



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Wiscomb

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners & Staff Present

Commissioner Megan Alley
Commissioner Chris Casebeer (4:27 p.m.)
Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara
Commissioner Christina Gonzalez
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Commissioner Charlie Trentacosti
Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb
Parks & Recreation Youth Intern Kate Yee
Parks & Recreation Director Nancy Rapp
Asst. Parks & Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Recreation Programs Manager Sarah Hanna
Recreation Programs Manager Judith McCaffrey
Parks Manager Santos Escobar, Jr.
Creeks Manager Cameron Benson
Urban Forest Superintendent Timothy Downey
Executive Assistant Karla Megill
Assistant City Administrator Paul Casey
Assistant Public Works Director Pat Kelly
Project Engineer John Ilasin

City Council Liaisons Present

Mayor Helene Schneider
Planning Commissioner Deborah Schwartz

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Ms. Rapp asked that Item 6, Parks and Recreation Recommended Fiscal Years 2014-2015 Budget, be taken before Item 5, Advisory Committee Liaison Appointments.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one wished to speak.

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT: Youth Intern Kate Yee provided this report.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

Commissioner Alley reported that she attended the Eggstravaganza on March 30th and the Eastside Library Mural Unveiling Ceremony on April 3rd. Ms. Alley said she did not attend the April Creeks Advisory Committee meeting because she attended the Commission Special Budget worksession. She briefly spoke about the Creeks Advisory Committee recommendation on the Creeks Fund Recommended Fiscal Years 2014-2015 Budget. Ms. Alley said that she attended the Manuel Unzueta Fundraiser event. She further reported on the Santa Barbara Unified School District and City Council Joint Meeting.

Commissioner Longstreet reported that the Neighborhood Advisory Council was cancelled this month, but indicated there are vacancies on that board. Ms. Longstreet said she also attended the Eggstravaganza and the Eastside Library Mural Unveiling Ceremony. She reported on the activities of Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation.

Commissioner Trentacosti reported on the activities of the Golf Advisory Committee.

Chair Wiscomb reported on the Eggstravaganza and expressed thanks to Chris Casebeer for his efforts with respect to the event. She too said she attended the Eastside Library Mural Unveiling Ceremony. She further reported on the activities of the Street Tree Advisory Committee.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Minutes – For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 24, 2013.

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Trentacosti, and passed 6/0 to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 27, 2013 and special meeting of April 17, 2013.

STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Any action of the Parks and Recreation Commission made pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter 15.24, Preservation of Trees, may be appealed to the City Council within ten days.

2. Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendation – For Action

Documents:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers:

- Staff: Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent
- Members of the Public: Item 2A(1) – Mr. Andrew Gin

Recommendation:

- A. Conditionally approve the following Street Tree removal request.

1. 267 San Rafael Ave. – Eucalyptus polyanthemos, Silver Dollar Gum – Andrew Gin

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Ferrara, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation to conditionally approve the removal of the tree at 267 San Rafael Avenue.

B. Approve the following Street Tree and Setback Tree removal request.

1. 1130 and 1133 Punta Gorda St. – (2) Gleditsia triacanthos, Honey Locust, (1) Yucca elephantipes, Giant Yucca, (1) Ligustrum spp., Privet – John Ilasin, Project Engineer, Public Works Department

Commissioner Ferrara moved, seconded by Commissioner Trentacosti, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to approve the street tree and setback tree removal request for 1130 and 1133 Punta Gorda Street.

C. Approve or conditionally approve the following Street Tree and Setback Tree removal request.

1. 230, 221 W. Cota St. and 536 Bath St. – (1) Brachychiton discolor, (1) Pinus halepensis, (1) Sysygium paniculatum, (1) Fraxinus uhdei, (1) Platanus racemosa, (1) Citrus spp. – James Colton, Project Engineer, Public Works Department

Commissioner Ferrara moved, seconded by Commissioner Longstreet, and passed 6/0 to concur with the staff recommendation to conditionally approve the removal of the trees at 230, 221 W. Cota Street and 536 Bath Street.

Commissioner Casebeer arrived at 4:27 p.m.

D. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 33 Ocean View Ave. – Lophostemon confertus, Brisbane Box – Arbor Services, Inc. for Pueblo Andaluz, HOA

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Trentacosti, and passed 7/0 to concur with the staff recommendation to conditionally approve the setback tree removal request at 33 Ocean View Avenue on the condition the applicant plants a designated street tree in the parkway at 41 Ocean View Avenue.

