

**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 & 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

Don McPherson, Manhattan Beach resident, stated that he is developing a program with the Regional Water Board and Botanical Garden and Manhattan Beach Schools to educate the community on issues related to water conservation.

Patrick McBride, Manhattan Beach resident, spoke on various issues related to the Facility Strategic Plan and senior issues, including the lack of outreach to the senior population. He also questioned the use of pesticides in the City's parks and right of ways.

Gary Osterhout, Manhattan Beach resident stated the consultants did not give enough facts regarding the Scout House in their preliminary report. He also stated it would be nice to keep the northern part of the Ladera site open space or the flat area could be developed as practice fields for AYSO and Little League.

Gerry O'Connor questioned where the idea to sell off a part of the Heights property came from. He stated he was opposed to that idea.

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 plan 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. The process for how the Commission communicates with and making requests of City Council was also reviewed.

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.

GEOFF DOLAN
Acting Recording Secretary

Nicholas W. Tell, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

LIZA TAMURA
City Clerk