

**PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES
ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MAY 2, 2006 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Sigler at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners Bell, Cannella, Francis, Hollander, Sigler.
Absent: None
Also Present: Lisa Lynn

Pledge of Allegiance: Laura Raymond

Approval of March 7, 2006 Minutes

Motion: "To approve as submitted."
Francis/Hollander – All Ayes

Public Comment

Laura Raymond, President, Friends of Parks

- Time for Annual Hermosa Beach Dog Parade & Trick Show, Sunday May 7th
- This is the first year that Friends of Parks has become involved, as co-sponsor with the City
- The event consists of a parade, a trick show, sponsor exhibits and new this year, Disc Dogs of Southern California Demonstration a 1:00 p.m. in the valley park field.
- Parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. from the greenbelt, going north to Valley Park.
- A trick show will be held at Valley Park upon arrival at the Amphitheater for participants
- Sponsors: Buster & Sullivan, Pet Care Company, U-Shampooch, South Bay Animal Hospital
- Thanked the Commissioners and City staff for their involvement
- Also in attendance will be Noah's Ark with rescue dogs for adoption, some of the dogs were involved in the Hurricane Katrina rescues

Questions/Comments from Commissions:

Commissioner Hollander:

- Looking forward to this great event

Commissioner Sigler:

- Had a great time last year

Lisa Francis:

- Will there be parking available at City Hall? Lisa Lynn: Parking will be available at both City Hall and Parks and Recreation Community Center

Additional Comments from Laura Raymond:

- Any questions, please feel free to call Parks & Recreation at (310) 318-0280
- Friends of the Parks has just published its newsletter and it is available at the Community Center
- Friends of the Parks meet monthly, the 2nd Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. of each month at the Community Center

Commissioner Hollander:

- Extended the invitation for all to get involved

Correspondence

- A. Lisa Lynn asked that Laura Raymond remain at the podium for first letter of correspondence. Lisa Lynn read the brief letter written by the President of the Friends of the Parks. The organization donated \$1,000.00 to the 2006 Youth Scholarship Program. Lisa Lynn stated that this money is appreciated and well-received. With summer programs approaching, the number one scholarship request is for camps.

Laura Raymond

- The Friends of the Parks are very happy to donate this money
- This is an important part of Parks and Recreation in Hermosa Beach

- B. Lisa Lynn presented a letter of commendation written by Diane Miller for two part-time staff – Darryl Kim and Jesse Ibatuan who hosted the Getty Villas excursion. Lunch at Lawry's and 'goodie bags' for the bus were included. This is a very popular excursion and a second date has been secured in May.

- C. Lisa Lynn reviewed legislative updates, as they pertain to Parks and Recreation, from the California Parks & Recreation Society. Of note, is SB-1179, which determines inherently dangerous recreation activities. Skateboarding and scooters were listed and considered hazardous, which means public entities are not liable to any person who participates in these activities

MOTION by Commissioner Francis to Receive and File correspondence.

Commissioner Hollander seconded.
All Ayes

Matters for Commission Consideration

- A Tennis Court Policy Revision

Lisa Lynn explained that Staff has recommended revision to the tennis court policy. Currently, there are six (6) courts that are, theoretically, open for public use. However, these courts are rented to private instructors and contract classes are conducted on the courts. There is currently no policy in place to ensure that a certain number of courts remain open for public use. Problems occur when an instructor will rent one (1) court, then a resident will rent two (2) courts and that instructor will then be teaching on three (3) courts simultaneously. As a solution to this problem, the policy revision will limit the number of courts that can be reserved at one time.

Recommended Revision: Weekdays prior to 5:00 p.m., Staff will ensure that at least two (2) courts are open and available for public use by limiting the number of private instruction or change the time of contract classes. The more popular time for use is after 5:00 p.m., so it is recommended, by using these same guidelines, that three (3) courts remain available for public use.

Questions/Discussion from Commission

Commissioner Hollander: Have you received any feedback regarding this revision? Lisa Lynn answered no. The instructors know that they have been able to utilize the courts more than they should and they are not opposing the change. The only complaints come from the public who cannot utilize the courts due to private instruction occupying the majority of the courts.

Commissioner Bell: This has been a problem in the past. Has experienced the shortage of courts. Feels this is a good change.

Additional Comments on Recommendations from Lisa Lynn: Place a limit on resident reservations. Currently, a resident can come down and reserve three (3) courts for the same time-slot. The

recommended revision is to allow one reservation per resident per day. This is along the same guidelines for resident park reservations.

Commissioner Bell: How often are people reserving? Lisa Lynn answered that on a weekly basis one resident will come down and reserve two (2) courts and will do it at the same time as a private class, thereby getting private instruction for three sets of children on three courts simultaneously, reserved under one resident reservation.

Commissioner Canella: Has spoken with people who play at these courts and they complained about people staying past their reserved time and creating a backlog of people waiting to play. Can this be reinforced? Lisa Lynn answered that the rules are posted on each court and people are trusted to keep within the allotted time. When things get difficult, there is a system to implement a tennis court monitor. This has not had to happen until it gets warmer and more people are playing. Currently, staff only needs to get involved on an as-needed basis.

