

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE
JOINT MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
AND THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
JANUARY 9, 2007**

The Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 9th day of January, 2007, at the hour of 6:37 p.m., in the Police/Fire Conference Room, 400/420 15th Street, in said City.

ROLL CALL

Present: City Council: Montgomery, Fahey, Ward, Aldinger and Mayor Tell.
 Parks and Recreation Commission: Lamb, Gill, Lear, Murray, Nicholson, Harris
 and Rachmiel.
 Staff: City Manager Dolan, Parks and Recreation Director Gill, Public Works
 Director Miller, Assistant to the City Manager Coe-Juell and Parks and
 Recreation Manager Al-Oboudi.

Absent: None.

Clerk: Dolan (Acting).

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Patrick McBride, Manhattan Beach Resident, questioned whether the number of people that attended the community meetings was overstated.

SCHEDULED

07/0109.1 *Presentation and Discussion of the Community Facilities Strategic Plan*

Consultants Jim Favaro and Steve Johnson presented a status report on the City's Facility Strategic Plan to the City Council and Parks and Recreation Commissions. The consultants stated to the Commission that Phase I (reconnaissance and fact-finding) had been completed. They explained to the Council and Commission that an extensive outreach program to the community was undertaken from August to the present to approximately 40 community interest groups including 2 community wide meetings held at the Joslyn Center and Heights Community Center. Additionally full page ads were taken out in the Beach Reporter and flyers were given to each school child as well as a website and blog on the City's website was developed. The Consultants stated that the City is at a point where 5 of their major community facilities were near their useful life and soon the City will need to spend a significant amount of money to fix their facilities or undertake a comprehensive place to replace them.

The Council and Commission exclaimed a unanimous approval for the work of the consultants and expressed that they were looking forward to the outcome of the Plan coming before them for public review.

07/0109.2 *General Discussion Regarding Parks and Recreation Commission Issues.*

The Council and the Commission discussed, after the installation of 2 successful dog runs at Live Oak Park and Marine Avenue Park, how to proceed with the review of new locations or previously reviewed dog run locations

The Council stated that the Commission could continue to look for new sites and review previously discussed sites but that it was important to include the area residents and gain their approval. Council told the Commission that they could conduct hearings with each neighborhood to gain input and approval.

The Council and Commission also discussed the process of how the Commission should communicate their ideas for new Commission agenda items to City Council. The City Council and the Commission discussed and agreed to three avenues for this communication.

Council stated the Commission is free to discuss under "New Business" any item that the commission is interested in discussing and if four of the seven Commissioners agree that they would like to have the item agendized in a future meeting, they then can attach a letter to their minutes requesting approval from Council to agendize the item.

Another way for the Council and Commission to communicate would be for a Commissioner to approach a Council member and have that Council member bring the item up to the full Council at a meeting under "Other Council Business."

The final way for open communication is for the Commission to bring new items to Council during their annual joint Council/Commission meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:12 p.m. the meeting was duly adjourned with the City Council adjourning to the 5:30 p.m. Adjourned Regular Meeting to be followed by the 6:30 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

Richard Gill
Acting Recording Secretary

Nicholas W. Tell, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk