



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Wiscomb

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners & Staff Present

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb (Chair)
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet (Vice-Chair)
Commissioner Nichol Clark
Commissioner LeeAnne French
Commissioner Jim Heaton
Commissioner Mark Rincon-Ibarra
Parks and Recreation Director Nancy Rapp (Arrived at 5:02 p.m.)
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Creeks Manager Cameron Benson
Parks Manager, Santos Escobar
Recreation Programs Manager Rich Hanna
Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey
Parks & Recreation Business Analyst Mark Sewell
Administrative Analyst Amanda Burgess
Administrative Assistant Terri Yamada

Commissioners Absent

Youth Intern Andrew Rodriguez

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Ms. Zachary requested that Item 7, Golf Advisory Committee Interview and Appointment, be addressed immediately following Item 3, Approval of Minutes, since the applicant is present.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT:

Chair Wiscomb read a written report provided by Recreation Supervisor Susan Young.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

Commissioner French reported on the activities of the Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee including the Upcoming 50th Anniversary.

Commissioner Heaton attended the Creeks Advisory Committee meeting where there was an update on the Storm Water Infiltration Project at Plaza Vera Cruz.

Commissioner Longstreet reported on the activities of the Neighborhood Advisory Council. She added that there was an article in the Noozhawk about programs for teens.

Commission Rincon-Ibarra attended the Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee meeting as well as the Neighborhood Advisory Council.

Commissioner Clark attended the Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee as well as the PARC Foundation Board meeting.

Chair Wiscomb attended the City Council meeting where they heard a presentation on the Parks and Recreation Department budget.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Hanna gave an update on the oil spill.

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION:

1. Recognition of Monica Jones – For Action
Documents:
 - Staff Report dated May 27, 2015Speakers:
 - Staff: Rich Hanna, Recreation Programs Manager
 - Members of the public: Monica Jones

Recommendation: That the Commission recognize Monica Jones for her advocacy and fund raising efforts to support aquatic swim instruction for youth at Ortega Park swimming pool.

The Commission unanimously received the report and recognized the efforts of Monica Jones for her support and fund raising efforts for aquatic swim instruction for youth at Ortega Park swimming pool.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Summary of Council Actions – For Information

The Commission received this item and their questions were answered.

3. Approval of Minutes – For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 22, 2015.

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Rincon-Ibarra, and passed 6/0 to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 22, 2015.

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.

4. Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations – For Action

Documents:

- Staff Report dated May 27, 2015
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Staff: Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey
- Members of the Public: none

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal requests:
1. 1208 Bajada – (1) *Ficus macrophylla*, Moreton Bay Fig, (3) *Strelitzia nicolai*, Giant Bird of Paradise clumps – James L. Armstrong

The Commission received the report, their questions were answered, and the following action was taken.

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Heaton, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to conditionally approve the Setback Tree removal request for 1208 Bajada.

2. 3108 Calle Madera – *Tipuana tipu*, Tipu – J. Vince Agapito
The Commission received the report, an email from the applicant, their questions were answered, and the following action was taken.

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Clark, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to conditionally approve the Setback Tree removal request for 3108 Calle Madera.

- B. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request:
1. 33 Ocean View – (2) *Lophostemon confertus*, Brisbane Box – Amanda Hilton

The Commission received the report, their questions were answered, and the following action was taken.

Commissioner Clark moved, seconded by Commissioner Longstreet, and passed 5/0/1 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to deny the removal of the setback tree removal request for 33 Ocean View.

Abstained: Commissioner French

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

5. Stage Three Drought Condition – For Information

Documents:

- Staff Report dated May 27, 2015
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Staff: Water Resources Manager Joshua Haggmark
Acting Water Conservation Coordinator Madeline Ward

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report from Water Resources Division staff on the current Stage Three Drought Condition and water use regulations.

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

6. Status Report on Parks and Recreation Drought Response – For Information

Documents:

- Staff Report dated May 27, 2015
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Staff: Business Analyst Mark Sewell
Parks Manager Santos Escobar
Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey
Recreation Programs Manager Rich Hanna

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report on the Department's implementation of the Parks and Recreation Strategic Drought Response Plan to achieve City water conservation goals.

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Golf Advisory Committee Interview and Appointment – For Action

Documents:

- Staff Report dated May 27, 2015

Speakers:

- Staff: Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
- Members of the Public: Applicant Yoshi Sim

Recommendation: That the Commission hold an interview and make one appointment to the Golf Advisory Committee.

The Commission interviewed Mr. Sim but did not make an appointment. They will make a recommendation at their June meeting.

8. Elings Park Foundation Annual Report Presentation – For Information

Documents:

- Staff Report dated May 27, 2015
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Elings staff

Speakers:

- Staff: Nancy Rapp
- Members of the Public:
 - Executive Director Elings Park Michael Nelson
 - Rincon Consultants Sean Decker
 - Karin VanHoek, Las Positas Tennis Group
 - David Niles, Las Positas Tennis Group
 - Hans Miller, S.B. Lacrosse Assoc.
 - Issac Hirsch, Grunion Rugby Club & Stingray Rugby Club
 - Mike Tarpey, S.B. Mountain Bike Trails Volunteers
 - Salvi Dellabarca
 - Paul Conliffe, USTA Junior Team Tennis

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation by the Elings Park Foundation on the 2013-2014 Annual Report for the Las Positas Tennis Courts and the 2014 Annual Report for Elings Park.

Commissioner Longstreet thanked Mr. Nelson for the report and added that she learned a lot about landfill aspects and programming at Elings Park, and thinks progress is being made. Additionally, she said she would be happy to do a site visit to see the progress being made.

Commissioner Wiscomb echoed comments made by Commissioner Longstreet. She thanked staff for the report and felt the report on landfill monitoring was very interesting. She said she would love to see an update on that after the 2016 milestone event. Additionally, she looks forward to seeing more changes at the tennis courts in moving forward with the plans, and said it is nice to hear people coming forward and saying the courts look really great and are in top quality. She also wanted to echo Ms. Rapp's comments regarding one of City Council's top priorities in addressing infrastructure and maintenance backlogs using public/private partnerships. The agreement between the City and Elings Park Foundation is an

excellent example of one. She appreciated Mr. Nelson's enthusiasm in taking it further.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 p.m., with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Rapp
Parks & Recreation Director