E. Consider the following change of designation

1. 100-400 blocks of W. Carrillo St. – consider an additional species

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, and passed 7/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation to add the designation of Queen Palm to the 100-400 blocks of W. Carrillo Street.

- F. Retain current designation
 - 1. San Rafael Ave. – retain current designation

Commissioner Ferrara moved, seconded by Commissioner Alley, and passed 7/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation to retain the current designation for San Rafael Avenue.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORT:

- 3. National Public Gardens Day and Santa Barbara Public Gardens Collaborative – For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission hear a report on the Santa Barbara Public Gardens Collaborative and activities planned for National Public Gardens Day and May is Garden Month in Santa Barbara.

Documents:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers:

- Staff: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 4. Army Reserve/MacKenzie Park – For Information

Recommendation:

Documents:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

- Staff: Paul Casey, Assistant City Administrator; Nancy L. Rapp; Parks and Recreation Director; Pat Kelly, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer
- Members of the Public: Scott Black, American Indian Health & Services

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a staff report regarding a proposed ballot measure for the November 2013 City Election authorizing the City Council to approve an exchange of land between the City and the Federal Government, United States Corps of Engineers, Asset Management Division.

The Commissioner received the report and their questions were answered.

- 5. Advisory Committee Liaison Appointments – For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission consider advisory committee liaison appointments.

Documents:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

- Staff: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director

The Commission discussed advisory committee liaison appointments. The following table reflects updated appointments. Changes are reflected in italics.

Advisory Committee	Liaison
Arts and Crafts Show	Chris Casebeer
<i>Creeks Restoration & Water Quality Improvement Program Citizen</i>	<i>Nick Ferrara</i>
Front Country Trails Task Group	Beebe Longstreet/Megan Alley
Golf Course	Charlie Trentacosti
Integrated Pest Management	Nick Ferrara
Lower Mission Creek Design Subcommittee	Chris Casebeer
<i>Neighborhood Advisory Council</i>	<i>Megan Alley & Beebe Longstreet</i>
Park & Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation	Beebe Longstreet/Lesley Wiscomb
Street Tree	Lesley Wiscomb
Youth Council	Christina Gonzalez

OLD BUSINESS:

6. Parks and Recreation Recommended Fiscal Year 2014 and Fiscal Year 2015 Budget – For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission recommend to City Council the approval of the Parks and Recreation Department General Fund, Creeks Fund, Golf Fund, and Capital Fund Budgets and Fees and Charges Schedule as proposed for Fiscal Year 2014 and 2015.

Documents:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers:

- Staff: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director; Jill Zachary, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; Cameron Benson, Creeks Program Manager;
- Members of the Public: David Niles, Karin Van Hoek; Sharon Byrne

Commissioner Questions:

Creeks Fund:

Commissioner Ferrara commented on the Creeks Advisory Committee's question regarding whether there was a plan in place to reimburse the Street Sweeping Reserve Fund.

Mr. Benson briefed that the Committee has three recommendations regarding the Street Sweeping fund; the first, because the Street Sweeping Fund is showing a surplus of revenues this year and the next two years, the Committee has asked that the Measure B

contribution to that program be frozen over the next two years; the second involves conducting an analysis of the structure and funding of the program; and the third, refers to an issue brought up when the Committee received a presentation from the Public Works Department on the Program where they saw a spreadsheet reflecting that \$1 million was removed from the Street Sweeping Reserve Fund in Fiscal Year 2009. Mr. Benson briefed that what was explained to the Committee, was that those funds were used for General Fund needs. He reported that the Committee questioned how much of that money was Measure B funds built up over the years, whether the money was used for water quality purposes, and whether City Council had a plan in place to reimburse that reserve account, so the program would have those funds moving forward.

Commissioner Longstreet expressed appreciation to the Creeks Advisory Committee for how they look out for the public's interest in how those dedicated funds are used.

Chair Wiscomb said she was pleased to see the initiation of the outreach and conceptual design for the Las Positas Valley Restoration Project.

Golf Fund:

Commissioner Ferrara asked regarding the Super Twilight -Junior Rate resident and non-resident rate at \$7, whether that is an addition or a reduction. Ms. Rapp indicated it is a reduction, and explained that the Super Twilight a discounted rate based on the time of day at the end of the day. She said for the average golfer it is \$17, but now for juniors, it will only be \$7.