Additionally, there are the Kelly Courts, adjacent to the Clark Building, but due to parking and restrooms, the Community Center courts are more popular.

Commissioner Bell stated that the Kelly Courts are nicer now that they have been resurfaced and the word needs to get out on the improvements.

MOTION by Commissioner Hollander to approve the revisions to the current Tennis Court Policy.

Commissioner Bell seconded the motion.
All Ayes.

Staff Report(s)

Lisa Lynn gave the following reports:

1. March 2006 Activity Report: Year-to-date revenue, for just recreation classes and programs, is \$66,000.00 ahead of last year. Also included in this report is a list donations received to date in the amount of \$50,000.

Commissioner Hollander: Is the \$50,000 earmarked for the Centennial? Lisa Lynn stated that donations have been made for specific events or programs which includes the Centennial celebration and other events such as the sunset concert series.

Commissioner Sigler: Is Nestle Waters Arrowhead? Lisa Lynn: Yes. Which one is Grand Central Marketing? Lisa Lynn: Grand Central Marketing is a local marketing company who represented Warner Bros. when they did the Tweety clothing line promotion.

Commissioner Francis: We collected almost \$1,400.00 at the summer concerts last year? Lisa Lynn: Yes, for one concert. The amount collected for all three was \$2,500.

2. Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, May 6th is the 8th Annual Car Show at the Plaza
- Sunday, May 7th is the Annual Hermosa Beach Dog Parade & Trick Show
- Summer Celebration Event registration on June 3rd at Valley Park from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. This is the first date of registration. The Kiwanis is hosting a barbecue and Friends of the Parks is hosting an ice cream station and all instructors that are conducting classes or camps programs will be present.

Commissioner's Reports:

1. Centennial Celebration – Commissioner Hollander/Francis. All events, as shown on the calendar presented last month, are on schedule and proceeding. Encourages interested to get involved. The meeting will be held on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 4.

Lisa Lynn clarified the meeting will be on the second floor, but the room is to be determined. The Community Center's offices have been moved to Room 4 between Rooms 4 and 11 as the first floor is being remodeled. ARC clients are relocated to Rooms 12 and 16. There is a shortage of meeting space, but the meetings will either be in Rooms 8 or 7.

2. Friends of the Parks - Commissioners Hollander/Bell: Reiterated the Annual Hermosa Beach Dog Parade & Trick Show coming up on Sunday, May 7th. Encourages everyone to participate and attend. Friends of the Parks are in need of more members, the meeting is next Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Community Center, room to be determined.
3. Hermosa Arts Foundation – Commissioner Bell: Friday, May 26th at the Community Center a fundraiser will be held for the Hermosa Historical Society entitled the First Annual Surf Film Fest. The film is 'Drive Through Africa'. The first show for families will be 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at \$5.00 per person and the main show at 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. with the Kelp band, dinner and silent auction at \$10.00 per person. In June – date still to be determined – at the Community Center there will be Community Night at the Movies. The movies will start with classic cartoons and then Alfred Hitchcock's North by Northwest. Movies are free and donations are accepted. There will be an auction of prizes – one prize is a high-tech bicycle, courtesy of Hermosa Cyclery.
4. Historical Society/Museum – Commissioners Francis (unable to attend)/Cannella: Construction still continues on the museum. They have currently placed an old 16th Street lifeguard tower and it separates the old museum from the new museum. Thank you Rick Koenig for all the work done to date. The museum is expected to be open during the Centennial Celebration on January 14, 2007. People are invited to come by and take a look at the construction during the hours of 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, located at 710 Pier Avenue, west side of the gym. There are still copies of Images of America: Hermosa Beach available at the museum. Extended the invitation for new members, please call (310) 318-9421. The website is www.hermosabchhistoricalsociety.org Reiterated the Surf Film Fest on Friday, May 26th – all proceeds will go to the expansion.
5. Jazz Memorial – Commissioner Bell: The memorial will be expanding. Mr. Ozzie Kadia has submitted four (4) more themes for plaques: great guitarists, great jazz singers, great tenor saxophonists and wide, wide world – a television from 1950's which was aired from Hermosa Beach. Commissioner Bell asked Lisa Lynn for further information. Lisa Lynn explained that they were without telephone service and the events are scheduled to take place in the Fall.

Commissioner Francis added that he played golf with Jim Gerlich and asked that Commissioner Francis pass along his complements to Ozzie Cadnea for the performances that have taken place and how much he and his wife has enjoyed them.

6. Surfers Walk of Fame – Commissioner Cannella: No news to reports this month. Lisa Lynn the date for the induction ceremony has not yet been determined. The staff will be mailing out the new applications this week. The only change: previously, for the last three (3) years, any applications on file have automatically been reconsidered for the current year, but this year only new applications will be considered for induction. Current application deadline is May 31st.

Items Requested by Commissioners

Commissioner Hollander: The Art Walk is coming up next week and runs for three (3) consecutive months.

Other Matters

Commissioner Cannella: Congratulations to his son, Adam for making the 8th grade Principals Honor Roll at Hermosa Valley.

Public Comment

None

Motion: "To Adjourn at 7:45 p.m."
Francis/Hollander – All Ayes