

July 29, 2002

Chairperson and Members of the
Parks, Recreation and Community
Resources Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting of
August 6, 2002

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUEST
TO PLACE A RETIRED LIFEGUARD TOWER ON
THE
COMMUNITY CENTER LAWN**

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission assign the Museum Subcommittee (Fishman/Hollander) to work with the Historical Society and staff to develop a conceptual plan for the tower for City Council review.

Background

As indicated in the local newspapers, several of the old lifeguard towers have been removed from the beach (Easy Reader article attached). The Hermosa Beach Historical Society has reserved two (2) towers in the hopes that one can be used in the museum and the other as a monument on the Community Center lawn that would draw attention to the museum.

Analysis

Staff recommends that the Commission subcommittee work with the Historical Society and staff to address the following issues: (a) aesthetics, (b) liability/safety, (c) compatibility/acceptance with the existing Veterans' Memorial, (d) public works issues, and (e) funding.

Once those issues are addressed, a conceptual proposal can be forwarded to City Council for review and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE AT THIS TIME

Attachment: Easy Reader article

Respectfully submitted,

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