General Fund:

Commissioner Longstreet commented about the Youth Job Apprenticeship Program and the fact that only 15 youth and adults are anticipated to be mentored through the Program in Fiscal Year 2014; she asked whether that program is being cut and is \$25,000 the amount needed to go back up to the amount of 116 served last year. Ms. Longstreet expressed concern about the lower number or anticipated participants.

Ms. Hanna said that Mark Alvarado after working with the Job Apprenticeship Program over the last year, and staff decided to make a slight shift in how the program is conducted. She said that youth were previously brought into the program and rotated through quickly working about 100 hours. Ms. Hanna reported that staff believes it would be much more effective and honors the participant to expand the program so participants work 800 – 1,000 hours per year. She said that \$25,000 per year is not a lot of money; it will be exhausted quickly, and the job apprenticeship workers are only paid \$8 per hour. Ms. Hanna stated that staff is trying to provide a more quality program to a fewer number of youth rather than rotate a greater number of youth through more quickly. She said it was a philosophical change. Ms. Hanna further stated that the Workforce Investment Board, funded by the County, previously provided 200 slots every summer. She said that is another large group of youth that will not be served this summer, nor were they served last summer.

Commissioner Longstreet stated she would like to see 50 youth able to participate in the program instead of 15.

Chair Wiscomb, under Recreation Program Management, asked for more details about the Fiscal Year 2014 Strategic Fundraising Plan to increase grants, donations, and co-sponsorships to support department programs.

Ms. McCaffrey said the Strategic Fundraising Plan is put together each year and outlines how staff will work with fundraising as far as donations; how many grants will be written and for what; and how many co-sponsorships will be pursued.

Chair Wiscomb ask if there are any new or exciting opportunities coming up. Ms. McCaffrey said she has been working very closely with the Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation Board to develop fundraising to support the Department.

Chair Wiscomb commented that from proposed Fiscal Year 2014 to Fiscal Year 2015, there was a much flatter revenue stream. She commented that staff talked about a lack of staffing in some of the programs so some things cannot be done, which if they could, she assumed it would increase revenue. Ms. Wiscomb asked whether the age of the facilities was also factored into the projection.

Ms. Hanna said staff was asked to do a two percent revenue increase over two years. She said that Recreation far exceeded that amount. She said that a portion of the large revenue jump is because the Recreation Afterschool Program is moving out of the Miscellaneous Grants Funds into the General Fund; an equal amount of the expenditures and revenues moved over—about \$150,000 worth. Ms. Hanna said staff does plan to look at where they are with revenues at mid-cycle. She said from Fiscal Year 2013 to 2014 was a significant jump, and in the next year, they are pacing themselves so they start growing slowly in order to present something that is achievable.

Chair Wiscomb clarified that at mid-cycle it could be an amended number based on what is seen for a period of time. Ms. Hanna said, yes, absolutely.

Ms. Rapp added that it is typical for staff to spend more time developing the revenue projections for the first year of the budget, and not worry about the second year, because so much of the revenue projection is based on performance for the prior year. Ms. Rapp responded, to Chair Wiscomb's question regarding the condition of facilities and equipment, saying yes, the condition of facilities is a concern for staff. She said that is why staff continues to focus on both the deferred maintenance and deferred equipment replacement and continue to look at the quality of the tables, chairs, carpeting, etc., in the rental facilities. Ms. Rapp said they need to be in good condition; that is why staff has been so concerned about the park safety issues down on the Waterfront. She said that people are choosing not to reserve City facilities because of some of those issues.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked regarding unfunded priorities—the Summer Drop-in Program and Youth Job Apprenticeship Program, if there are opportunities for community members, organizations, or companies to sponsor the activities or to sponsor a child or an apprentice.

Ms. McCaffrey said that staff has attempted to address these unfunded priorities in both of these ways and also applied for grants to expand the program but have not received the funding. She said that last summer staff developed a program whereby they approached local businesses to do a one-on-one match as well. Commissioner Gonzalez asked whether they were successful. Ms. McCaffrey said she believes they received some sponsorships but not at the level the Department is seeking today.

