

**PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES
ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE JULY 10, 2006 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Sigler at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Rick Koenig

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners Francis, Hollander, Sigler
Absent: Bell, Cannella
Also Present: Lisa Lynn, Donna Hunter, Dante Pagulayan, Akisha Davis

Approval of May 2, 2006 Minutes

Motion: "To approve as submitted."

Hollander/Francis – All Ayes

Special Presentation

Lisa Lynn, Community Resources Director, presented a special slide show to thank the Commission for their support of the Community Resources Department. The slide show highlighted the department's activities, along with Commissioner's involvement, over the past year.

Public Comment

None

Correspondence

- A. Letter of introduction for new full-time employee to the Department of Community Resources, Donna Hunter, Administrative Assistant.
- B. Letter of Appreciation to Michael Keegan for the donation of café tables and chairs for the Community Center courtyard.
- C. Lisa Lynn asked Chris Miller, Camp Director to approach the podium to update the Commission on summer camp programs.

Chris Miller

- Amazing first two weeks of camp with registration full to capacity.
- Camp T-shirts given to each Commissioner were decorated by Summer Blast Camp. The Parks and Recreation mural was created by Teen Extreme Camp.

Commissioner Hollander thanked Chris for the wonderful artwork.

MOTION by Commissioner Sigler to Receive and File Correspondence.



Commissioner Francis seconded.

All Ayes.

Matters for Commission Consideration

- A. Election of Officers. Elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to serve for a period of one year.

MOTION by Commissioner Hollander to elect Stephen Francis as Chairperson.

Commissioner Sigler seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

MOTION by Commissioner Hollander to elect Robert Bell as Vice Chair.

Commissioner Sigler seconded the motion.

All Ayes

- B. Kiwanis Club request for facility use and fee waiver.

Lisa Lynn approached the Commission, on behalf of the Kiwanis, to request approval for the Kiwanis use of the Community Center lawn November 14, 2006 – January 5, 2007 for the group's annual tree lot fundraiser and to waive temporary power pole permit fee.

MOTION by Commissioner Francis to approve the Kiwanis Club request to use the community Center lawn for their annual tree lot and to waive the temporary power pole permit fee.

Commissioner Hollander seconded.

All Ayes

- C. Friends of Parks request for seating enhancements at Edith Rodaway Friendship Park and subsequent donation.

Laura Raymond, President, Friends of Parks, approached the Commission requesting approval of enhancements to Edith Rodaway Park.

- Public Works is resurfacing the basketball courts.
- The public has asked for seating improvements while maintaining as much grass as possible.
- Recommends a variety of seating with City standard bench for grass area near Prospect Ave.
- Replace the dirt under existing tables with decomposed granite material used successfully at Fort Lots of Fun.
- Replace a missing table with a round picnic table with attached seating.
- Adding a 6' square picnic table for field area near basketball court.
- Adding an 8' rectangular table for field area near Hollowell.
- Two long, flat benches will be added to the inside of the basketball courts.
- The new seating will offer a variety of seating for youth groups and picnics.
- To cover equipment purchase, \$5,000 will be donated by Friends of Parks.

Laura Raymond introduced new Friends of Parks Treasurer, Sharon Rosenberger. Sharon Rosenberger, approached the Commission and stated that she enjoys working on the Committee and requested support for Shakespeare by the Sea event.

Laura Raymond introduced Jan Brittan, Friends of Parks Secretary. Jan Brittan approached the Commission and stated that she hopes the Commission accepts the request to make Edith Rodaway Park more usable, healthy and safe.

Questions/Discussion from Commission

Commissioner Hollander: Fabulous.

Commissioner Francis: Will the picnic tables be aluminum or concrete? Laura Raymond: The tables are concrete with attached seating.

Commissioner Francis: I support this so that they cannot be moved. Laura Raymond: They are big enough that they will stay.

Commissioner Francis: The benches inside the basketball courts? Laura Raymond: They are 6' long concrete, simple, and similar to the courts at Clark. Completion will be toward the end of summer, as soon as Public Works can finish.

Commissioner Sigler:
Appreciation to Friends of Parks for making things happen and can't wait until finished.

Laura Raymond:
Movie in the Park on Saturday August 26. Movie will be Wallace and Grommitt. They will also feature face painters, hands-on art stations, hot dogs, etc. Community groups are sponsoring event, Kiwanis, Rotary, Women's Club and others.

Laura Raymond introduced Ken Bergeron, Friends of Parks Vice President.

Ken Bergeron stated he researched basketball nets to replace missing nets with something more permanent. Located a net called "Permanet" that can hold up to 2000 pounds and are supposed to last forever. Nets are made of powder coated steel and have a locking system that locks it to the rim and have been tested at Valley Park. Friends of Parks donated enough nets to replace all of the nets on hoops in the City parks.

Commissioner Hollander:
Appreciate all the contributions, thank you.

Commissioner Sigler:
Remind everyone of the Sunset Concert Series starting on July 23.

Lisa Lynn:

- Friends of Parks will be present at the concerts.
- If you would like to donate or join FOP, the website is hbfp.org.
- Money donated into buckets at the concert site goes back into funding the concert series.

MOTION by Commissioner Hollander to accept improvements to Edith Rodaway Park and donation of basketball nets for all City parks.

Seconded by Commissioner Francis.

All Ayes

D. Temporary Centennial Handprint Wall and Mural Project.

Lisa Lynn introduced Dick McCurdy, Project Manager.

