

CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

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**ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Cajka, Murray, Nicholson, Manna and Hersman

Absent: Commissioner Rothans and Taylor.

Others Present: Recreation Services Manager Idris Al-Oboudi, Recreation Supervisor Brianne Sternad, and Recording Secretary Mary Kirchwehm

**AGENDA CHANGES**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 11, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting were approved as written. Commissioner Hersman abstained because she was not a Commissioner for the April 11, 2011 meeting.

**CEREMONIAL**

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

11/0627-1 – Movies in the Park

Commissioner Nicholson reported that this was pulled from the June 21, 2011 Council Meeting agenda, and after speaking with some of the councilmembers, he determined that the item was pulled due to the reserved seating issue and term of the agreement. Although Scott Tallal said he would waive the reserved seating, he requested a minimum two-year contract. Chairman Nicholson stated that, in his opinion from the feedback he received, such a contract would not be acceptable. Scott Tallal withdrew his offer. CommCinema will still produce one or two movies depending on funding. Commissioner Nicholson also reported that CommCinema left the door

open to discuss this again next April. Mr. Al-Oboudi reported that, with the approval of Mr. Gill, he would like to speak with Mary Ann Varni of the Downtown Manhattan Beach Business & Professional Association about the possibility of sponsorship. Mr. Al-Oboudi reported that Ms. Varni expressed interest in the possibility of a Back to School movie event.

11/0627-2 – July is Parks & Recreation Month

Commissioner Murray announced that July is recognized, nationally, as Parks and Recreation month where communities share how their lives have been made better through parks. Mr. Al-Oboudi reported that a proclamation has been made and will be signed and presented at the July 5, 2011 City Council meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Murray moved to support the Parks and Recreation Proclamation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nicholson.

Ayes: Cajka, Manna and Hersman.  
Noes: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: Rothans.

11/0627-3 – Senior Advisory Committee Report from Steve Nicholson

Commissioner Nicholson wanted to make the Commissioners aware that the Senior Advisory Committee and Mira Costa High School students are planning on working on a joint oral history project where older adults will be interviewed and give an oral history on life in Manhattan Beach in the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s and 1960s.

**COMMISSION ITEMS**

Commissioner Cajka inquired if there are ads in the Beach Reporter announcing upcoming Concerts in the Park each week. Mr. Al-Oboudi reported that there are usually anchor ads announcing the whole series, but there is not an ad each week.

Commissioner Cajka inquired about the sound system for the high school at the first concert because it was difficult to hear the band. Mr. Al-Oboudi reported that he will discuss this with Ms. Juanita Purner and David Ibarra.

Commissioner Murray announced that on Thursday, July 21, 2011 Mayor Richard Montgomery is going to be honored with the 2011 Good Scout Award by the Boy Scouts of America. This is not an annual award. The last time it was given was 8 years ago. This event will be at Raleigh Studios and tickets are available to purchase online. All proceeds for this event will benefit the Boy Scouts in inner cities for their trips.

Commissioner Murray inquired about the status of the grant that the City received from the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Grant for \$150,000.

**OTHER**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on Monday, July 25, 2011.