Commissioner Casebeer commented that the Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation is sponsoring a fundraiser this week, "Magic on the Urban Wine Trail", which is

an opportunity for the community members and companies to come out and donate to the PARC Foundation. He said that much of the funds they earn are for afterschool and summer programs for youth.

Commissioner Casebeer asked Ms. Zachary to comment on the influence of the Carrillo Recreation Center on revenues. Ms. Zachary said the Carrillo Recreation Center is an example of looking at existing facilities and making them the best they can be. She took the opportunity to emphasize the importance infrastructure renewal.

Ms. Hanna said that the Department has not seen the full potential of what the Carrillo Recreation Center can do. She said business has grown significantly since it opened a year ago; they are very busy at night, but there are still vacancies during the day. Ms. Hanna said for the facility itself, the budget has grown between \$25 and \$50 thousand dollars. She said last year there was between 15 special events, and are projecting 13 in the coming year—specifically, weddings, fundraisers, etc., that take place in the ballroom. Ms. Hanna said the facility is very competitive with other facilities that have large gatherings, because its capacity is 550 in the ballroom itself. She said they continue to expand, and the location is a fantastic asset for the community.

Public Comment opened at 6:09 p.m., and closed at 6:17 p.m.

Commission Comments:

The Commission indicated the Creeks comments were well articulated and expressed appreciation for their diligence in making sure the funds are used in the manner in which it they are intended. Speaking to the recommendations in the Creeks Advisory Committee April 19, 2013, memorandum, Commissioners supported the recommendations on the Street Sweeping program, and asked that Council respond to the question about Measure B funds and the \$1 million dollars from the Street Sweeping program reserves used to help balance the General Fund in FY 2009.

Commissioner Casebeer said he is encouraged that security is a big part of the budget with the addition of a Park Ranger and Lifeguard on West beach. He expressed that having more eyes in the parks and beaches and public facilities is very important; parks maintenance staff are not police and should not take on dangerous situations. Commissioner Casebeer concurred with preserving existing facilities and the renovation of the Cabrillo Bathhouse. Commissioner Casebeer agreed that the Neighborhood Enhancement program is necessary; there are small pocket projects that will accent the beauty of the community and having those funds available is one more way to show we care about the City. He said the addition of a Park Planning Technician is important for the Volunteer Program. Mr. Casebeer said he supports the budget.

Youth Intern Yee said she supports the budget and agreed that security is important and has a major impact on people coming to the parks and beaches. She said she likes the addition of a Park Ranger position and Lifeguards on West Beach. Ms. Yee further said that she likes the restroom restoration and making the parks and beaches a nice place for the community.

Commissioner Gonzalez thanked staff for their efforts with respect to the preparation of the budget. She expressed excitement about the continued partnership with the Waterfront Department and the Friends of Los Baños and adding to and beautifying Bohnett Park. Ms.

Gonzalez said it is great that the Department is looking to increase Lifeguard salaries; it is important for those types of jobs that the salaries are competitive with other communities to insure that City beaches attract and retain the highest caliber staff. She commended staff on the playground replacement program, as well as, the Shoreline Park Safety Improvement project, saying it will be a huge relief to all the moms knowing the Department is putting funds into making the playgrounds safer and up to standards. Ms. Gonzalez said she is pleased that the Department is seeking to formalize the Internship Program; it could be an great opportunity for youth to get involved and see how government works. Lastly, Ms. Gonzales expressed her hope that the Summer Fun Youth Drop-in program and Youth Job Apprenticeship program is provided more funding.

Commissioner Trentacosti commended staff for their efforts in preparing the budget. He said every aspect of the budget prioritizes safety and usability of the facilities. Mr. Trentacosti expressed appreciation for the long-term planning for capital and turf equipment included with the proposed Golf budget. He said that all of the budgets reflect the longer-term view building toward the future, which is very positive. Mr. Trentacosti stated that he would like to express the importance of the unfunded items in the Council budget memorandum, saying there are some very high priority items in that list that really are justified.

Commissioner Longstreet encouraged the Commission to support the Creeks Advisory Committee recommendation. She said their questions need to be answered. Ms. Longstreet recognized the continued thoughtful and innovative contributions of the Golf Advisory Committee towards developing a strong fiscal plan for the golf course during challenging economic times. Ms. Longstreet commented on the \$17 thousand increase in General Fund subsidy to the Tennis Program, saying there is no such an increase in most of the other programs. She said tennis is a bigger subject than simply Elings Park if the subsidy is increasing that much without Elings Park in the package. She said that concern should be addressed.

Ms. McCaffrey replied that the revenue to Tennis is flat; the subsidy increase is in planned maintenance. She said the large wooden stadium at the Municipal Tennis Courts it is in need of major repairs. Ms. McCaffrey said \$17 thousand is a small amount towards those repairs.

Commissioner Longstreet concurred, but compared it to the issues the Department had at with the Las Positas Tennis Courts (Elings), and the fact that the City cannot maintain the facilities it has. She said the subsidy needed to maintain the facility is going to be increasing annually. Ms. Longstreet said that issue cannot be addressed at this level by the Commission, but it does need to be addressed.

Commissioner Longstreet said she supports the lifeguard pay increases and the increase in lifeguard services at the Waterfront and said they are important. She commented on hourly versus the full-time staff equivalent in Aquatics and Youth Activities and said those staff supervise an incredible number hours with less than three full-time staff. She said that is an incredible responsibility supervising hourly staff that are watching children and taking care of the community. She acknowledged their efforts.

Commissioner Longstreet talked about the unfunded items and said she would like to keep the Green Team in the forefront. She said the community prides itself as being environmentally forward. Ms. Longstreet stated that the Department has a huge

responsibility for managing that, and to walk the walk, the people need to be on the ground. She expressed regret sorry for that loss; it was an important part of how the parks are maintained, and she does not want to see the City move backwards in that area. She would like that loss to be mentioned and their reinstatement.

Commissioner Longstreet commented that there was funding specified for improvements in parks, curbing and lawns, etc.

Ms. Zachary indicated that the Park Safety Infrastructure funding is for that purpose. She said staff is making improvements in various parks, for example the fencing, benches, and sidewalks in Willowglen Park, a handrail at Thousand Steps, and other items for which a capital improvement project is not necessary. Ms. Zachary said the Department does not have money in the operating budget to do those things.

Commissioner Longstreet said they are important. She said mow strips were installed in some parks, and she does not want to see those things forgotten. Ms. Longstreet asked that the Department to keep track of the community garden plot fees in relationship to the increase in water costs, and that the garden plot fees be increased appropriately in response to rising water costs. She further suggested that if low income families need to be subsidized, maybe staff could look at a scholarship program. Ms. Longstreet again talked about Tennis, commenting that some of the adult programs need to be “pay to play”. She said we need to get closer on those in order to subsidize others, and garden plots may be one of them.

Commissioner Longstreet stressed the Youth Job Apprenticeship Program needs to be kept at the top; she said it is pure and simple inexpensive prevention money. Ms. Longstreet said that staff does a great job with the program. She commented that she likes the idea of giving them more than 100 hours, but would like to see more than 15 participants in the program.

Commissioner Ferrara agreed that it is important to have another Park Ranger, and referred to Assembly Bill 5 currently under consideration in Sacramento, which seeks to legalize sleeping and panhandling in public areas. He said it will be extremely important to have Park Rangers in the parks to assure the public that their events will not be disrupted. Mr. Ferrara advocated continuation of the health and nutrition programs for families in need; and suggested the public needs to be aware that the City partners with outside agencies, whether they be state, federal, or non-profit to provide those meals. He concurred with Ms. Longstreet regarding the recommendations of the Creeks Advisory Committee. Mr. Ferrara stated that a Lower Westside Community Center is needed and should remain on the radar. Mr. Ferrara said, regarding the Las Positas Tennis Courts, that he would like to see a tennis subsidy take place.

Commissioner Alley commended staff on a developing a thorough and accessible budget. She agreed that improved customer and reservations services; increased services for children with special needs; expanded beach lifeguard services and expanded service to West Beach, and increased Park Ranger services are all very important elements.

Commissioner Alley stated that she supports the recommendations in the Creeks Advisory Committee April 19, 2013, memorandum. She praised Creeks staff for their success in securing grant funds to leverage Measure B funds for capital projects. Ms. Alley said that making sure the Commission supports their modification on that line item so that the intent

of the voting community for the Measure B funds is kept intact, is something they need to preserve.

