

**CITY OF FULLERTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

City Council Chamber
Monday, September 8, 2008
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Russell called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Russell led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Shawna Adam, Sueling Chen, Kathleen Dasney, Craig Russell, Kathleen Shanfield, Nancy Spencer and Scott Stanford

Absent: None

Staff: Parks and Recreation Director Joe Felz, Parks and Recreation Managers Grace Carroll Lowe, Alice Loya, Dannielle Mauk, Judy Peterson; Parks Project Manager Hugo Curiel; Landscape Superintendent Dennis Quinlivan; Doug Pickard, Parks Project Specialist

PUBLIC COMMENT

Denny Bean, a Fullerton resident, said that years ago, he was on the Ad Hoc Trail Committee with Nora Kuttner who was an equestrian while he was a bicyclist. Mr. Bean said he had reported on an issue at the Juanita Cooke Trail last week but hadn't received a response. He said towards the northern end of the trail there was "a great deal of graffiti" and mattresses thrown over an HOA condominium fence near Fullerton and La Habra which he reported to Maintenance last week. He said he also spoke with the City of La Habra and staff there said they try to paint out the graffiti but it reappears. He also commented that the Brea Dam overflow area had campers and now broken glass. He said a trail committee to monitor these areas was an "excellent idea."

Mr. Bean also expressed concern about the high speed of a cyclist going down Hiltcher Trail, saying the cyclist had forced a horse rider off the trail. Mr. Bean said he was on the County Trails Committee and was concerned that this type of behavior was what caused trails to be closed. He further commented that the police were supposed to be monitoring the trails but, from his home vantage point near the trail system at Grissom Park, he never sees the police on motorcycles purchased for this purpose.

Although some of the issues were actually related to La Habra property, Landscape Superintendent Dennis Quinlivan responded, and said Maintenance does a lot of clean-up in the area, and that he was aware of the mattresses. He noted that Maintenance received 90 calls for graffiti just over the weekend, but that as soon as staff comes in and paints over the graffiti, someone adds more graffiti. He also said that they have an "ongoing issue" with the homeowner's association in La Habra, and staff suspects that HOA residents or perhaps others driving on Imperial Highway throw trash and other items over the wall.

CONSENT ITEMS (Items 1 - 2)

Chair Russell requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar items, noting that the Landscape Division Monthly Report (Item 2) would be tabled until the following Commission meeting in October to ensure sufficient daylight for the Hillcrest Tour (Item 9) scheduled for tonight. Vice Chair Dasney MADE A MOTION and Commissioner Adam SECONDED the motion to approve the Consent Calendar items with the Minutes as corrected and the Landscape Division Report tabled until the following meeting.

AYES: Adam, Chen, Dasney, Russell, Shanfield, Spencer, Stanford
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

1. MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11, 2008 COMMISSION MEETING

Recommendation to approve the Minutes of the August 11, 2008 Commission Meeting.

Vice-Chair Dasney asked that the portion of the Minutes, in which she is discussing her decision on artificial turf on Page 6, third paragraph from the bottom, second line, be changed from "initially the lack of downtime" to "ultimately the lack of downtime," saying "initially" didn't make sense.

2. LANDSCAPE DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2008

Recommendation to receive and file the Landscape Division August 2008 Monthly Report.

Chair Russell pulled this item to be discussed at the October Commission meeting so that the commissioners would have sufficient daylight to complete their tour of Hillcrest Park tonight.

REGULAR BUSINESS (Items 3 – 10)

3. COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS TO THE TRAIL AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Parks and Recreation Director Joe Felz introduced the topic, saying that in addition to the items described in the agenda letter, Parks and Recreation Commission appointees to the Trail Ad Hoc Advisory Committee would also be interviewing the at-large positions from

the user groups suggested in the agenda letter, saying that it was, therefore, important to have the Commissioner appointments established as soon as possible.

Vice Chair Dasney asked if Mr. Bean could be on the committee, and Director Felz briefly described the process of self-certification as a hiker, biker, or horse rider including someone from the Fullerton Recreational Riders. Vice-Chair Dasney asked if the council members would each make an appointment, but Director Felz clarified that the Trail Ad Hoc Committee was an ad hoc committee of the Parks and Recreation Commission. He explained that the new Hillcrest Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee was chosen by Council because the Master Plan was already Council-approved; therefore, the Council could get involved in the selection process. He also said that, if the Commission approved the Trail Ad Hoc Committee, it would be publicized through normal means including an application process. The Commission appointees would then work with staff to review the applications and make their recommendations.

When Chair Russell asked, Director Felz confirmed that Commission should make two Commissioner appointments today. Vice-Chair Dasney recommended Commissioner Shanfield who thanked her, and said she was going to volunteer.

