.

“Motorized tricycle” means a three-wheeled device, as defined in Section [407](#) of the California Vehicle Code.

“Motorized scooter” means any two-wheeled device that has handlebars, is designed to be stood or sat upon by the operator, and is powered by an electric motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion, as defined in Section [407.5](#) of the California Vehicle Code.

“Park” means all city parks, buildings and grounds, athletic fields or courts, and open space areas owned and operated by the city for park, recreation or open space purposes.

“Person” means every individual, firm, corporation, joint venture, association, social club, or any group or combination activity as a unit. (Ord. 2004-12 § 1; Ord. 98-4 § 1: prior code § 8-05.010)

8-04.030 Hours.

All parks shall be open to the public during such hours as may be established by resolution of the City Council. No person, except those having valid facility permits, shall enter or remain in any park at any time other than during such hours as the park is open to the public. (Prior code § 8-05.015)

8-04.040 Facility permit.

A. A facility permit must be obtained from the Director prior to sponsoring or conducting any of the following activities in a park:

1. For the exclusive use of any park area or park facility which has been designated by the Director as requiring a facility permit;
2. For any organized activity in which fifty (50) or more persons are expected to participate or attend, or to which the public is invited or which requires special city services. Such activity includes, but is not limited to: a picnic, rally, group meeting, parade, camp-out, play, musical event, art show, exhibition or, lecture or any type of an entertainment performance;
3. Any activity involving the erection or placement on park property of stages, booths, platforms, sculptures and other art works, or other similar structures;

4. For the sale of any goods, wares, merchandise, food or beverages in connection with a permitted group activity;
5. For any activity involving the use of amplified sound.

B. The Director is expressly delegated the authority to prescribe rules and procedures for the issuance of facility permits and to determine in his or her sole discretion whether to issue a permit, and in the case of a permit for amplified sound, to determine the maximum amplification permissible consistent with other persons' enjoyment in the park.

C. Facility permits shall be issued on such terms and conditions deemed reasonable by the Director to protect park property and to promote use of the park by all persons.

D. Issuance of a facility permit may be conditioned on the payment of fees as may be established by resolution of the City Council.

E. The denial of a facility permit or the terms and conditions for the issuance of a permit (except the requirement to pay facility permit fees) may be appealed in writing to the City Manager within five business days of the Director's decision. The City Manager's decision on the appeal is final. The City Manager is not required to consider a late-filed appeal.

(Prior code § 8-05.020)

8-04.050 City priority.

With the exception of park use pursuant to a facility permit, city recreational programs, including activities and events co-sponsored by the city, shall have priority of use of all athletic fields or courts. (Ord. 98-4 § 2: prior code § 8-05.023)

8-04.060 Vending and other commercial solicitation.

No person shall solicit primarily for commercial purposes in any manner, or sell or offer for sale any goods, wares, merchandise or food products, or distribute or pass out any primarily commercial handbill or advertising material, provided, however, that this section does not apply to a concession or group activity operated under a facility permit that allows such sales in connection with the permitted activity. (Prior code § 8-05.025)

8-04.070 Camping.

No person shall camp; except that group camping activities for juveniles (under eighteen (18) years of age) under adult supervision may be permitted by the Director, subject to the issuance of a facility permit. (Prior code § 8-05.030)

8-04.080 Signs.

No person shall paint, post, attach or affix any handbill, notice, sign or advertisement upon or to any bridge, fence, building, tree or other property or improvement. With permission of the Director, signs may be posted on a community bulletin board. (Prior code § 8-05.035)

8-04.090 Firearms, weapons, fireworks.

No person shall have any fireworks, firearms, air gun, BB gun, slingshot or bow or hunting arrow or any weapon in his or her possession in a park, nor shall any person discharge any fireworks or weapon upon or into any park. (Prior code § 8-05.040)

8-04.100 Protection of foliage, landscape, historical and park structures, equipment.

A. Except as may be authorized by the Director, no person shall pick flowers, foliage, berries or fruit, or cut, carve, hack, break, dig up, remove, deface, use or in any way mutilate or injure any wood, leaf mold, rock gravel, sand, tree, shrub, plant, fern, grass, turf, mold, artifact, railing, seat, building, barbecue stove, sign, fence, post, structure, toilet, lavatory, restroom, play equipment or any other object in any park.

