

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Manna, Rothans, Hersman, Cajka, Allard, Roth, and Allen.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Parks and Recreation Director Richard Gill and Recording Secretary Mary Kirchwehm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 22, 2012 minutes were approved as written.

CEREMONIAL

Commissioner Manna led a moment of silence for the victims and families of the Sandy Hook Elementary tragedy.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

12/1217.1 - Parks Master Plan Update

Director Gill reviewed some of the highlights of the Request for Proposals for the Parks Master Plan and the staff report. He also reported that Councilmember Tell recommended that more information be provided in the staff report.

Commissioner Hersman inquired where Council recommended changes to the staff report. Director Gill reported that Council recommended changes in the section titled, Assessment of Park Open Space for Future Amenities and Activities. He also reported that Councilmember Howorth recommended removing Marine Avenue Park as a recommendation location for the skateboard park because it may pre condition the consultant to only consider that location. Director Gill also stated that at the December 4, 2012 City Council meeting, Council commented that they will only review a landscaping plan for the greenbelt. Council also requested that the programs be identified at each facility. Director Gill also added that the staff report requests several public meetings with the Commission.

Commissioner Manna inquired if the staff report will be returned for clarification or if it will be revised. Director Gill reported that he will revise the staff report, and it will be submitted to City Council for the January meeting.

12/1217.2 - Renaming Baseball Field at Marine Avenue Park

Commissioner Cajka reported that when City Council requested the Commission to proceed with the commemorative wall project, they also requested a possible renaming of an area at Marine Avenue Park. Commissioner Cajka stated that at the commemorative wall dedication, Mayor Pro Tem Powell presented a very nice speech, at which time he used the word “inspiration” several times. The inspiration is for youth not to drink and drive as well as not to ride as a passenger in a vehicle with anyone who has been drinking. Commissioner Cajka inquired about the process of possibly renaming the field at Marine Avenue Park to “Inspiration Field.” Director Gill reported that the first step would be to write a memo to City Council requesting permission to discuss the renaming of the field. Commissioner Cajka reported that he will draft a memo.

12/1217.3 Department Appreciation Event

Commissioner Manna reported that the Commission has hosted a Parks and Recreation staff appreciation event for the past two years. This event has been successful and although he is very supportive of the event, Commissioner Manna expressed concerns that it may put an obligation on future commissions. Commissioner Manna suggests that this event be reviewed each year to include the input of newly added commissioners. Because there are currently three new commission members, Commissioner Rothans explained the history of the staff appreciation event.

MOTION: Commissioner Rothans moved to approve a Parks and Recreation staff appreciation event for 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hersman.

Ayes: Rothans, Hersman, Cajka, Allard, Roth and Allen.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

COMMISSION ITEMS

Commissioner Rothans reported that as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, he was asked to speak at the Leadership Manhattan Beach meeting of October 29, 2012. Commissioner Rothans reported that the meeting was attended by many community members who are very interested in their community, were engrossed, and had a lot of questions. In addition, a member of each commission was present at the meeting. Commissioner Rothans acknowledged the impressive work that was done by Leadership Manhattan Beach.

Commissioner Allard reported that the Older Adult Program will have their monthly Dine ‘N Discover lecture on January 24, 2013 and welcomes everyone.

STAFF ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.