CITY OF FULLERTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting City Council Chamber Monday, July 11, 2011 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stanford called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Hayes led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Scott Hayes, Kirk San Roman, Kathleen Shanfield, Scott Stanford, and Carl

Van Gorden

Absent: Barry Levinson

Staff: Parks and Recreation Interim Director Wes Morgan; Parks and Recreation

Managers Hugo Curiel and Dannielle Mauk; Events Specialist Ashley Glass; Building and Facilities Superintendent Lyman Otley; and Landscape

Superintendent Dennis Quinlivan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT ITEMS (Items 1 - 3)

*1. MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION JUNE 13, 2011 COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Scott Hayes noted a typographical error on page 3. Commissioner Hayes nominated Vice Chair Shanfield to continue as Vice Chair and it is incorrectly noted as Vice Chair Stanford.

Commissioner Hayes MADE A MOTION and Commissioner San Roman SECONDED the motion to approve the Minutes of the Parks and Recreation June 13, 2011 Commission Meeting with the correction noted.

AYES: Hayes, San Roman, Shanfield, Stanford, Van Gorden

NOES: None

ABSENT: Levinson

The MOTION PASSED 5-0.

2. LANDSCAPE DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 2011

Commissioner Van Gorden MADE A MOTION and Commissioner San Roman SECONDED the motion to approve the Landscape Division Monthly Report for June 2011.

AYES: Hayes, San Roman, Shanfield, Stanford, Van Gorden

NOES: None

ABSENT: Levinson

The MOTION PASSED 5-0.

BUILDING AND FACILITIES DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 2011

Commissioner San Roman MADE A MOTION and Commissioner Hayes SECONDED the motion to approve the Building and Facilities Division Monthly Report for June 2011.

AYES: Hayes, San Roman, Shanfield, Stanford, Van Gorden

NOES: None

ABSENT: Levinson

The MOTION PASSED 5-0.

4. PRESENTAION ON THE ENVIROMENTAL MANAGEMENT OF LAGUNA LAKE

Interim Director Wes Morgan introduced Ms. Deana Vitela-Hiyashi with AquaBio Environmental Technologies hired to manage Laguna Lake. Ms. Vitela-Hiyashi gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the history and lake management at Laguna Lake.

Commissioner Questions/Comments

Commissioner Van Gorden asked if there is any storm drain runoff into the lake. Ms. Vitela-Hiyashi answered that storm drains do not connect to the lake. Most if the runoff is from storm water draining to lake from the adjacent streets and properties. Commissioner Van Gorden asked how often the lake is cleaned. Ms. Vitela-Hiyashi said it normally once or twice a week depending on the season and need. He also asked reed maintenance at the lake. Ms. Vitela-Hiyashi answered that the reeds are helpful as long as they are managed and indicated that they are not allowed to cut reeds from March to October during bird nesting season.

Chair Stanford asked about the sizes of matrix sponges (floating islands) available how are they secured. Ms. Vitela-Hiyashi said there are many sizes available, with each size

varying in thickness from eight to twelve inches and would be anchored down. Interim Director Morgan noted that matrix sponges may come to Laguna Lake in the future.

Vice Chair Shanfield asked if floating islands save money in the long term. Ms. Vitela-Hiyashi noted that it does by helping maintain the ecosystem in the lake and reducing maintenance costs. Vice Chair Shanfield indicated that she has not seen water lilies at Laguna Lake. Ms. Vitela-Hiyashi responded that water lilies are an invasive species at the lake and are removed.

Commissioner San Roman asked what the base of lake consisted of. Ms. Vitela-Hiyashi noted that it was not lined when the lake was drained in 2004 and thought the base consists of clay and sand. He also asked how often the lake is stocked. Interim Director Morgan indicated that the California Department of Fish and Game stocks the lake about once a month. Commissioner San Roman asked if it is safe to eat the fish caught at Laguna Lake and Ms. Vitela-Hiyashi answered yes as fish are concerned, but noted that some fish species hold more metal in their flesh.

Commissioner Hayes noted that the duck population seems to be down to a manageable level. Ms. Vitela-Hiyashi agreed and indicated that the signage at the lake has increased awareness and reduced people feeding the ducks. He also asked what the weekly lake cleaning entails. She responded that water samples are collected, trash is picked up, pulling weeds, animals counts, moving rocks, and various other items.

AUGUST PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Shanfield MADE A MOTION and Commissioner San Roman SECONDED the motion to approve the Building and Facilities Division Monthly Report for June 2011. to c

AYES: Hayes, San Roman, Shanfield, Stanford, Van Gorden

NOES: None

ABSENT: Levinson

The MOTION PASSED 5-0.

6. REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Interim Director Morgan updated the Parks and Recreation of the following City Council agenda items:

 The at-large Parks and Recreation Commissioner was not appointed at the June 21, 2011 City Council meeting. This item will come back to Council in the near future.

- Susie Dittmar was appointed to fill the Fullerton Museum Center Association atlarge vacancy.
- The will be a special meeting regarding West Coyote Hills meeting taking place on July 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.
- The County of Orange has approached the three cities of Fullerton, Brea and Placentia which make up the Tri-City Park Authority with an offer to consider the County taking possession and operational responsibility of the Tri-City Park facility on a permanent basis. The three cities will review this offer with their individual city councils to determine if there is any interest in advancing this concept forward for more discussion.

7. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

 The state of California adopted budget will affect the city's Redevelopment and Economical Development Department, and in turn may affect future park project funding. The City Council will make a decision to continue with the Redevelopment Agency in the near future.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Shanfield asked where in the process is the Department in hiring a permanent director. Interim Director Morgan noted that the position will be posted soon and should take about five to six months to complete the hiring process.

Vice Chair Shanfield asked if the Parks and Recreation Commission be involved with the trail and park projects if the West Coyote Hill Development passes. Interim Director Morgan answered yes, once any legal issues are settled. She asked if the Ad Hoc Trail Committee would be meeting again. Recreation Manager Grace Lowe said they will be meeting soon to finalize the permanent trail marker program.

Commissioner San Roman asked if the Korean American National Sports Festival was successful. Interim Director Morgan responded that the committee worked hard and overall went well.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stanford adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wes Morgan, Secretary	
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