B. No person shall deface, mar or disfigure any bridge, fence or other structure within a park, or any tree situated in any park, by painting, cutting, scratching or breaking the same or attaching or affixing anything thereto.

C. No person shall climb any tree, or walk, stand or sit upon monuments, signs, buildings, roofs, railing, fences and gates, backstops, tables or upon other property not designated for or customarily used for such purposes.

(Prior code § 8-05.045)

8-04.110 Sanitation.

A. No person shall leave, deposit, drop or scatter any bottles, broken glass, ashes, wastepaper, cans or other rubbish, garbage, litter, refuse or other matter in any park except in a designated rubbish container. No person shall deposit any such matter in the public toilets of any park.

B. When rubbish containers are not available or are full, refuse and rubbish shall be carried away from the park.

C. No person shall excrete or leave any human waste in or on park property, except in a public toilet. Soiled diapers shall be deposited in rubbish containers or removed from the park.

(Prior code § 8-05.050)

8-04.120 Barbecues and fires.

No person shall build, light, kindle or maintain any open or outdoor fire at any place in a park except in park facilities especially provided for this purpose. No person shall bring portable BBQs or hibachis into a park. (Prior code § 8-05.055)

8-04.130 Animals.

A. Except for seeing eye dogs, cats, dogs or other domestic animals shall be restrained by a substantial leash, not to exceed six feet in length, and shall be in the charge of a person competent to restrain such animal. This section shall not prevent the city or its facility permittees from holding supervised public events in which domestic animals participate, nor shall it prohibit the Director from issuing facility permits for group activities involving domestic animals.

B. Domestic animal waste shall be removed from the park, or it shall be disposed of in park rubbish containers by the person in charge of the animal.

C. No person shall trap, kill, wound or maltreat any bird or animal, or permit any domestic animal under their control to pursue, trap, kill or wound any bird or other domestic animal.

D. Horses or pack animals are not permitted, except on designated equestrian trails.

(Prior code § 8-05.060)

8-04.140 Glass beverage containers.

No person shall bring into a park or have in his or her possession in a park a glass beverage container. (Prior code § 8-05.065)

8-04.150 Alcoholic beverages.

No person shall consume, possess or sell any alcoholic beverages within a park. (Prior code § 8-05.070)

8-04.160 Motor vehicles or similar conveyances.

Except for motorized wheelchairs or other similar conveyances for the disabled, and motorized vehicles used for park maintenance, no person shall operate or drive any motor vehicle, motorcycle, ATV, motorized quadricycle, motorized tricycle, or motorized scooter in a park, nor shall any person clean, wash, polish or make any repairs to any such vehicle, cycle, or scooter in a park. (Ord. 2004-12 § 2: prior code § 8-05.075)

8-04.170 Bicycles.

Bicyclists shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians on park walkways. All bicycles shall be parked in a bicycle rack when one is provided and space is available. No person shall leave a bicycle on athletic fields or courts, in the play equipment area or on sidewalks. No person shall ride a bicycle in a park or portion thereof which has been posted as a "No Bicycling Area" pursuant to Chapter [11-32](#) of this code. (Ord. 98-4 § 3: prior code § 8-05.080)

8-04.180 Skateboarding and rollerskating.

Rollerskaters (including rollerbladers) and skateboarders shall yield the right of way to pedestrians on park walkways. No person shall leave a skateboard or rollerskates (including rollerblades) on athletic fields or courts, in the play equipment area or on sidewalks. No person shall skateboard or use rollerskates as defined in Chapter [11-32](#) of this code in a park or portion thereof which has been posted as a "No Skateboarding" or "No Rollerskating" area pursuant to Chapter [11-32](#) of this code. (Ord. 98-4 § 4: prior code § 8-05.085)

8-04.190 Park closure.

The Director may close parks or any portion thereof when such areas are filled to capacity or a hazardous condition poses potential danger to citizens, city employees or city property. Any such closure shall be for the duration of the capacity or hazardous condition situation as determined by the Director. (Prior code § 8-05.090)

8-04.200 Effect of park regulations and enforcement.

The privilege of any person to use the parks is expressly conditioned upon compliance by that person with the provisions of this chapter as they apply to such use. A violation of any provision of this chapter shall be deemed an infraction punishable by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a second violation within one year of the first; and a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each additional violation within one year of the first. In addition, the person shall be subject to eviction from the park in which the violation occurs and other parks if necessary, all in accordance with the procedures in Section [8-04.210](#) of this chapter. This chapter shall be enforced by the Director and such of his or her agents as he or she may designate to perform said duty, as well as by peace officers having jurisdiction of any area in which a violation of any provision of the chapter may take place. (Prior code § 8-05.100)

8-04.210 Eviction.

