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**MINUTES (Revised)
REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

Wednesday, October 12, 2011
6:00 p.m.
City of Huntington Beach
Civic Center – Council Chambers
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Chair Tomaino called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Rechsteiner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Albert Gasparian; David Hubbard; Susie Jones; Cathy McGough; Dan Moss; Allan Pogrund; Brian Rechsteiner; Nick Tomaino

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jay Kreitz; John Myers

STAFF PRESENT: David Dominguez; Mary Loadsman

PRESENTATIONS – none.

MINUTES

MOTION:

Moved by Rechsteiner, seconded by Pogrund to approve the July 13, 2011 Community Services Commission Minutes as amended to include the following corrections:

Commission and Staff Comments:

Myers noted the change in leadership at HBUHSD having obtained a new Superintendent. He said there are plans to meet with the superintendent in August to help foster a relationship between ~~Commission~~ City Administration and the school board.

Commissioner Rechsteiner reported Huntington Beach City School District (HBCSD) has a new board member, Shari Kowalke, noting Superintendent Kathy Kessler has retired. He noted that in the past, the ~~Commission~~ City Manager, department heads, and ~~School Boards~~ School District Presidents and Superintendants conducted a quarterly meeting, and that he supported City Administration moving in this direction.

AYES: Albert Gasparian; Dave Hubbard; Dan Moss; Allan Pogrund; Brian Rechsteiner; Nick Tomaino

ABSTAIN: Susie Jones; Cathy McGough

ABSENT: Jay Kreitz; John Myers

Motion passed unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS –

Jean Nagy and Nancy Harris, HB Tree Society, spoke in support of the Urban Forest and replacing non-native and invasive plants with native plants.

Gloria Alvarez provided an update on Triangle Park, noting City Council approved the park name in June and that the Historic Resources Board and Downtown Residents Association are working to obtain funds for a new park sign.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS –

Dominguez reported the city has been approached by a non-profit that may have an opportunity to obtain grant funds that can be used for play equipment replacement in Harbour View and Hawes Park. Commission Rechsteiner noted the park bench in Hawes Park has been replaced.

Dominguez also reported that the city is moving forward with an agreement with Van's for a skate park in the north park of town near Goldenwest College. If successful, the skate park will be operated by Van's and open to the public.

Dominguez noted that the Commission action to forego the stipend may not require action by City Council. He explained that the item may be presented to Council in the form of an information memorandum. Once clarified, he will inform commission on the progress.

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

Therapeutic Riding Center – Dominguez reported the Therapeutic Riding Center (TRC) approached the city with a request to make its current location a permanent site. He explained the TRC has been operating in its current location under a Temporary Use Permit since 2003, and that the current location is meeting the needs of the program. Making the current location a permanent site would require a Conditional Use Permit to make improvements and requires amending the Huntington Central Park Master Plan. Commission requested additional information before approving the recommended action to City Council.

MOTION:

Moved by Rechsteiner, seconded by Gasparian, to table the Therapeutic Riding Center action to the next Community Services Commission Meeting.

Ayes: Gasparian; Hubbard; Jones; McGough; Moss; Pogrund; Rechsteiner; Tomaino

Absent: Kreitz, Myers

Motion passed unanimously.

Urban Forest – Dominguez explained an Urban Forest area is included in the Huntington Central Park Master Plan located west of Goldenwest Street, north of Ellis Avenue and east of Edwards Street. There is a need to identify specific boundaries of the Urban Forest to satisfy environmental concerns and mitigation measures.

MOTION:

Moved by Pogrund, seconded by Rechsteiner to recommend to City Council to approve the boundary of the urban forest in Huntington Central Park as presented and update the Huntington Central Park Master Plan to reflect the change.

Ayes: Gasparian; Hubbard; Jones; McGough; Moss; Pogrund; Rechsteiner; Tomaino

Absent: Kreitz, Myers

Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – none.

INFORMATION ITEMS –

Senior Center – Dominguez reported the Draft Subsequent Environmental Report for a new senior center is undergoing review with a public input meeting held at the Central Library on October 12th. He noted the report included a review of closed schools and a more detailed review of an area in Huntington Central Park located at the northwest corner of Goldenwest Street and Ellis Avenue. The public review period ends October 31, 2011.

Edison Park – Dominguez reported that Phase 1 of the Edison Park Reconfiguration Project is near completion. He explained the parking expansion off of Hamilton had to be delayed to a future phase of the project, however, the major components including athletic fields and lights are in place. He explained that irrigation issues had resulted in project schedule impacts. The plant establishment period for the turf fields is underway.

Sports Complex 8th Field - Dominguez reported that once the plant establishment period is over, the addition of the final field will help with programming and tournament play.

Kathy May's Lakeside Café – Dominguez reported the new operators of the former Alice's Breakfast in the Park Concession are in the process of making improvements. He explained the city underwent several Request for Proposals (RFP) before making the selection of Kathy May as the concessionaire. He noted that the other parties responding to the RFP requested up front funds from the city for improvements while Kathy May did not. Plans are to reopen the facility in Spring 2012.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION – none.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS –

HCP Equestrian Center – the July 27, 2011 meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2011.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS –

Rechsteiner asked if there were impacts to the city with the change in the field allocation process. Dominguez noted that with the new school and city agreements in place, the schools are responsible for their own field allocation programming and the city is responsible for city properties only. He added that some of the difficulties are that there are more programming needs than there are fields available.

McGough reported that the Huntington Beach Adult School now has a permanent location adjacent to Oceanview High School. The new facility will have a dedication ceremony on November 4th and invited Commission and staff to attend.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

Council on Aging Newsletter August and September 2011.
Community Services Commission Committee Assignments 2011/2012

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Community Services Commission regular meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

David C. Dominguez, Secretary, Community Services Commission

By: Mary Loadsman, Recording Secretary