

CITY OF FULLERTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
City Council Chamber
Monday, May 9, 2011
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stanford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner San Roman led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Scott Hayes, Barry Levinson, Kirk San Roman, Kathleen Shanfield (arrived at 6:32 p.m.), Scott Stanford, and Carl Van Gorden

Absent: None

Staff: Parks and Recreation Interim Director Wes Morgan; Parks and Recreation Managers Grace Lowe, Alice Loya, Dannielle Mauk, and Judy Peterson; Parks Project Manager Hugo Curiel; Building and Facilities Superintendent Lyman Otley; and Landscape Superintendant Dennis Quinlivan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT ITEMS (Items 1 - 3)

1. MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION APRIL 11, 2011 COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner San Roman MADE A MOTION and Commissioner Levinson SECONDED the motion to approve the Minutes of the Parks and Recreation April 11, 2011 Commission Meeting.

AYES: Levinson, San Roman, Stanford, Van Gorden

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Hayes

ABSENT: Shanfield

The MOTION PASSED 4-0.

2. LANDSCAPE DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2011
3. BUILDING AND FACILITIES DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2011

Commissioner Shanfield MADE A MOTION and Commissioner Hayes SECONDED the motion to approve the Landscape Division and Building and Facilities Division Monthly Report for April 2011.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The MOTION PASSED 6-0.

REGULAR BUSINESS (Items 4 – 8)

4. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED 2011-12 – 2012-13 PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Interim Director Wes Morgan introduced the Parks and Recreation agenda item, noting that there was a preview of this item at last month's meeting. He indicated that the direction from the City Council and the City Manager was to "hold the line" with the 2011-12 – 2012-13 proposed budget. Interim Director Morgan introduced Administrative Manager Alice Loya, who in turn presented the proposed 2011-12 – 2012-13 Parks and Recreation Department budget.

Administrative Manager Loya presented the City's total budget, broken down by Department. The Parks and Recreation Department proposed \$7.5 million budget represents approximately 3% of the City's total budget. It is an increase over the current year's budget of \$6.2 million mainly due to the City changing the Fullerton Municipal Golf Course lease with American Golf over to a management contract in order to qualify for recovery zone economic development bond to replace the irrigation system at the golf course. She noted that the new management contract is a 15-year contract. The City will now receive 100% of all revenues and 100% of the operating costs at the golf course and pay a \$500,000 management fee per year, with a 1% increase per year, to American Golf.

Chair Stanford clarified that Brea Dam revenue earned in this area is restricted to be used for the Brea Dam area only.

Administrative Manager Loya also explained that the Senior Center rental income will be eliminated during the construction of the Fullerton Community Center and noted that the Department has received the CalGrip gang prevention grant that replaced the JAG grant.

Chair Stanford asked what, if any, changes Fullerton residents would see with this proposed budget. Interim Director Morgan stated that the community would see

construction projects, like the Fullerton Community Center, but not any other changes. Internally, the Department would continue to cut costs whenever possible and leave positions unfilled that have been vacated.

Commissioner Shanfield asked if the number of regular employees listed in the Recreation budget were updated. Recreation Manager Grace Lowe answered that vacant positions would be budgeted in the proposed budget but would be under filled with part-time employees, which do not have benefits.

Commissioner Levinson asked for clarification with the increase in non-regular hours in the proposed budget. Recreation Manager Judy Peterson noted that the increase is mainly due to the CalGrip grant and the hiring of non-regular case workers for the program, covered by the grant.

Commissioner Van Gorden asked if the raising of fees was included in the proposed budget. Interim Director Morgan said that there was a city-wide fee study taking place, but that raising fees was not an option in the proposed budget.

Commissioner San Roman asked for clarification on the Hillcrest Park rehabilitation project budget. Interim Director Morgan noted that \$1.3 million was added to the \$3.75 million already budgeted to the project for a total of approximately \$5 million and the phasing plan would be starting soon.

Commissioner Van Gorden MADE A MOTION and Commissioner San Roman SECONDED the motion to approve of the Parks and Recreation Department's proposed operating budget for fiscal years 2011-12 – 2012-13 and five-year capital improvement program budget to the City Council.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The MOTION PASSED 6-0.