A. A person is subject to eviction from a park when the following conditions occur:

1. The person is in violation of a park regulation;
2. The person has been warned in a manner that is reasonably calculated to reach that person that eviction may result from any further violation;
3. After receiving such warning, a further violation occurs;
4. No lesser sanction reasonably appears to suffice.

However, where a violation is of such magnitude or seriousness of violence, no warnings will be necessary prior to eviction.

B. A group is subject to eviction from the park when any one of the following conditions occur and no lesser sanction reasonably appears to suffice:

1. There is probable cause to believe that an unlawful assembly exists pursuant to California Penal Code Section [407](#);
2. There is a clear and present danger of imminent violence which cannot reasonably be forestalled without evicting the entire group;
3. There exists a group sponsored or organized activity which violates one or more park regulations and such group sponsored organized activity has not ceased as a result of one or more warnings given to the permit applicant and the group as a whole;
4. There are multiple individual violations of park regulations which have not stopped following the eviction of one or more such individual violators and violations continue after the group has had a reasonable opportunity to cure them.

(Prior code § 8-05.105)

8-04.220 Community center and sports complex.

A. Any person riding a skateboard or rollerblading at the skateboard facility shall wear a helmet, elbow pads, and kneepads.

B. Because of the particular design features of the skateboard facility, skateboarding at the facility is considered stunt, trick, or luge skateboarding.

C. Signs shall be posted at the skateboard facility to afford reasonable notice:

1. That any person riding a skateboard or rollerblading must wear a helmet, elbow pads, and kneepads, and any person failing to do so will be subject to citation under the city's code;

2. That rollerblading by adults and skateboarding by persons over the age of fourteen (14) are deemed to be hazardous recreational activities and that the city may not be liable for injuries incurred by such persons participating in rollerblading and/or skateboarding at the skateboard facility.

D. Any person who is injured at the skateboard facility shall report the injury to city staff and shall complete an injury report form.

E. Any person using the skateboard facility is subject to the following rules and regulations:

1. The skateboard facility has been designed for use without the introduction of any outside obstacles, ramps, rails, or other similar materials or devices.

Consequently, bringing to the facility or using any outside obstacles, ramps, rails, or other similar materials or devices at the skateboard facility is prohibited;

2. The hours of operation for the skateboard facility are from eight a.m. to ten p.m. Use of the skateboard facility outside of the hours of operation is prohibited. In addition, use of the skateboard facility after sundown when the skateboard facility lights are not on is prohibited;

3. Food and beverages are prohibited within the limits of the grinding rail at the skateboard facility;

4. Glass products, glass bottles, glass beverage containers, and any other type of glass object or material are prohibited;

5. The skateboard facility is a smoke-free area. The use of cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, or the use of any other type of tobacco or smoking product is prohibited;

6. The use of scooters, as defined in Section [11-32.010](#), is prohibited;

7. The use of profanity is prohibited; and

8. The Director of Community Services, or his or her designee, may, in his or her sole discretion, regulate the hours of operation at the skateboard facility for specified groups of users. The city shall post such regulations in appropriate signage at the

skateboard facility. Any first violation shall be deemed an infraction and shall be punishable as set forth in Section 11-32.080.

F. The use of scooters, as defined in Section 11-32.010, skateboards, and bicycles are prohibited within the roller hockey rink.

(Ord. 2004-3 § 2; Ord. 2000-4 § 1)

This page of the Laguna Hills Municipal Code is current through Ordinance 2011-5, passed December 13, 2011.