Commissioner Alley said she is excited about the Neighborhood and Outreach Services Programs Community Kitchen at the Westside Neighborhood Center and the Eastside Family Health and Information Fair. She said that aside from all of other programs and services the Department provide in terms of Parks and Recreation facilities and maintenance, these programs are invaluable. Ms. Alley commented that as she looks to grow her family in the community, she is thankful the Department is investing in the youth and their education, as it pertains as well to the Youth Job Apprenticeship program. Ms. Alley said she supports the budget.

Chair Wiscomb commended the Department on the extraordinary strategies that the Department developed in the budget that reflect the Department's philosophy of putting the right resources in the right places for the longer term and getting a lot done with a lot less.

Chair Wiscomb commented that in Youth Activities, she appreciated the objective of working with local nonprofits to provide additional programs that focus on healthy eating and increasing physical activity. She said she hopes that objective comes to fruition and the Department has more public/private partnerships to focus on programs for the youth.

Chair Wiscomb concurred with Mr. Casebeer regarding the Neighborhood Enhancement Program to provide service opportunities for teens and adults and low income residents. She said she it is a great program and she is glad it is in the budget. Ms. Wiscomb stated that public safety is first, the addition of a Park Ranger is a great start to increasing public safety in the Water Front areas, as well as being an ambassador in the parks. She said she supports the addition of Park Project Technician; increasing the Grounds Maintenance Worker I from .8 to full-time. She said everyone absolutely supports this because they are important positions. Ms. Wiscomb further said she was pleased to see park volunteer program support as part of the Park Project Technician, because she wants to see that program advance.

Chair Wiscomb said she was pleased the Department is identifying new opportunities to address equipment and deferred maintenance needs and long-term objectives, and also, that the Capital Improvement Program is addressing the aging infrastructure. Ms. Wiscomb said she is also pleased to see the Cabrillo Ballfield Renovation in the budget; it is a really exciting element for the community. And, Ms. Wiscomb expressed support for the Neighborhood Enhancement Program, because it responds to community priorities, and those are going to be important moving forward.

Chair Wiscomb said she supports the comments from the Commissioners regarding the Creeks Fund budget.

Chair Wiscomb expressed support for the Golf Advisory Committee's recommendation on the Golf Fund budget. She recognized the continued thoughtful and innovative contributions of the Golf Advisory Committee towards developing a strong fiscal plan for the golf course during challenging economic. She expressed that the Players' Course Improvement Fund was a great strategy, saying that she believed golfers will embrace the additional fee to fund improvements important to them. Ms. Wiscomb said she was

pleased to see that the proposed budget begins to rebuild reserves while still addressing deferred maintenance and capital needs. She said she is thrilled to see the new Junior fees, particularly the Super Twilight rate; they will go a long way to encourage more youth to play golf.

Chair Wiscomb suggested the Commission address the \$67 million in unfunded deferred maintenance and capital improvement projects in the memorandum to City Council. She said Parks and Recreation is a revenue producing department, and the age of its facilities and deferred maintenance is a problem, She said the Department will not continue to sustain revenues without improving the facilities, replacing equipment, keeping the parks up-to-date, and doing all the things necessary to keep things top-knotch. Ms. Wiscomb stated it is a real concern, and the Commission needs to remind City Council with a recommendation to approve the budget with the reminder that we need to do more or the revenues will flatten out or go down.

Chair Wiscomb concurred with the other Commissioners on the unfunded priorities, saying she would love to see: Park Maintenance; Summer Fun Drop-in program; Youth Job Apprentice Program. She said if possible, the Commission would like City Council to look at and see if we can get some of them funded.

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Trentacosti, and passed 7/0 to recommend approval of the proposed Creeks Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Revenue, Operating, and Capital budgets budget as received and support the Creeks Advisory Committee request regarding the Street Sweeping line item.

Commissioner Casebeer moved, seconded by Commissioner Trentacosti, and passed 7/0 to recommend approval of the proposed Golf Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Revenue, Operating, and Capital Budgets and Proposed Fees and Charges as presented.

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Casebeer, and passed 7/0 to recommend approval of the proposed Parks and Recreation Fiscal Year 2014-2015 General Fund budget as received including the Revenue, Operating, and Capital budgets and Proposed Fees and Charges, that the Commission supports the list of unfunded needs and would like to see the issues addressed as possible, and further that the Commission has concerns about park maintenance levels and staffing and the unfunded capital needs of the department and the impact they have to increased revenue and serving the community.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:08 p.m., with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Rapp
Parks & Recreation Director