

CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

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ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Cajka, Fitzpatrick, Gill and Nicholson

Absent: Commissioners Harris, Murray and Rhodes

Others Present: Director of Parks and Recreation Richard Gill, Recreation Services Manager Idris J. Al-Oboudi, Recreation Supervisor Michael Brooke and recording secretary Jane Grace

AGENDA CHANGES

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 23, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting were approved as written.

CEREMONIAL

None

REPORTS

Dog Runs

Mr. Gill reported that Commissioner Harris would like the Commission to contact her regarding their availability to tour possible dog run locations.

Mr. Al-Oboudi indicated that after the Pet Appreciation and Adoption Fair on September 28, the dog committee will meet and develop a proposal regarding a possible new dog run and bring it forward to the Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration.

Movie on the Beach

Mr. Al-Oboudi reported that the City will be presenting a movie on the beach on Saturday, August 30, 7:00 p.m. on the north side of Manhattan Beach Pier. The movie being shown is Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl.

Mr. Al-Oboudi reported that the City has received a \$1,500 sponsorship from Toyota for the Movie on the Beach. Advertising included a full-page ad in the Beach Reporter, posters throughout town and an email blast to department class participants.

Mr. Al-Oboudi indicated that staff will be doing an “ask” survey to determine the success of the event. The department is waiting for approval from the Department of Beaches and Harbors for a second movie on the beach in September.

GENERAL BUSINESS

08/00825.1 – Tour of Manhattan Heights, Begg Pool and Polliwog Park Facilities

Mr. Gill and Mr. Al-Oboudi conducted a tour of the Manhattan Heights, Polliwog Park and Begg Pool facilities and pointed out the following conditions:

- Teen Center – Mr. Al-Oboudi indicated that the department would like to have a more extensive relationship with the Manhattan Beach Middle School, possibly being on campus at lunchtime to inform the students about the activities of the teen center. Commissioner Gill indicated that he would discuss this with the Manhattan Beach School Board.
- Begg Pool – Mr. Gill introduced Pool Manager Jesus Sandoval who has recently been promoted to the new full-time Recreation Supervisor position. Mr. Gill reported that Mr. Sandoval has built the swim program from a ten-week to a 34-week program, as well as making a losing program into one that is running “in the black.” Mr. Sandoval guided the commission around the pool and through the pool locker rooms, pointing out the outdated and unsafe facilities inside and out. The commissioners all agreed that they should continue to remind the City Council of the conditions and needs at Begg Pool.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Jane Grace
Recording Secretary

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Commission Chairperson