



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

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, December 16, 2015  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Rincon-Ibarra called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chair Rincon-Ibarra

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners and Staff Present**

Chair Lesley Wiscomb (arrived at 4:42 pm)  
Vice Chair Mark Rincon-Ibarra  
Commissioner LeeAnne French  
Commissioner Jim Heaton  
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet  
Commissioner Ed Cavazos (left at 5:00 pm)  
Commissioner Nichol Clark  
Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary  
Recreation Manager Judith McCaffrey  
Senior Recreation Supervisor Jason Bryan  
Associate Planner Justin Van Mullem  
Capital Projects Supervisor George Thomson  
Administrative Analyst Mandy Burgess  
Executive Assistant Teasha Blackman  
Administrative Assistant Terri Yamada.

**Commissioners Absent**

None

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

Item 5, Cabrillo Ball Park Renovation Project, was moved up to follow Community Service Recognition, in recognition of Commissioner Cavazos who had to leave early.

Item 6, Advisory Committee Interviews and Appointments, was moved up to follow the Consent Calendar, in recognition of the candidates waiting to be interviewed.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Speaker: Kenneth Loch

**YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT:** None.

**COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:** Postponed

**COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION**

**1. Subject: Review of the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual 90-Plus Birthday Party and Recognition of Event Sponsors – For Information (Attachment)**

Documents:

- Staff Report dated November 19, 2014

Speakers:

- Staff: Senior Recreation Supervisor Jason Bryan

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual 90-Plus Party held on October 22, 2015.

The Commission unanimously received the report and acknowledged the support of the 90-Plus Birthday Party Event Sponsors.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**5. Subject: Cabrillo Ball Park Renovation Project – For Action (Attachment)**

Documents:

- Staff Report dated December 16, 2015

Speakers:

- Staff: Justin Van Mullem, Associate Planner; Jill Zachary, Parks and Recreation Director
- Members of the Public: Paul Gifford, Pete Dal Bello, Luis Munoz, Ed Galsterer, Daniel Ortega, Leo Avila, and Alejandro Inda

Recommendation: That the Commission considers the additional analysis of the expanded recreation options for the Cabrillo Ball Park Renovation Project and comments from the Neighborhood Advisory Council; and provides further direction prior to proceeding with design review.

The Commissioners unanimously received the report and their questions were answered.

#### Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Longstreet feels the project will be great but struggles with figuring out what exactly should be done. She previously voted against basketball because it seemed too crowded. After hearing the NAC request for active recreation at this location, she is ready to support basketball. She feels it is a problem no one is here advocating for it, but the NAC support it. In light of the interest in the child park, she wants to address how basketball interacts with the other activities, i.e., a loose basketball with people using fitness equipment or children playing, or a child walking onto a basketball court. She respects the hotel industry but is there to do what is best for the community members.

Commissioner Cavazos does not personally like basketball but wants to give another recreation activity a shot. He recalls Commissioner Longstreet saying basketball has been a request for the past 21 years, and the NAC is overwhelmingly in support of basketball. Working to accommodate noise and aesthetic issues will make it win-win for everybody, including the hotels who can add it to their brochures as an activity.

Commissioner Heaton concurred and pointed out it is an active park and an opportunity to have more active uses. He feels confident people will use the courts even though they are not here supporting basketball. He respects the hotel's concerns about noise but feels there is already a lot of noise along Cabrillo Blvd. He would like to see the combined use go forward. Agrees with Commissioner Longstreet to address design considerations with children using the play mounds.

Commissioner French made the same observation as Commissioner Longstreet of the lack of voice from the basketball community, so appreciates hearing the NAC's desires. She still has reservations about the aesthetics and the compatibility of the activities but respects the needs and wants of the community in that region. Her biggest concern is the "mix of use" with the active and passive. She has heard good support for the path around the outside and thinks it will be used a lot.

Commissioner Clark stated she does not see the absence of basketball players as a lack of voice. She thought it was interesting that the hotel community did not talk about aesthetics, but that noise levels were the primary concerns. She felt the Department did a good job to address these concerns with the hoops and time restrictions. The Commission is mandated to maximize the recreational potential of our parks. She supports the courts and the fitness options.

Commissioner Rincon liked the preliminary design concept of the hoops that can flip up to alleviate noise issues in off hours so the hotels are not going to hear a bouncing ball in the middle of the night. In terms of representation, just because 12-18 year olds who would use the facility are not here, does not indicate a lack of support.

Commissioner Rincon continued that Chase Palm Park offers a lot of play activities focused on children and families so it is not being neglected at this location. One junior high school court is probably a good option, in addition to adult fitness.

Commissioner Wiscomb wanted to understand the staff recommendation that the conception plans would be refined to better balance the two options while also reducing the concerns about noises and neighborhood compatibility. She questioned if moving the courts further away was an example how to do that.

Motion:

Commissioners Cavazos/Rincon-Ibarra to recommend authorizing the basketball and fitness option for the design.

