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**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

Wednesday May 14, 2014

6:00 p.m.

City of Huntington Beach  
Civic Center Council Chambers  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Chairman Tomaino called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and Commissioner Kreitz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Paul Burkart; Michael Couey; Albert Gasparian; David Hubbard; Bridget Kaub; Jay Kreitz; Jean Nagy; Nick Tomaino; Norm Westwell

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brian Kamenca (excused); Roy Miller (excused); Juana Mueller (excused); Maura Van Strien (excused).

**STAFF PRESENT:** Janeen Laudenback; David Dominguez; Michelle Roesner

**PRESENTATIONS:** Community Services Recreation Specialist Erin Burke presented the Youth Basketball Awards. She presented the Champion Certificates and the Harry W. Montague Sportsman Award.

**MINUTES:**

**March Minutes Motion:** Moved by Commissioner Kaub, seconded by Commissioner Burkart to approve the Community Services Commission minutes for the April 9, 2014 meeting.

**Ayes:** Burkart, Couey, Gasparian, Kaub, Kreitz, Nagy, Tomaino, Westwell

**Nos:** None

**Abstain:** Hubbard

**Absent:** Kamenca, Miller, Mueller, Van Strien

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**DIRECTOR ITEMS:** David Dominguez informed the Commission that letters will be sent to each of the school districts asking for two recommendations for appointments to

the Commission that will then go to City Council for approval. In July, once the appointments have been approved, an election for Chair and Vice Chair will be conducted.

Dominguez mentioned KABC (Channel 7) will be broadcasting the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Westwell asked if the city would receive royalty rights to the footage. Dominguez said there is no royalty deal for this year's broadcast.

**PUBLIC INPUT MEETING:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:** Dominguez gave a presentation explaining the request to place temporary buoys in Huntington Lake in Central Park to define a course for RC Sailboats. RC enthusiasts Steve Ford and Steve Beck were on hand to answer questions. Dominguez informed the Commission that at this time RC Sailboats are permitted on Huntington Lake. He explained that the Commission was being asked to approve the addition of marker buoys to be placed in the lake to establish a racing course for a trial period of six (6) months. During this six (6) month trial period there will be no organized regattas or large scale organized events. The RC sailboats are silent and run on batteries so there is no noise or emissions.

Commissioner Kaub wanted to know if any public notification was made to the residents in the area. Dominguez informed her that at this time no notice was made since RC sailboats are already permitted and sailing occurs at the location. Steve Ford stated he has seen no more than 14 sailors at the location at one time, and does not foresee that number changing.

Commissioner Nagy asked if by creating a course for the RC sailboats would open the door for louder RC devices in the area such as RC cars and motorboats. Dominguez stated he did not anticipate this happening since the Huntington Beach Municipal Code does not allow for those types of RC devices.

Commissioner Kreitz stated he observed a regatta recently in San Diego and the boats are completely silent. He enjoyed watching the event and there were numerous spectators enjoying it as well. He believes this will be a great activity to have in the city.

Commissioner Westwell asked how deep the lake was, and if we are able to get those figures so the buoys could be placed appropriately. Dominguez stated he has contacted the Public Works Department to get that information so the buoys would be made to the appropriate length. Westwell also asked if there is any know ill-effects to the wildlife in the lake. Steve Beck stated they have been racing boats in lakes with diverse wildlife in other cities and there is no negative effect to the wildlife. Westwell suggested that a public notice be made as a courtesy to the residents. He also asked if this is something the city could collect a fee for. Dominguez informed that the collection of a fee would have to go through City Council for approval.

Commissioner Burkart wanted to clarify that for the six (6) month trial period no regattas or organized events would be held. Dominguez stated there will be no regattas or organized events during the trial period. Steve Beck stated for other cities the North America Model Boat Association will retain a special permit for a regatta or large organized events. Providing insurance and the fees the city requires.

Commissioner Hubbard asked what prevents motor boats from being operated in Huntington Lake. Dominguez read the HB Municipal Code 13.48.120 subsection C which states, "Flying any model airplane or helicopter, and launching any model fuel power boat, provided that this subsection shall not prohibit the launching of model boats powered by battery or sail."

Westwell asked if an Environmental Impact Report would need to be done. Dominguez stated no EIR was needed since the impact to the park remains the same.

Chair Tomaino asked if there is a time restriction of when RC sailboats can be used in the lake. Dominguez stated the only time restriction is the park curfew.

Nagy asked for clarification on what part of the sailboat is controlled by battery. Steve Beck informed the commission that the battery allows operation of the rudder and sail trim only. How the boat moves through the water is all wind propelled.

Motion: Kreitz moved to approve the placement of marker buoys on Huntington Lake to be used as a RC Sailboat race course for the trial period of six (6) months.

Kaub seconded the motion.

Motion passed

Ayes: Burkart, Couey, Gasparian, Hubbard, Kaub, Kreitz, Nagy, Tomaino, Westwell

Nos: none

Abstain: None

Absent: Kamenca, Miller, Mueller, Van Strein

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:** None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS:**

Janeen Laudenback thanked the commission and stated the staff enjoys working with the commissioners.

Nagy informed the commission that three weeks ago there was a Compassionate Date of Service. There was a great response and turn out. A lot of work was done in front of Shipley Nature Center, and at Overlook Park.

Gasparian stated he enjoyed seeing the Basketball Championship Certificates and Harry W. Montague Sportsman Awards.

Kaub informed the commission of the great work between HBCSD and the Community Services Department when working with the developers at Le Bard Park and their ability to retain the sports fields in the new development.

Couey stated he agreed with Westwell that communicating with the residents is a vital step and tool for the commission. He stated the community and residents around Irby Park are not in favor of a garden. Tomaino asked what the community stated they would like to see in the park. Couey stated the community wants a more natural, passive area for migrating birds and wildlife. The notifications that went to the residents was done by the Huntington Beach Community Garden as an outreach effort.

Kreitz asked who is the proper person to look into Irby Park development. Dominguez stated that is something City Council has to request and at this time the Community Garden in the location is what us to explore, but the commission is an advisory to council.

Tomaino asked if there are architectural renderings of Pacific City. Dominguez stated planning would have those and they should be on the City Web page for review.

**ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO COMMISSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Submitted by:

David C. Dominguez, Secretary, Community Services Commission

By: Michelle Roesner, Recording Secretary