

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Virtual – Zoom meeting**  
**October 26, 2020**  
**4:00 PM**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Greenberg, Weiner, McCarthy, Turkmany, Nicholson and Cullen

Absent: Karger

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Weiner moved to approve the October 5, 2020 minutes as written.

Commissioner McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Greenberg, Weiner, McCarthy, Turkmany, Nicholson, Cullen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Karger

**D. CEREMONIAL**

None

**E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3-Minute Limit)**

Chair Greenberg opened the floor to audience participation. Seeing none, the floor was closed.

**F. GENERAL BUSINESS – This item was taken out of order after Commission Items**

Parks Master Plan – Sr. Recreation Manager, Jessica Vincent presented the draft Parks Master Plan for input. The Parks Master Plan is intended to act as a road map for parks projects and budget considerations for the next 10 years, and will be presented to the City Council on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Manager Vincent outlined the entire process, reviewed the public engagement activities, common themes that emerged, and prospective projects.

Commissioners were asked to review the plan and provide feedback before making a recommendation to move the plan forward to the City Council. The Commission reviewed the potential projects and prioritization. Additional follow up questions and comments from the commission should be sent to Jessica Vincent by October 30, to be discussed at a final ad-hoc committee meeting and incorporated into the document for final review at the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner McCarthy volunteered to assist with a review of the staff report for the City Council. Chair Greenberg asked the commissioners to think about which projects resonate with them and which ones they would like to work on when the work plan is established.

## G. STAFF ITEMS

Parks and Recreation Director Mark Leyman updated the Commission on recent City Council actions.

Bruce's Beach Task Force members have been appointed. Commissioner Greenberg asked if the Parks and Recreation Commission would have representation on the Task Force. At this time, the task force will be comprised of City Council appointees. The City Council will advise if the Commission's input is required.

There was a request for Meadows and Pacific Center Field to be opened, so the fields will be open Monday-Friday from 3:30-dusk. School fields will be currently limited to the two fields primarily due to staffing and enforcement.

Recreation Supervisor, Deborah Hom will be leading some virtual art workshops, a Gordy the Pumpkin display and a paint workshop with a *Nightmare Before Christmas* theme.

In partnership with the Downtown Business Professional Association (DBPA), a pumpkin decorating contest was held. Participants could drop off their pumpkin entry and then shop downtown.

The Manhattan Beach Art Center has opened a new exhibition of Simon Ouwerkerk, a local artist who does a lot of metal work. An outdoor exhibit was set up and about 100 people walked through over the course of the day, with social distancing. In addition to the walk through, there were craft kits available to recreate some of the works.

The Veterans Day and Pier Lighting will be virtual this year due to COVID-19.

The Local Love campaign was developed with the Chamber of Commerce and DBPA to highlight the importance and value of shopping and dining locally. This campaign will involve social media presence and street pole banners.

Polliwog Park Playground replacement project update – nothing significant has happened since the last update. Construction drawings are at 60%. Staff is waiting for more information on the fencing material being considered, further information on the bioswale drainage, and additional information on ADA requirements. There will be some significant cost savings from the original estimate. Once the bids come in, we will determine the add alternates. The timeline is still on track to receive bids at the beginning of the year. Director Leyman added that the surfacing for the upper playground is in process. Although this was originally included in the playground replacement, it is being expedited.

Begg Field and Peck Reservoir – Begg Field regrading, fencing and lighting will be a part of the Peck Reservoir project. The contractor will provide some services in exchange for use of the field for staging.

Director Leyman will contact the City Clerk's office to find out when Ryan Beaupain will be recognized for his tree donations.

Commissioner McCarthy asked if virtual programming is seeing participation. Staff will check on the numbers and report back.

National Fitness Court – tracking for completion in January.

## H. COMMISSION ITEMS

Donation Policy update – Commissioner Turkmany reported that the ad-hoc committee is still working on the Military Memorial wall. Commissioner Weiner asked about the

community tile area that was originally proposed. It was clarified that the community tiles were not approved by the City Council. City Council approved a paver area in front of the post office. Director Leyman stated that the marketing campaign for the pavers should launch in the Spring. The plan is to have the purchase period open for a set period of time and then install. Military donation wall could possibly happen by the end of the year. Staff is waiting for information from Public Works. Need to come up with options for plaques and then take City Council direction. New plaques will be unveiled annually at the Veteran's Day event.

Older Adults update – Commissioner McCarthy reported that there will be a Flu shot clinic for ages 6 months and up, on November 18 inside Joslyn Center. Those who cannot come to get a flu shot can request mobile service for in-home shots. It is recommended that everyone register ahead of time.

Student Rep – Commissioner Cullen reported that he contacted Michelle Ami, Volunteer Coordinator, who has provided some opportunities for students to get some volunteer hours by working with the Older Adults program to send messages to seniors. He has reached out to clubs at Mira Costa to help and prepare cards for Veterans Day. This is an ongoing program.

School District – Chair Greenberg reported that the school district is operating primarily in distance learning mode but has opened the child care program. Some sports are going back for training with strict protocols. The school district has submitted for waivers for all of the elementary schools. No specific update on the opening of the gym.

## I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Nicholson moved to adjourn. Commissioner Turkmany seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Greenberg, Weiner, McCarthy, Turkmany, Nicholson and Cullen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Karger

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm to Monday, November 16, 2020.