

**PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES
ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2007 MEETING**

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

Roll Call:

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Bell

Approval of May 1, 2007 Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Cannella "To approve as submitted."

- All Ayes

Public Comment

None.

Correspondence

- A. Letter from Ron Pizer requesting formation of a beach volleyball committee.

Recommendation: Staff recommends to receive and file or form a beach volleyball committee.

Motion by Commissioner Bell to receive and file.

Commissioner Sigler seconded.

All Ayes

- B. Friends of the Parks \$1,000 contribution to the 2007 Hermosa Beach Youth Scholarship program.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Commission accept the donation from Friends of the Parks for the Youth Scholarship program. The scholarships provide opportunities for children to attend Parks and Recreation programs who otherwise could not afford to.

Motion by Commissioner Bell to accept the donation.

Commissioner Sigler seconded.

All Ayes

Matters for Commission Consideration

Staff Report(s)

Donna Hunter gave the following reports:

A. April 2007 Activity Report

Revenue figures for year to date through the end of April are \$12,000 ahead of year to date figures from last year. Revenue for the Summer Celebration held on June 2 was \$30,500.00. This is a slight decrease from last year.

Commissioner Canella added that he was at the Summer Celebration in Valley Park and he thanked Friends of the Parks for bringing out the "Monkeybrains" BMX riders.

Dante Pagulayan introduced July as National Parks and Recreation month. It is an opportunity for us to showcase parks and recreation and invite the community to pursue recreational activities or leisure pursuits at the Community Center, beach, open spaces, or greenbelt. "31 ways to Celebrate" are ideas that the National Recreation Parks Association put together to help inspire people in the community to get involved in recreation. For example, on November 1, we can proclaim July as the Recreation and Parks month by writing letters to local leaders encouraging them to support this month in our community. We are advertising the month of July as National Parks and Recreation month. Each day there is something new you can do. On the 16th, it is "sponsor a culture and history day" to invite local experts and historians to take visits through our area and talk about history and the cultural beginnings of Hermosa Beach.

Commissioner Francis: it is also a time for all of us to recognize the great job that the staff does for us here in our City.

B. Upcoming Events:

1. June 9 – Co-Ed Flag Football Tournament
2. June 16 – EVP Pro Am Volleyball Tournament
3. July 7 – Hennessey's Paddleboard Championship
4. July 13 - 15 – AAU Beach Volleyball - Nationals
5. July 22 – Sunset Concert #1 Eric Burdon & the Animals
6. July 25 – Shakespeare by the Sea

Commissioner's Reports:

1. Hermosa Arts Foundation – Commissioner Bell: Hermosa Arts Foundation. The Artwalk is coming up Saturday, August 18, from 10 am to 6 pm. The Arts Foundation is sponsoring the all day event this year. In the past it has been over three different weeks. The restaurants and art galleries up and down Pier Avenue are involved. At the end of August is the "New Bijou", a family theater event over six consecutive weeks at the Community Center where they will show movies from the past and things that are fun for the family. If anyone would like to get involved with the Arts Foundation the number is 310-798-2100.

2. Friends of the Parks - Commissioner Bell: Friends of the Parks was busy with the BMX show this past Saturday. The next big event is "Movie in the Park" at Valley Park on August 25. The movie is "Flushed Away", a cute animated film. Friends of the Parks is always looking for new members. Their meetings are the second Wednesdays of the month, 6 pm, at the Community Center, Room 4.
3. Surfer's Walk of Fame – Commissioner Cannella: All of the votes are in and they are being tabulated. There are 15 to 20 possible candidates. By next month we should know who will be inducted into the Walk of Fame. I would like to thank staff for securing the plaques on the Pier. The induction ceremony is July 29, at 5 pm, before the Sunset Concert at the Pier Head.
4. Park Master Plan Committees – Commissioner Cannella: We are going to have our first public meeting for the South Park Master Plan at the Community Center, Room 4, June 11, at 6:00 p.m. All interested in South Park planning should come.
5. Historical Society – Commissioner Cannella: The museum is open Saturdays and Sundays from 2-4 p.m. and is located on the West side of the Community Center, 710 Pier Ave. We have a committee that we would like you to become a member of. There are only 175 members for the Historical Society and we would like to triple that, at least. We have put together a business membership with three levels. Please join. Brochures will be hand delivered. Call me at 310-738-1216 and I will hand deliver a brochure. It is a beautiful museum, the people's museum and the money will help to open the museum for longer hours and provide a full-time docent. If you haven't seen the museum, you have to see it. It is a jewel.

Items Requested by Commissioners

Commissioner Cannella: I would like staff to look into a crosswalk at Fort Lots-o-fun from the west side to the east side. There are no crosswalks for a nine block area. It is too long a stretch without a crosswalk. We need to have one for that park.

Dante Pagulayan: I will contact the Public Works Superintendent and make sure he has a heads up on it.

Public Comment

None

Other Matters

Commissioner Francis: this will be my last meeting and I appreciate staff and fellow Commissioners support. For ten years I have worked with many Commissioners and I want to say that I appreciate the opportunity that I have had to serve the community of Hermosa Beach. I love Hermosa Beach and enjoy living here. I am very fortunate to have been involved in some exciting projects in the City like Valley Park and formation of Friends of the Parks with credit going to Howard Fishman who is in the audience tonight. It is one of the best things we have ever done. Also, the Surfer's Walk of Fame, the Jazz plaques, all of those things. I want to say thank you very much.

Commissioner Bell: After eight years, I am stepping aside as well to let some new people come in with energy and new ideas. It has been wonderful and I have enjoyed serving the City. The

staff has made it a wonderful time here. Thank you very much. It has been a wonderful eight years.

Commissioner Sigler: For all the years I have been on this Commission, I have been sitting next to you and it has been an honor to work with you and to get to know you. I looked at you as mentors to me. I want to say it has been an honor to work with you over the last seven years. We will miss you.

Commissioner Cannella: I will miss you. I have served on the Commission for two years and I learned a lot from you. Thank you.

Motion: "To Adjourn at 7:16 p.m."

Sigler/Cannella - All Ayes