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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 12, 2015
6:00 PM
City of Huntington Beach
Civic Center Council Chambers
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Kaub called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. at which time the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Couey; Albert Gasparian; Bridget Kaub; J.D. Miles; Roy Miller; Shay Reardon; Dick Thiel; Norm Westwell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Burkart (excused); Nicolina Cuzzacrea (excused); Roger Forest (excused); Jay Kreitz (excused); Jerry Moffatt (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: David Dominguez; Charlene Gomez

B. PRESENTATIONS: None

C. MINUTES:

Correction: Dominguez announced a correction to the agenda. Under Section "C", Minutes, it should read, September 9, 2015, not October 14, 2015. Dominguez further noted that the agenda attachment item for G-2 is incorrectly labeled G-1. Couey asked that his last name be corrected in the minutes.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Thiel, seconded by Commissioner Miles to approve the Community Services Commission minutes as amended from September 9, 2016.

Ayes: Couey; Gasparian; Kaub; Miles; Miller; Reardon

Nos: None

Abstain: Westwell

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Duane Wentworth, President of the Historic Resources Board (HRB) spoke on behalf of the HRB and thanked the HB Preserve Our Past group for their efforts in having a plaque placed at Lake Park. He stated that the HRB approves the wording on the plaque with the following edits: Removal of the statement "\$10 in gold coin". He went on to say that although the deed mentions the \$10 gold coin, there is no evidence to support this statement or proof that any coin ever exchanged hands. A second item of issue is where the playground equipment was placed. The HRB would like to add the wording "at that location".

Barbara Haynes and Gloria Alvarez with Huntington Beach Preserve Our Past spoke in favor of the wording on the plaque as presented and requested Commission approval. Ms. Alvarez felt it was important to keep the reference of the \$10 gold coin since it was written on the deed for the property but, stated that the request to add "at that location" could be a Commission decision. Ms. Alvarez also asked that the organization's name be corrected in the agenda to reflect their proper name, Huntington Beach Preserve Our Past. She continued by informing Commission that funds for the plaque were raised through the community. The base will be the same as the Boy Scout Troop One plaque to keep the aesthetic cohesive throughout the park.

E. DIRECTOR/MANAGER ITEMS:

Dominguez announced that the December meeting will be a non-working meeting and part of the Community Services holiday gathering at Slater's 50/50. Invitations will go out tomorrow.

F. PUBLIC INPUT MEETING: None

G. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

G.1 Naming of the New Senior Center: At the October 5, 2015 City Council meeting, Council discussed the naming of the new senior center currently under construction in Central Park. A motion was passed to send a recommendation to the Community Services Commission to change the name from "Senior Center in the Park" to "Senior Center in Central Park". The Commission is being asked to review and consider the name as suggested by Council.

Recommended Action: Approve changing the name of the new senior center from "The Senior Center in the Park" to "The Senior Center in Central Park".

Commissioner Kaub read the item aloud. Dominguez referred Commission to the attached G-1 agenda item, saying the item was originally brought before Council by Council Member Eric Peterson to see if there is an interest in changing the name of what the new senior center has been known as during the construction phase. Council in turn referred the item to Commission for their recommendation. Dominguez, as background for newer commissioners, stated that not all City facilities have been officially named. He said that Council is suggesting adding the "Central" to what has already been known as Senior Center in the Park.

Motion: Vice-Chair Kaub called for a motion to change the name from "Senior Center in the Park" to "Senior Center in Central Park", at which time, Commissioner Thiel motion to change the name to Senior Center in Central Park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miles. Vice-Chair Kaub called for discussion. Commissioners discussed the origin of the original name, Rodgers Senior's Center, and the reason the name is not being carried over to the new facility. Discussion continued as to whether the word "Central" needed to be added before "Park" in order to make it more descriptive.

The motion was re-read to approve the naming of the new senior center as "The Senior Center in Central Park" and a vote taken.

The motion passed, 6-2; Miller and Westwell opposed.

- G.2 Lake Park – Historical Information Plaque:** A citizen group has approached staff with a request to place a historic information plaque at Lake Park. Huntington Beach Preserve Our Past has prepared language for the plaque. The group is also committing to pay for the monument base and installation. Commission is being asked to approve the concept of the plaque and review and approve the proposed language.

Recommended Action: Approve the concept of the monument and the wording of the plaque describing historical events at Lake Park as presented and make recommendation to the City Council to do the same.

Dominguez referred Commission to the staff report for background and summarized the request of Council.

Motion: Vice-Chair Kaub called for a motion to approve the Lake Park Plaque wording as written. Commissioner Westwell motioned to approve with Couey seconding the motion. Discussion began regarding the "\$10 gold coin" mentioned in the deed. In addition, discussion was had on the location of the playground equipment and the additional wording as requested by the HRB. To help the Commission understand, Mr.

Wentworth from the HRB was asked to answer additional questions regarding the location of the playground equipment. He clarified the reason the HRB wants to add “in this location” to the plaque is because other playground equipment had been installed throughout the park for decades before the equipment noted in the plaque wording. Commissioner Thiel asked if the HRB was the one who struck the wording from the document. Ms. Alvarez spoke up that the HBPOP struck the wording because they felt it to be redundant. Discussion went back to the meaning of the word “acquired” as stated in the deed regarding the \$10 gold coin. The word was Googled and the definition was listed as “to buy or obtain”. With that, discussion concluded.

