
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