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CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT
COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ISSUE: 2012 FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

SUMMARY:

The City of Laguna Hills will host its annual Fourth of July celebration at the Laguna Hills Sports Complex on Wednesday, July 4, 2012. The special event will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and includes a number of activities in addition to the fireworks show. Staff is currently in contract negotiations with another fireworks vendor for this year's show due to the complications experienced during the 2011 show.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Laguna Hills will host its annual Fourth of July celebration at the Laguna Hills Sports Complex on Wednesday, July 4, 2012. For the Fourth of July Celebration event this year, the following activities are tentatively scheduled:

Main Stage Entertainment:

- Rockit Scientist (50's, 60's, and 70's music)

Games:

- Soccer Kick
- Double Hoop Shot
- Football Toss

Carnival Rides:

- Two carnival rides (to be determined)

Activities:

- 40 foot obstacle Course
- Spacewalk-Airwalk

Children's Activities

- Face Painting
- Crafts

City Information Booth: (To Date)

- Community Services Summer Camps/Programs
- City Commissions
- Recycling Information

Vendor Booths: (* Vendor responses pending)

- Snow Cones & Dippin Dots*
- Cookies & Brownies*
- Churros, candy, pretzels, & nachos*
- Roasted Corn & Pizza*
- Hamburgers, chips, baked beans, iced coffee*
- Hot dogs & polish dogs*

The following is the tentative schedule of events:

4:00 p.m. Event Begins

Activities, games, music, food and vendor booths

8:50 P.M. Mayor's Welcome/Comments

9:00 P.M. National Anthem

9:10 P.M. Fireworks Display

In addition to the activities listed above, it is anticipated that "Team Dark Horse" will be present to support the adopted Marines of the 3/5 Battalion at this year's event. Marine's from the 3/5 Battalion may also be present.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed budget for the 2012 Fourth of July event is \$53,750 which includes a fireworks budget of \$26,400. Last year's Fourth of July event expenditures totaled \$46,078 which includes the discounted cost of the fireworks show. Net costs totaled \$42,697 when accounting for the \$3,381 in ride ticket sales revenue.

**RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT.**

CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ISSUE: EARTH DAY LAGUNA HILLS EVENT UPDATE AND ART CONTEST

SUMMARY:

As the Parks and Recreation Commission will recall, Volunteer Connection Day has been renamed "Earth Day Laguna Hills." The event will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 9am - 12noon. Volunteers will be welcomed by Council Members, Commissioners and staff before visiting the "Green Expo." This new, educational component of the event will include the Wyland Clean Water Mobile Learning Unit along with other vendors and activities for the children in attendance. Volunteers will then break off into coordinated groups to assist in the clean-up of the Aliso Creek Trail, the La Paz open space, Veeh Ranch Park, and the wetlands area adjacent to the Aliso Creek Trail. Volunteers may also assist in planting trees in recognition of Arbor Day. The volunteers will conclude their work just before noon and enjoy a thank you luncheon at the Laguna Hills Community Center.

At its January 24, 2012, meeting the City Council directed staff to conduct an art contest as part of the Earth Day Laguna Hills event. Staff first designed the contest and then contacted the Principals at each of the three elementary schools in the City regarding participation in both the art contest and the event itself. The contest was themed "Why Earth Day is Important to Me," and consisted of three options: an essay, a poem, or a piece of original artwork. Staff has received approximately fifty (50) submissions, which include original artwork and poems. All of the submissions received will be on display at the Earth Day Laguna Hills event.

Staff will also create contest judging criteria for the Commission to use to select contest winners during the meeting. The criteria will be passed out at the Commission meeting. All of the artwork and poems will be on display at the meeting for the Commission's review.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REVIEW AND JUDGE THE ART CONTEST SUBMISSIONS FOR EARTH DAY LAGUNA HILLS.

CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT
COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ISSUE: GENERAL EVENT UPDATE (OPEN HOUSE, MEMORIAL DAY HALF MARATHON)

SUMMARY:

Open House

The Community Services Department hosted an Open House event at the Community Center on Saturday, March 24, 2012, from 1-3pm. Approximately one hundred (100) people attended this first time event. Attendees had the opportunity to speak to staff and contract instructors, and observe class demonstrations ranging from Yoga to Early Childhood Music classes. Those in attendance were also encouraged to complete the on-line survey designed by staff at four computer stations set-up for the event. Thirty individuals completed the survey while at the Open House event. To date, 75 individuals have completed the online survey.

A Community Services Department Work Program for FY 2011/12 is to evaluate the recreation activities and classes to determine if the needs of all of the demographic groups in the City are being met, and to then address any deficiencies.

Memorial Day Half Marathon Event

Preparations for the 14th annual City of Laguna Hills Memorial Day Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K, Honoring the United States Marine Corps Dark Horse Battalion are well under way. Approximately 515 runners are currently registered for the event, which will take place on Monday, May 28, 2012. The event will again include participation by Marines from the 3/5 Battalion, along with the community expo and beer garden.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT.
