
CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
Parks and Recreation Commission
MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Noenickx 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 Chair Noenickx.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Present: Chair Noenickx, Vice Chair Cooper, Commissioner Victoria Auer, Commissioner Chris Mackey, Commissioner Richard Nagle

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT: David Reynolds, Deputy City Manager; Dan Meehan, Community Services Superintendent; Kathleen Clark, Community Services Senior Leader; Jaime Ballard, Administrative Assistant.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS
2. MINUTES

2.1 REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING, MARCH 14, 2013

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2013, REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING, BY CHAIR NOENICKX S/COMMISSIONER MACKEY. APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 THE FUTURE OF LAGUNA HILLS LITTLE LEAGUE AND A FIELD FOR INTERMEDIATE DIVISION PLAY

Representatives from Laguna Hills Little League (LHLL) were present and provided

the Commission with a PowerPoint presentation which included the benefits of LHLL, the challenges faced by LHLL, and the LHLL plan for the future. Representatives from LHLL included options for the 50/70 fields in Laguna Hills based on the pros and cons of each individual field.

MOTION TO ALTER THE PROPOSED BUDGET ITEMS FROM THE MARCH 14, 2013 MEETING TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET PRIORITIES: 1) MODIFICATION OF LOWER CABOT PARK FIELD LEAGUE TO ALLOW FOR A NEW LHLL 50/70 INTERMEDIATE DIVISION PLAY FOR 11 TO 13 YEAR OLDS, 2) INSTALL SHADE STRUCTURES AT THE LHLL BLEACHER AREAS AT CABOT PARK, AND 3) INSTALL SHADE STRUCTURES AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER BY CHAIR NOENICKX S/VICE CHAIR COOPER. APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 2013 LAGUNA HILLS HALF MARATHON, 10K & 5K EVENT

Community Services Superintendent Meehan provided a summary of the report and indicated a post event report would be brought to the Commission.

Mr. Mike Bland of Laguna Hills and current board member for *Team Dark Horse* greeted the Commission and provided an update on the 3/5 Battalion and their participation in the event.

Mr. Evan Gost of Laguna Hills and current board member for *Team Dark Horse* greeted the Commission. Mr. Gost indicated he would like to discuss the possibility of having Corporal Josue Barron serve as *Grand Marshall* for the 2013 event. During his tours in Afghanistan with the 3/5 Battalion in October of 2010, Cpl. Barron lost his left leg above the knee and his left eye. After intense rehabilitation at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego, Cpl. Barron has since participated in six full marathons. Additionally, Cpl. Barron was recently selected to receive a mortgage free home through a Chase bank's *Homes for Our Troops program*.

It was the Consensus of the Commission that Corporal Josue Barron is recognized during the event.

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

4.2 2013 WINTER QUARTER EVALUATION

Senior Leader Kathleen Clark summarized the report to the Commission which included participation and revenue totals for the winter 2013 quarter.

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

4.3 SKATE PARK OPTIONS

Deputy City Manager Reynolds indicated the report was a follow-up item from the last two Commission Meetings regarding the proposed major plan to "Address security issues at the Skate Park."

Community Services Superintendent Meehan provided the Commission with a brief summary of what other municipalities are offering as security measures at their Skate Park facilities.

Deputy City Manager Reynolds provided the Commission with a handout which summarized the Skate Park options proposed in the report by Richard Fisher Associates in addition to the estimated cost for each option.

It was the consensus of the Commission to use the phased in approach of which consists of the following:

- Phase One - Leave the Skate Park status quo with proper enforcement of park rules in addition to updating the municipal code with the understanding of the potential need for future fencing. It was the consensus of the Commission that a line item be established for Skate Park fencing for the next Budget Cycle.
- Phase Two - Provide an unsupervised fence around Skate Park provided phase one is not effective in conjunction with feedback provided by staff and O.C. Sheriff.

**MOTION TO USE A PHASED IN APPROACH AS DESCRIBED BY CHAIR
NOENICKX S/COMMISSIONER COOPER.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

4.4 TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE PROJECT PRIORITIES

Deputy City Manager Reynolds indicated Public Services Director Ken Rosenfield had asked that the Parks and Recreation Commission prioritize trails and open space projects and more specific to trails and provide input as staff prepares for the Capital Improvement Program study session which is scheduled for May 7, 2013.

Deputy City Manager Reynolds indicated the Public Services Director had also requested the Parks and Recreation Commission prioritize the following three multi-use trail projects identified in the staff report in the order that these projects should be implemented into the six year CIP.

It was the consensus of the Commission to prioritize the following multi-use trail projects in the following order of priority:

1. La Paz trail from Alameda Ave. to Paseo de Valencia
2. Community Center to Indian Hills
3. Alicia Parkway to La Paz

The Commission also provided the following feedback regarding the *Implementation Plan*:

Commissioner Mackey stated it would be nice to revise the plan to include something that tied in North Laguna Hills into the Community more.

Commissioner Auer suggested adding a bike path to connect our new neighbors by the Laguna Hills Mall in the *Live, Work, Play, Environment Community* off of Avenida De La Carlota and Los Alisos Blvd.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Noenickx suggested withholding beverages in the City's fourth of July information booth at this year's event.

Chair Noenickx asked if the City had planted the new dogwood trees along Aliso Hills and Alicia. Deputy City Manager indicated he would supply the Commission with feedback after speaking with Parks Supervisor Frainie.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Parks and Recreation Commission at this meeting, Chair Noenickx adjourned the meeting at 9:32.

DAN MEEHAN
SUPERINTENDENT

ATTEST:

DAN COOPER, VICE CHAIR

APPROVED AT MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2013