Commissioner Chen asked how applicants would be selected, and if there were any criteria. Director Felz said applicants would be asked about their level of activity on the trails, and staff and commissioners would use their best judgment to make their selections. He added that the burden would be on the applicant to make their case as to why they would be a valuable member of the Committee. Vice-Chair Dasney volunteered to be on the Trail Ad Hoc Committee as well.

Chair Russell asked if there were any other commissioners who were interested in serving on the Committee, but there were none. He then called for the vote, and it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to elect commissioners Shanfield and Dasney to the committee. When Commissioner Shanfield asked, he told her that they didn't have a start date on the committee, but would notify them after timelines and publicity had been coordinated.

Commissioner Spencer asked if the Hillcrest Park Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee at-large members had been selected. Director Felz said no, but that they should be selected at the September 16th Council meeting.

4. COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Director Joe Felz described the Community Center Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, saying it was fairly routine but a very large project. Vice-Chair Dasney indicated interest in serving on the committee but said she didn't want to preempt the others. As commissioners Adam and Stanford also asked to serve on the committee, Vice-Chair Dasney said she would withdraw. Chair Russell then called for the vote, and the Commission VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to appoint commissioners Adam and Stanford to the Community Center Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

5. COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS TO THE TRI-CITY PARK MASTER PLAN AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Director Felz agreed with Chair Russell that only one Commission appointee was needed for the Tri-City Park Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee. He said the appointee would also be approved and endorsed by the Tri-City Park Authority which consisted of a director from Brea, Placentia and Fullerton. The Committee would consist of the three City staff and the three cities' commissioners, and it would grow from there. However, a landscape architect consultant would have to be chosen to work with the three cities and the Authority.

Commissioner Chen volunteered to be the Fullerton Commission appointee. Chair Russell called for the vote, and it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to appoint Commissioner Chen as the Fullerton Commissioner for Tri-City park Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

6. REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

As it was getting dark and the Hillcrest Park Tour still needed to proceed, Director Felz declared the report on City Council Agenda items routine and approved:

- "Public Service Recognition Award" presented to Parks and Recreation Supervisor Aaron Orozco and Fullerton Aquatic Sports Team
- Approval of Izaak Walton League Agreement for the Izaak Walton Cabin in Hillcrest Park
- Approval of As-Needed Landscape Architect Agreements
- Golfer's Paradise Agreement reviewed in Closed Session
- September 2, 2008 City Council Meeting cancelled

7. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

In the interest of time, Director Felz said he no updates were needed.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Dasney said she had comments, saying she, along with Commissioner Spencer, attended the September 7th Council meeting when Parks and Recreation Supervisor Aaron Orozco received an award. She said she felt strongly about being notified about any Parks and Recreation agenda items. Director Felz said it was their mistake, and Commission should have been notified. He noted that the award came through the City Manager's Office.

Vice-Chair Dasney also asked about the Hillcrest Park meeting, and not violating the Brown Act, saying there was a reference to it in the previous meeting minutes. Director Felz said this was in reference to a Lions Field meeting, which hadn't yet been scheduled, but they would be notified when the meeting was set up. He clarified that the

commissioners could all go to a Council meeting, but they couldn't all go to a meeting regarding a Commission issue and discuss it such as the RDRC Lions Field project.

Vice-Chair Dasney asked about the "no smoking in parks" issue at Council, and if that could be discussed. Director Felz said staff is waiting for the State Fire Marshal's report so they can say definitively where the high fire zones are, noting that this was a highly politicized issue being fought behind the scenes on the state level due to the real estate involved.

Chair Russell asked why this would matter as the Commission had recommended no smoking on all trails and high-fire zones. Director Felz said it mattered because there would not be a "definitive answer or map" in case Council wanted Laguna Lake, for example. Chair Russell expressed concerns about the Commission having been pushed to make a decision as soon as possible, but now it appeared they would have to wait anyway. Director Felz said that it wasn't until recently, that he was made aware by a Unocal representative, of the battle in Sacramento regarding the high-fire zones.

Vice Chair Dasney asked about Brea Dam renovations, and whether it was the youth hostel building; however, Director Felz said it was Child Guidance Center and Nursery School involved in the renovations.

Vice-Chair Dasney asked if Servite High School was still using the Tennis Center and was told it was.

This portion of the meeting ended at 6:55, and the public was invited to the Hillcrest Park tour.

9. TOUR OF HILLCREST PARK

Parks and Recreation staff and Landscape Superintendent Dennis Quinlivan gave a tour and overview of Hillcrest Park for the commissioners and Pooch Park Ad Hoc Committee President Bill Stefanski in preparation for upcoming revisions to the Hillcrest Park Master Plan.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. at the Red Cross Building in Hillcrest Park.

Joe Felz, Secretary

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