Vote:

Majority (6/1) voice vote (Noes: Commissioner Wiscomb)

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **2. Subject: Summary of Council Actions – For Information**

The Commission received this item; there were no questions.

Ms. Zachary reported on Councils December 15, 2015 approval for Santa Barbara Golf Club to enter into a golf services contract with Santa Barbara Golf, LLC for its management and operation. The Department is now moving into the transition plan phase and would be happy to provide a status report in the future

**3. Subject: Approval of Minutes – For Action**

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 28, 2015 and the special meeting of December 2, 2015.

Motion:

Commissioners Longstreet/Rincon to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of regular meeting of October 28, 2015 and the special meeting of December 2, 2015.

Vote:

Unanimous (6-0) voice vote. (Absent: Commissioner Cavazos)

**6. Subject: Advisory Committee Interviews and Appointments – For Action (Attachment)**

Recommendation: That the Commission hold interviews and make appointments to the Integrated Pest Management, Golf, and Street Tree Advisory Committees.

Documents:

- Staff Report dated December 16, 2015

The Commission conducted interviews to fill three vacancies on the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee.

Speakers:

- Greg Chittick, Larry Saltzman, and Kristen LaBonte.

Motion:

Commissioners Longstreet/Rincon-Ibarra to approve the recommendation, reappointing Larry Saltzman representing Pesticide Awareness Committee, and Greg Chittick and Kristen LaBonte representing Community-At-Large to the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee.

Vote:

Unanimous (6-0) voice vote. (Absent: Commissioner Cavazos)

The Commission conducted interviews to fill two vacancies on the Golf Advisory Committee.

Speakers:

- Gretchen Ostergren

Motion:

Commissioners Longstreet/Rincon-Ibarra to approve the recommendation, reappointing Gretchen Ostergren representing Women's Club to the Golf Advisory for a term ending December 31, 2017

Vote:

Unanimous (6-0) voice vote. (Absent: Commissioner Cavazos)

The Commission conducted interviews to fill three vacancies on the Street Tree Advisory Committee. Ms. Zachary noted that two non-residents (Duke McPherson and Bruce Reed) applied to serve on the Street Tree Advisory Committee, but only one non-resident is permitted.

Speakers:

- Bruce Reed, Desmond O'Neill, and Duke McPherson

Motion:

Commissioners Clark/French to approve the recommendation, reappointing Desmond O'Neill representing Community At Large-Resident to the Street Tree Advisory Committee, for a term ending December 31, 2017.

Vote:

Unanimous (6-0) voice vote. (Absent: Commissioner Cavazos)

Motion:

Commissioners Longstreet/Wiscomb request that staff bring back a change in the composition of the Street Tree Advisory Committee and to approve the recommendation, reappointing Duke McPherson representing Community At Large-Non-Resident, to the Street Tree Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2017 and respectfully ask Mr. Reed to wait until the Commission considers a change to STAC membership.

**STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS:** Postponed

**4. Subject: Parks and Recreation Facility Sign Replacement Project – For Discussion (Attachment)**

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- Receive a status report on the Parks and Recreation Facility Sign Replacement Project; and
- Review and comment on the design elements presented by Hunt Design.

Documents:

- Staff Report dated December 16, 2015

Speakers:

- Staff: Administrative Analyst Mandy Burgess
- Members of the Public: Hunt Design: Jen Bressler, Kris Helmick

The Commissioners unanimously received the report and their questions were answered.

Public Comment: Speakers: Pete Dal Bello

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner French commented that she liked it overall. She mention the Santa Barbara Arts & Craft Show was hoping to get signage sooner than the fall 2016 projection.

Commissioner Heaton commented he was impressed with the results.

Commissioner Clark commented she was impressed with their work. She like that they are following the Department's branding work and reducing sign clutter. She felt the idea of routing the posts would be more clutter. She also did not like having the regulatory and interpretive information on the same sign because it would be too much information.

Commissioner Longstreet commented she liked Hunt Design's work and has followed it through to the different design review boards. She appreciated the uniformity that is developing in the city and thinks they are attractive, clear and a good idea. She is glad we do not have to give up the routed signs since many were made by our staff.

Commissioner Wiscomb commented that she likes the muted colors, especially important in signs with a hierarchy of colors. QR codes are a key element and wanted to know if the bulletin information is interactive.

Ms. Zachary commented that the bulletin version will be in a "family of signs", but not necessarily used. Bulletin signs are not always a good idea for many reasons, but they may design a portable bulletin sign.

Commissioner Wiscomb asked if the Department had considered adding a brochure feature to any of the parks.

Ms. Zachary answered that it has not been considered because of cost and maintenance.

Commissioner suggested using symbols whenever possible to avoid having the word "not" crossed out.

Commissioner Clark recommended not using QR codes in areas that are primarily meant for child play because parents prefer kids to play and not be on their phones.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:56 p.m., with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill E. Zachary  
Parks and Recreation Director