5. FULLERTON JUNIOR ALL-AMERICAN REQUEST FOR PARTNER STATUS

Interim Director Morgan introduced the agenda item and briefed the Commission on the Policy Regarding Parks and Recreation Commission-Recognized Youth Sports Organizations. Interim Director Morgan introduced Mr. Fred Jung with Fullerton Junior All-American Football, who in turn gave a brief overview of his organization and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Shanfield asked where their organization was practicing and playing this current season. Mr. Jung stated that practices and home games were being held at Sunny Hills High School, permitted by the Fullerton Unified High School District. Commissioner Shanfield asked about injury rates and how weight limits are adopted. Mr. Jung answered that there was one serious injury being a broken wrist taking place

during flag football. He noted that weight limits are reviewed and voted on yearly by the Fullerton Junior All-American Football council and chapters and take into account national data on weight to make those decisions. Commissioner Shanfield noted the value of youth sports and her concerns are about safety in contact sports.

Commissioner San Roman asked if there are any long-term agreements with Sunny Hills High School for field use. Mr. Jung answered no.

Commissioner Hayes asked for clarification on the request for partner status since they already have field usage at Sunny Hills High School. Mr. Jung stated that they would like Fullerton Junior All-American Football recognized as a partner group to legitimize their organization, possibly provide storage and help alleviate storage costs, and obtaining a field for their spring season. Interim Director Morgan noted that partner youth organization contact information is included in the Fullerton Connect brochure mailed to Fullerton residents three times a year. Commissioner Hayes asked if partner status is not granted, would they accept an associate status with the City. Mr. Jung said partner status was applied for at this time and is the only status they would consider at this time.

Commissioner Van Gorden asked if Fullerton Junior All-American Football stores equipment at Sunny Hills High School and if the Department provides storage space to other youth leagues. Mr. Jung stated that they are not storing their equipment at the school, but are renting space at a storage facility. Recreation Manager Lowe clarified that some concession stands have small space for storage and Lions Field has storage for football and softball equipment.

Chair Stanford asked Mr. Jung to describe the main differences between Fullerton Pop Warner football and Fullerton Junior All-American Football. Mr. Jung noted that Fullerton Junior All-American Football provides a spring season of non-contact flag football, with no weight limits on the children participating. Chair Stanford asked if Fullerton Junior All-American Football requests field space in the future, how they would recommend allocating those fields. Mr. Jung stated that their organization is not looking to displace any other youth organizations and some community members may be better served by other leagues. Fullerton Junior All-American Football would work with the City in the future, if more field space is requested. Chair Stanford asked for clarification on the cost structure for children participating in Fullerton Junior All-American Football. Mr. Jung noted that participants pay \$325 per season with early registration discounts available. He also noted that scholarships are available to those who cannot afford the price.

Commissioner San Roman asked how many Junior All-American Football organizations participate in the spring season and if other cities have both Pop Warner and Junior All-American Football organizations. Mr. Jung answered that the spring season participation is elective and varies each season. He noted several cities that have both Pop Warner and Junior All-American Football organizations.

Public Comment

The following members of the public spoke in support of Fullerton Junior All-American Football obtaining partner status with the City of Fullerton Parks and Recreation Department:

Angela Jones, Jeremy Coble, Don Woullard, Mandy Jung, Arthur Bravo, Jon Manuele, and Vern Stewart.

The following members of the public spoke regarding Fullerton Junior All-American Football obtaining partner status with the City of Fullerton Parks and Recreation Department:

Mike Parrot and Jimbo Wright

Commissioner Levinson noted that Fullerton Junior All-American Football meets the policy criteria as it is written in his opinion and issues regarding lack of space or duplication of services are not clearly addressed in the policy. Interim Director Morgan said the policy may be revised in the future. Commissioner Shanfield agreed with Commissioner Levinson.

Commissioner Shanfield MADE A MOTION and Commissioner Van Gorden SECONDED the motion to approve Fullerton Junior All-American Football's application to become a partner with the City of Fullerton Parks and Recreation Department, meeting the requirements outlined in the Policy Regarding Parks and Recreation Commission-Recognized Youth Sports Organizations.

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

NOES: Hayes

ABSENT: None

The MOTION PASSED 5-1.

6. REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Interim Director Morgan updated the Parks and Recreation Commission of the following City Council Agenda Items:

- "Acting" title has been removed from City Manager, Joe Felz, by the City Council.
- West Coyote Hills Public Hearing schedule for July 12, 2011.
- City Council will review the proposed City Budget for approval at the June 7, 2011 City Council Meeting.

7. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Parks and Recreation Commission Election of Officers and Committee Appointments scheduled for the June 13, 2011 meeting.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Stanford thanked the Commission and staff for their work and contribution to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stanford adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wes Morgan, Secretary

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