

CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

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ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Rothans, Nicholson, Hersman, Manna
(Commissioner Taylor arrived at 7:06 p.m.)

Absent: Commissioners Cajka and Murray.

Others Present: Parks & Recreation Director Richard Gill and Recording Secretary
Mary Kirchwehm

AGENDA CHANGES

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 25, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting were approved.
The minutes of the August 25, 2011 Commissioners Workshop meeting were approved.

CEREMONIAL

None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

11/0926.1 – Selection of 2011/2012 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 that past, officers have been selected on a seniority basis.

MOTION: Commissioner Rothans moved that Tom Cajka be appointed Chair to the Parks and Recreation Commission and that Fred Manna be appointed Vice. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hersman.

Ayes: Nicholson, Hersman, Rothans, Murray, and Manna.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

COMMISSION ITEMS

Commissioner Nicholson provided an update from the last Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting, which Councilmembers David Lesser and Wayne Powell also attended. He reported that City Treasurer Tim Lilligren, a representative of the Property Owners Association, is working with the scouts to develop a new Scout House and Senior Center. The plan is to use the existing footprint and build a two-story building. The first floor would have 1,000 sq. ft. dedicated to a senior room and the rest would consist of a kitchen and multi-purpose space for all users. The second floor would have dedicated space available to all Scouts and some common space for all users. This would double the amount of space that the Scouts currently have. The Oasis will still be available for the older adults. The budget for this project is \$2.1 million dollars, and the Property Owners Association is contributing \$500,000 in seed money. The Scouts are committed to raising the balance at the local scout level.

Commissioner Nicholson also provided an update on the joint project with Mira Costa High School and the SAC for the Centennial. He reported that Kate Nelson, a former teacher at Mira Costa, is preparing an oral history project that would involve interviewing older adults who lived in Manhattan Beach during the '30s, '40s, '50s and '60s. The students will conduct the interviews and work on the technical production. The SAC is asking the Centennial Committee to contribute \$600 for books for the students to use in conjunction with this project.

Commissioner Nicholson reported that a member of the Leadership Manhattan Beach class is working on a proposal to improve facilities and/or programs for Parks and Recreation and is currently working with Recreation Services Manager Idris Al-Oboudi on a wish list.

Commissioner Manna inquired about the turf installation status at Marine soccer field. Director Gill reported that the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) is currently in the process of fundraising. Commissioner Hersman inquired if AYSO will be paying for the maintenance of the turf. Director Gill reported that the maintenance of the turf will be the responsibility of the City.

Commissioner Rothans inquired about the possibility of Parks and Recreation creating an event or project to celebrate 100 years of Parks and Recreation programs and/or parks. The Commission suggested some possible ideas might include: a competition among staff and possibly other departments; displaying a storyboard with historical photographs of the City's parks; or a publication. The Commissioners also inquired about the status of the challenge coin idea as well in the possibility of selling Centennial flags for the community to display and show their community pride.

Commissioner Manna inquired about the cost of the challenge coin. Commissioner Rothans reported that he had ordered 1,000 challenge coins for the Scouts. The coins were produced using seven colors, were individually numbered, and cost \$3.10 each. The Scouts sold them for \$10.00 each and they were sold out within three months. Commissioner Manna inquired if there is a policy regarding the Commission raising the money and selling Centennial coins.

OTHER

Director Gill updated the Commission on the Capital Improvement Plans (CIPs). He reported that the architect is working quickly and will have drawings to the older adults next week and a special meeting will be scheduled. The Joslyn Center and Manhattan Heights will be closed December 15, 2011 – March 15, 2012. The City is currently working with the School District regarding Begg Pool.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:20 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on Monday, October 24, 2011.