Dick McCurdy:

- Thanked staff for slide show. It brought back memories of the Beth Berg family and their many years of participation in the Sand Snowman contest.
- The Handprint Wall will be on the cement walls below the skate park on Pier Avenue and the parking lot of the Community Center. Water based paint will be used for adults and children to apply their handprints to the wall. 'Handprinting' will be held consecutive Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
- The cost will be \$12 for adults and \$10 for children. The money will go toward Centennial Celebration events.
- Initial demonstration will be held on August 18, 2006.
- On Sept 16, Hermosa Beach Neighborhood Watch is having a special identification event with fingerprinting and emergency cards for children in coordination with a hand-print session.

Questions/Discussion from Commission

Commissioner Hollander: Great idea to start off Centennial Celebration.

Commissioner Sigler: Looking forward to seeing hand print wall.

Dick McCurdy: All proceeds will go to the Centennial Committee. The money for supplies to fund the project is part of the \$5,000 normal annual contribution made by Kiwanis to the Hermosa Arts Foundation. Dick pointed out that Rick Koenig and other Kiwanians are in the audience tonight.

Commissioner Sigler: Is there any way to prevent graffiti? McCurdy: We will be applying "Frog Juice" or a better coating but we will have to touch up. Lisa Lynn noted that when the Community is part of the process, there is pride; hence, less vandalism.

Commissioner Sigler: Thank you.

Dick McCurdy

- Provided a projected image of the Mural Project.
- P.J. Pauley, graphic artist, designed the figures for the mural and Rick Koenig applied the text graphics to include the Kiwanis and Hermosa Arts Foundation logos.
- The mural canvas will go up January 14, 2007 on the east side of the Community situated below the CLO Play House banners.
- To create the mural, P.J. Pauley will project the art work onto canvas. There is no detail in the faces of the figures lending itself to paint-by-number. Kids participating in summer day camp with Chris Miller, Camp Director, will paint the mural this summer.

- The mural will go up after the Kiwanis finish their Christmas tree lot and will stay up through the entire Centennial Celebration, until September 30, 2007. After that, it can then be relocated to the Community Center.
- This is an exciting way of introducing the Centennial.

Maureen Ferguson approached the Commission to add that this is one of many projects for citizens to get involved, incorporating the entire community in the celebration, from young to old. This event starts the excitement going. This is an example of how well all the organizations work together. Look at website hermosa100.com. We would like more submissions for "100 Fascinating Hermosan's".

Commissioner Sigler: Thank you.

Commissioner Francis: Are you going to have a booth at the Labor Day Fiesta? Maureen Ferguson: Yes. We will be selling time capsule packets, tote bags, bricks, T-shirts and hats, the Hermosa Beach throw and other items.

MOTION by Commissioner Francis to approve Handprint Wall and Mural Project.

Commissioner Hollander seconded.

All Ayes.

Staff Report(s)

Lisa Lynn gave the following report:

1. June 2006 Activity Report

Lisa Lynn noted that year to date revenue, at May 31, 2006, was up \$117,000 from last year. The end of fiscal year 05-06 was June 30th.

2. July 2006 Activity Report

Lisa Lynn noted that donations to the department are \$64,000 through May 31. Centennial donations are \$107,000.

Lisa Lynn: The decorations in the Chamber are to celebrate July, National Parks and Recreation Month. Akisha Davis and Dante Pagulayan read NRPA (National Recreation and Parks Association) "Top 10 Reasons Parks are Important".

Commissioner's Reports:

1. Centennial Celebration: Commissioner Hollander: Encourage people to check Hermosa100.com website to get more involved, become a sponsor or work on a committee. Commissioner Francis: Commended Committee for hard work. Event is shaping up to be exciting.
2. Friends of the Parks: Commissioner Hollander: Go to Friends of Parks website hbfp.org for membership information and activities.

3. Hermosa Arts Foundation - Dante Pagulayan: Approved all hours for Civic Light Opera. Second Story Theater will reopen with presentation of "Beast" the end of July.
4. Historical Society / Museum – Lisa Lynn: Very busy with museum expansion. Commissioner Hollander: Working schedule every Saturday to help clean up, paint. Is massive job.
5. Jazz Memorial – Akisha Davis: Ozzie Cadena continues to fund raise. The next jazz dedication is Monday November 6, 2006 with Navy band playing from 5pm to 7 pm. Currently in process of getting the last set of 4 plaques for the stroll. \$4,000 has been raised and are always accepting new donations. Live jazz entertainment by Ozzie Cadena at Pier Plaza every Thursday night. Commissioner Francis invited fans to support Jazz at the Lighthouse.
6. Surfers Walk of Fame – Lisa Lynn: The Committee has selected three inductees and their names will be posted on the website. Eight honorary pioneers were also selected. Commissioner Sigler: Commented that he thought that the honorary eight are members of the original Hermosa Beach Surf Club from 1937.

Items Requested by Commissioners

Commissioner Hollander: Had a great open house at Lawn Bowling. Everyone who participated had a great time. Encouraged people to go over and sign up. It is a great group and lots of fun.

Commissioner Sigler: Fun things this month are the Sunset Concert Series with SuperDiamond on July 23 and Shakespeare By the Sea on the 26th and 27th. Lots of fun stuff. As outgoing Chairperson, Commissioner Sigler thanked the Commission, staff and residents for letting him do this. It was a lot of fun and he looks forward to resuming his previous seat on the Commission.

Public Comment

None

MOTION: Sigler: "To Adjourn"

Francis: Thanked Bill Sigler for Chairing the Commission.

Hollander seconded.

All Ayes