
CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
Parks and Recreation Commission
MINUTES
JUNE 04, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONER MEMBERS:

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

2. MINUTES

2.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 2, 2014

THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2014 REGULAR MEETING.

Motion to Motion to Table made by m/Commissioner Richard Nagle s/Chair Daniel Cooper.

3. PRESENTATIONS

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 2014 LAGUNA HILLS VOLUNTEER CONNECTION DAY, ARBOR DAY AND MULCH COLLECTION EVENT

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

Superintendent Meehan Introduced Senior Leader Todd Smyser. Mr. Smyser provided a verbal summary of the event to the Commission.

Todd stated there were over 1400 cars that attended for the mulch event.

Cooper moved to receive and file.

4.2 2014 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION: EVENT UPDATE

THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RECEIVE AN ORAL PRESENTATION REGARDING THE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

Motion to Motion to receive and file Motion to receive and file made by m/Chair Daniel Cooper s/ .

Superintendent Meehan summarized the report.

4.3 2014 MEMORIAL DAY RACE: EVENT UPDATE

THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RECEIVE AN ORAL PRESENTATION REGARDING THE 2014 CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS MEMORIAL DAY HALF MARATHON, 5K, AND 10K HONORING THE USMC DARK HORSE BATTALION.

Evan Ghost of Laguna Hills; Team Darkhorse committee greeted the Commission. Mr. Ghost stated the event was incredible. He stated he was very proud of the businesses in the City of Laguna Hills for their kindness and donations. He said the banner project was absolutely amazing.

4.4 CIP 240 - COMMUNITY CENTER AND SPORTS COMPLEX SOFTBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RECEIVE THE REPORT AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO STAFF IN REGARDS TO A MULTI-USE SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD.

Chair Cooper moved to move this item to the beginning of meeting. Superintendent Meehan summarized the report for the Commission and the public.

Cal Watson greeted the Commission and indicated he could answer any questions from the Commission.

Dan Cooper stated that the Commission has reviewed this subject in the past. Chair Cooper asked staff if we were limiting the usage by adding synthetic turf. Superintendent Meehan indicated that by adding the synthetic turf there would be no new limitations that are different than the current.

Commissioner asked the life expectancy of the turf. Cal stated they are warranted for 8 years but generally last 10. Cal showed the Commission a sample of the turf.

Chair Cooper stated one of the great things about it is the cost saving in water and

staff cost.

Victoria asked staff to calculate the current water cost of that area and staff cost and provide the Commission with those figures.

Dan Garciano from Laguna Hills greeted the Commission. He suggested adding a temporary fence to improve game qualities, he also expressed concerns with the speed of the ball and injuries with synthetic turf.

Chair Cooper asked Cal Watson to address the injury concerns. Mr. Watson stated the products has changes and now they are made with the evolution of modified grass. Two independent safety studies have been conducted over the years that have been published in the American Sports Journal.

Mike A'Hearn of LHLL greeted the Commission. He stated that on behalf of the LHLL they support the artificial turf project.

Chair Cooper he was in favor of artificial turf. Cooper moved that staff continue use of artificial turf, Nagle seconded motion.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

7. ADJOURNMENT

DAVID T. REYNOLDS
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

ATTEST:

DANIEL COOPER
CHAIR

APPROVED AT MEETING OF