Vice-Chair Kaub clarified that the request is to approve the plaque wording that would leave the “\$10 gold coin” in and eliminate the “at that location”. Dominguez read the Recommended Action: Approve the concept of the monument and the wording of the plaque describing historical events at Lake Park as presented and make recommendation to City Council to do the same.

The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Dominguez recognized the public speakers for their hard work and thanked them for their efforts. Vice-Chair Kaub echoed Dominguez’s sentiments and thanked them on behalf of the Commission. Ms. Haynes in turn thanked Dominguez and Laudenback for their help.

H. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

H.1 New Senior Center: Commissioner Thiel asked if the 42 weeks listed under this item means that the project is on, ahead or behind schedule. Dominguez stated that the project is right on schedule and budget. It is scheduled for completion in mid-June, 2016. The discussion moved to bio-swells and how they capture run-off.

H.3 Team Room: Dominguez reported that the project is in plan check and going to bid after the first of the year and will be ready by spring of 2016. The structure will include a room that organizations can book for team meetings, in addition to housing the staff located at the sports complex. Commissioner Thiel asked if the room will be used for storing equipment. Dominguez said no, it will be used for meetings and gatherings only. Commissioner Thiel reiterated Dominguez’s statement that the facility is rentable. Dominguez confirmed and said that it is set by Council and we cannot deviate from the process. Thiel asked if any research was conducted to gauge the interest of renting the facility by the sports organizations. Dominguez stated that the organizations that use the sports complex have shown interest. Commissioner Thiel also asked if

this facility came about through the Youth Sports Grant program and Dominguez confirmed.

H.4 Worthy Park: This project is the one approved by Commission previously. The project is going before the DRB on December 10. It is going to bid in February or March and should be completed by Summer 2016.

H.5 Rodgers Senior's Center: Dominguez reported that this is a Measure C item that has to go through the proper environmental process by having an EIR completed and public noticed. The notice is due to go out November 19 – December 18 where the public can make comments. A public input meeting will be conducted at City Hall on December 9 at 6 pm, Room B-7. The EIR has to be approved by the Design Review Board and City Council prior to it being put on the ballot for the voters. Discussion was had on the location of the current center and what is planned for the site. Dominguez explained that once the new senior center is online, all operations will be moved over from the old center on 17th Street.

I. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

J. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:

J.1 Park Naming & Memorial Committee – Dominguez reported that the committee met on October 1, 2015 and said that staff is working on follow-up. He deferred to Committee Chair Couey for the report. Committee Chair Couey said that Committee reviewed the guidelines for park naming. There were public comments and suggestions for the parks, particularly, Lamb Park. Committee was unified in their decision that if naming after an individual, that person should be someone who lives in Huntington Beach and has done something significant in life because there are fewer and fewer properties to name within the City. Although taking a tougher stance in the naming decision, Committee has not ruled out naming after a place or event. He went on to report that Committee plans to meet again and has received some new names for consideration. They are not taking this task lightly and will be deliberate and thoughtful in their selection. Commission Thiel asked if the name will be brought before Commission prior to it going to Council. Committee Chair Couey answered yes.

J.2 Youth Sports Grant Committee – Dominguez reported that a kick-off meeting was held on November 5, 2015. Dominguez turned it over to Committee Chair Miller, who in turn gave a brief background of Council's request of Commission to review the Youth Sports Grant program.

Committee Chair Miller went on to say that Committee is reviewing the criteria and eligibility, and will meet again after the New Year.

K. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS:

Commissioner Miller reported that he and Dominguez attended a dedication of the median constructed on Central Park Drive. The dedication was in celebration of the Women's Club's 100th anniversary. A dedication plaque was placed in the median commemorating the anniversary.

Commissioner Gasparian said that there are two organizations right now looking into the history of the City and it's a great testimonial to the dedication of citizens who want to preserve the City's past.

Commissioner Westwell announced that he has four items to comment on. 1) In Central Park near Breakfast in the Park, there are a bunch of tree branch trimmings hanging in the trees that may become a hazard if the winds blow. He reported this to Dominguez, who in turn reported it to public works. 2) Commissioner Westwell is an avid bike rider on PCH and the bike trail, and would like to see street signs on the trail so riders will know the street location above on PCH without having to leave the trail for that information. He believes this issue may need to come before Commission. Dominguez stated that staff is looking into it and in order for it to come back to Commission, staff would have to evaluate whether it would be a monetary item, then it would come back to Commission. 3) Commissioner Westwell would like an email list proved to all Commissioners so that they can communicate better. 4) Commissioner Westwell said that Irby Park, located at the N/W corner of Warner and Edwards is currently a dirt field and he would like to see it developed for youth sports or similar activities. He would like it added to a future agenda. Vice Chair Kaub asked the procedure for adding it to an agenda. Dominguez said that it could be put on an agenda, but anticipates the Park Master Plan coming to Commission in January 2016 and it will include Irby Park along with other projects for Commission. An overview of the Park Master Plan process was discussed with Commissioner Couey providing information from past meetings for newer Commissions' general knowledge.

L. ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO COMMISSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Commissioner Kaub motioned for adjournment with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

David C. Dominguez
Secretary
Community Services Commission

By: Charlene Gomez, Recording Secretary