

CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

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ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Cajka, Fitzpatrick, Harris, Murray and Nicholson

Absent: Commissioners Gill and Rhodes

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

AGENDA CHANGES

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 28, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting were approved as written. (MSC: Nicholson/Murray – Unanimous)

CEREMONIAL

Richard Gill presented a certificate of appreciation from City Council to Commissioner Lynn Harris for her year of service as Commission Chair.

Richard Gill presented a certificate of appreciation from City Council to former Commissioner Ed Lear for his six years of service on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Richard Gill presented a certificate of appreciation from City Council to former Commissioner Kelly Shambaugh for her one year of service on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

08/0623.1 – Selection of 2008/2009 Parks and Recreation Commission Officers

Mr. Gill reported that annually, the Parks and Recreation Commission is required to select a Chair and Vice Chair for the Commission.

In the past, officers have been selected on a seniority basis. Mr. Gill reported that Commissioner Gill would be next in line to serve as Chair, followed by Commissioners Murray and Nicholson. Although this has been the practice in the past, it is not the rule. The Commission has the right to choose any member of the Commission they feel is most qualified.

A motion was made to name Commissioner Ned Gill as the 2008/2009 Parks and Recreation Commission Chair. Mr. Gill reported that staff contacted Commissioner Gill prior to the

meeting, due to the fact that he was not able to attend, and he indicated that it would be an honor to serve as chair if selected. (MSC: Nicholson/Murray – Unanimous)

During a discussion among the Commission, both Commissioner Murray and Nicholson indicated a desire to serve as vice-chair. The Commissioners used a lottery system to determine the vice-chair and Commissioner Nicholson was chosen. A motion was made to name Commissioner Steven Nicholson as Commission Vice-Chair. (MSC: Cajka/Murray – Unanimous)

REPORTS

Mr. Gill reported that the joint meeting with City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission has been rescheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 6:30 p.m. in the Police/Fire Conference Room. Dinner will be served.

During a discussion among the Commissioners, it was determined that the Commissioners would propose the following subjects for discussion with members of City Council:

- Begg Pool – Ned Gill
- Joslyn Community Center Facilities – Steven Nicholson
- Outdoor Movie Projection Screen – Marianne Fitzpatrick
- Community/Business Outreach – Deirdre Murray
- Skateboard Park – Tom Cajka
- Dogs/Trees – Lynn Harris
- Student Commission – Kelly Shambaugh

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. for a commission tour of the Live Oak Park facilities.

08/0623-2 Tour of Live Oak Park Facilities

Mr. Gill and Mr. Al-Oboudi conducted a tour of the Live Oak Park facilities and pointed out the following conditions:

Joslyn Center (renovated four years ago)

- Auditorium floor – large cracks
- Shortcomings – no dressing room or back stage
- Lack of storage space – neighbors complain about outdoor storage containers
- Buildings structurally out of compliance with major codes
- Senior Citizen OASIS would like to expand, leaving no room for recreation classes (Commissioner Harris suggested that the City partner with the Manhattan Beach Middle School and Manhattan Beach Christian Church, using their facilities for classes and activities.)
- Restrooms in the southwest room are the only A.D.A. restrooms in the Live Oak facilities

Scout House

- Cracks run from Joslyn Center through the Scout House (Joslyn/Scout House built on fill)
- Restrooms not A.D.A.
- Structurally out of compliance with major codes

Tennis Courts

- Constructed with 100% asphalt, resulting in settling of courts

Live Oak Park Hall

- Restrooms not A.D.A.
- Poor air circulation
- Structurally out of compliance with major codes

Jane A. Grace
Recording Secretary

Ned Gill
Commission Chairperson