

CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Manhattan Beach City Hall
1400 Highland Ave.
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
September 16, 2019
6:00 PM

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Greenberg, Weiner, McCarthy, Turkmany and Jackson*

Absent: Commissioners Karger and Nicholson

*Commissioner Jackson arrived at 6:16.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Greenberg moved to approve the July 22, 2019 minutes with the following addition to page 2, paragraph 9:

Insert after first sentence, "He requested that staff ask the organizers for data regarding the number of cyclists participating and the % of those cyclists that are Manhattan Beach residents."

Commissioner McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Commissioners Greenberg, Weiner, McCarthy and Turkmany

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioners Karger, Jackson* and Nicholson

E. CEREMONIAL

None

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3-Minute Limit)

Commissioner Weiner opened the floor to audience participation.

Seeing none, the floor was closed.

G. GENERAL BUSINESS

None

H. STAFF ITEMS

Director Leyman updated the Commission on recent City Council actions and upcoming events.

Commissioner Greenberg asked about the approval path for the Classic Car Show that occurred Downtown. Director Leyman replied that it went through the special event committee as an internal event.

NFC Fitness Court timeline has shifted install in January 2020. Redondo Beach is also installing a fitness court has their concrete pad poured. Staff will be monitoring to see how the Redondo Beach court is utilized. Beach Cities Health District will be assisting with Fitness Court programming in Manhattan Beach, with senior programs. NFC also has an ambassador program we will roll out in baby steps. This could be a good opportunity for local small businesses. Commissioner Jackson asked how she could find out more information about the fitness courts. Staff will send information to Commissioner Jackson.

Polliwog Park Playground – no definitive timeline as of now

Light Gate glass was replaced with dichroic glass and is beautiful.

AC Connor paintings are being displayed on the lobby wall at City Hall and will be there until the mural is in place. The family has more paintings and there will be a full exhibition at the Manhattan Beach Art Center in 2020.

Utility Box wraps – contracts are being finalized and the wraps should be showing up around town in the next month.

10/19 – Halloween carnival

10/27 – Pumpkin race

I. **COMMISSION ITEMS** – item was taken out of order and addressed before Staff Items

Parks Master Plan - Commissioner Weiner reviewed an updated Parks Master Plan (PMP) timeline and gave an update on the project. He encouraged the members of the commission to review the survey and provide feedback. Commissioner Greenberg provided Commissioner Jackson with some background on the survey and the project as a whole. Commissioner Jackson recommended targeting the youth population through social media and possibly organizing a special event for the teen and youth population. Commissioner Greenberg suggested conducting a focus group for teens. Commissioner McCarthy asked if there is any way to access the email lists for the school district. Manager Vincent confirmed that the City will be working with the school district.

Manager Vincent reviewed the progress that has been made so far. She announced that October will be a very busy month for community outreach with the survey launch; pop-up events such as the Hometown Fair and Pumpkin Race; and two community workshop events.

Commissioner Greenberg requested a higher level of detail on the timeline. He would like to add in the pop-up events

Manager Vincent outlined the PMP community outreach and described how the pop-up events and community meetings will work. She mentioned that if students could get community service credit to attend the community input workshop, they might be more willing to come. The Community input meetings will be held on October 21st and 23rd. Business cards with a QR code link to the survey will be distributed at the Hometown Fair.

Director Leyman thanked the ad-hoc committee for their work. Commissioner Greenberg is concerned that if there are only two meetings, we might be overwhelmed with attendance. Director Leyman replied that if that happens, we can schedule more workshops. He added that the open house format of the workshops allows for lot of participation.

Donation Policy – Commissioner Turkmany gave an update on the donation policy that went to the City Council on September 3rd. He reported that the City Council chose to move forward with the donation catalog and pavers. Generally, the specific direction is that the

City Council would like to approve all donations. The City Council is interested in partitioning out two options for pavers, one for members of the community at the sustainable garden, and one for veterans and military on the Veterans parkway. Commissioner Weiner suggested Metlox plaza. Commissioner Weiner stated that it is more enticing to donors to have pavers in a more trafficked, public place such as Metlox Center. Commissioner McCarthy agreed that Metlox is a great idea. Director Leyman stated that the Metlox location can be brought back to City Council.

Pickleball - Commissioner Weiner stated that he has received emails on pickleball and asked for a status. Director Leyman stated that it was the hope that the work would be done in September. There is a contract in place but construction dates are being decided. The goal is to schedule the work between sessions, so it is likely to take place mid to late October.

Commissioner Weiner asked about the Playshare presentation. Director Leyman stated that he had been in touch with the vendor and conveyed that there may be opportunities as identified by the Parks Master Plan.

Commissioner Weiner spoke about comments on the playground design and comments received and how they might be able to substitute some elements for others. Commissioner McCarthy stated that she recommends more swinging elements that can accommodate more children at one time. Director Leyman reported that staff is looking at options for sole sourcing and bidding. The City may be able to sole-source the purchase of the equipment and the design but will likely need to go to bid to secure a landscape architect, which will extend the timeline. Staff will review the comments from the commissioners and public, and discuss with Kompan to see what may be incorporated.

Senior Advisory Committee - Commissioner McCarthy gave an update on the Lunch Bunch reusable utensil issue. At the first event, all but 3 people showed up with their utensils. The OAP web page has been cleaned up and much better. The technology classes are very well attended.

Parking - There are 7 spaces for 200 permits issued. Two spaces are being taken away to put in an electric charging space. Director Leyman stated that staff is looking into adding some signage for older-adult-only spaces. Commissioner Weiner asked if they have ever looked into diagonal parking on west side of Valley. Director Leyman stated that it had been considered years ago.

Commissioner Greenberg is curious of what new sustainability measures will be introduced at the Hometown Fair and if there will be an effort to reuse the cardboard trashcans. Director Leyman stated that it is difficult to reuse the cardboard trash bins due to leakage of liquids and food. Commissioner Greenberg mentioned that in the past there has been staining on basketball court from dumpster juice, and the Hometown Fair Committee committed to tarping the area. Commissioner Greenberg would like to make sure that happens. Manager Vincent mentioned that the court is scheduled to be resurfaced so it is not as much of an issue this year but it is a good reminder to follow up to confirm for future events.

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Greenberg moved to adjourn. Commissioner Turkmany seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.