

CORONADO PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
August 13, 2001

Commission Chair Kathy Vienna called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Commission Chair Kathy Vienna, Commissioners Bob Breglio, Walter Heinecke, Jennie Portelli and Tim Sullivan. Also present were Linda Rahn, Director of Recreation and Sandy Goodson, Recording Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the July meeting were approved with the following amendments: Action Item 1, Paragraph 1, of the agenda was corrected to state Kathy Vienna and Tim Sullivan participated in the tour.

Motion: Vienna – Accept the Minutes of the July meeting as corrected.

Second: Breglio

Motion passed all voting aye

AGENDA CHANGES:

Move Informational Item #5, Community Center Program Validation and Design; Proposed Process, to the first item since Jim Benson, Director of Engineering and Project Development is present to give an overview.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

5. **Community Center Program Validation and Design; Proposed Process:** Linda introduced Jim Benson and explained that she felt he could do a better job of explaining the process regarding the design and program validation phase for the Glorietta Bay Master Plan.

Jim Benson explained that he has been with the City for a little over a year and that he and Linda both look at items previously decided and try to figure out what was the intent.

Jim commented on the roles of Design Review, Parks and Recreation and Planning Commissions. He stated that each agency has a different view of the roles of the Commissions.

Jim explained that the City is looking for a way to move forward with the project working with the Architect, Robbins, Jorgenson, Christopher (RJC), and especially Roberta Jorgenson, who will be the lead in the Glorietta Bay Master Plan. We wanted to make the process as compact as we can, but also getting back out to Design Review, our own process, Coastal Commission and the Regional Water Quality Board. We will be dealing with the new regulations of the Regional Water Quality Board.

The Council approved that we can work through 2 or 3 steps at one time. We will look at the programs as we understand them looking at the Master Plan from 1997 and the more recent summary of the Master Plan that Roma completed. The summary dictates that the height limit of the building is 25 feet with the design elements of 28 feet in height, a difference from the original Master Plan.

Jim said that an item that looked to be omitted because of the height restriction was the boathouse under a community room. However, when Council reviewed the Master Plan they said that the boathouse will still be in the Master Plan and it will be our job to figure out where and how.

Tim asked who said the building height is 25 feet. Jim replied that the Council voted for the 25 foot height agreement after receiving many complaints from the Shores residents. He read from the EIR and said that the buildings are to be one story in height, and not to exceed an external height of 25 feet, 28 with design items.

Jim explained that Council approved 2 sub-committees. One sub-committee of Mayor Smisek and Councilmember Monroe to review the Community Center. The second sub-committee of Councilmembers Schmidt and Wilson to review the City Hall.

Jim talked about the EIR and how the EIR only puts a footprint of the buildings, and not how the inside of the building is designed. He explained that there have already been about 2 or 3 different designs of the interior of the buildings, but we will now look to see if there are better ways to arrange the functions of the Community Center and City Hall.

Jim said that the timeline we are looking at is 8-weeks for the initial programming stage and validation. We do not know the exact time for future meetings. He asked the Commission to be flexible to having special meetings in case they need decisions made between their scheduled meetings.

Walt asked Jim what his perception is of the role of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Jim explained that we have documents to use as a guideline, so he believes that the Commission will make recommendations based on those guidelines. In essence, the Commission will make recommendations as to the arrangement inside the 40,000 sq. ft. Community Center.

Linda asked Jim to explain how the sub-committees are going to work and how the Commission is going to be involved in the community meetings. Jim said that he envisions meetings with the sub-committee from the beginning so that we don't set off in a direction they do not want to go.

Walt asked what is the timeline. Jim said that we would like to be done with this within 8 weeks.

Tim asked what the ability is to modify the EIR. Jim said a non-contested item might be able to be changed, but an item such as raising the height limitation would be practically impossible without causing a major delay in the process.

Kathy asked if the Commission would have some representation on the sub-committee. Jim said that the sub-committee was set up as a Council sub-committee for review, but that it doesn't mean that the Commission cannot talk to them. Linda said that perhaps the Commission would like to appoint 2 members to sit on the sub-committee to act as liaison for the Commission.

Linda asked Jim to clarify that program validation also meant validating and confirming what will be happening in this footprint. Jim said yes to the extent that it doesn't change what is in the Master Plan and EIR.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

2. Acceptance of 5-year Work Plan:

Kathy explained that last month Linda came up with ideas that were discussed by the Commission. This list is the result of that discussion.

Linda said the draft is the most current draft and we are hoping to have the Commission either recommend changes or accept this plan and propose it be sent to the Council.

Tim asked Linda if she had the dimensions required for a multi-use facility. Linda responded that an NCAA or high school basketball court is 50 feet by 94 feet. The basket is 10 feet high. Ceiling heights varied. One said 22 feet but 20 feet would work. Volleyball needed a 26 foot ceiling, but in general, 22 feet would be acceptable.

Jennie asked about badminton. Linda said that badminton would fit inside a volleyball court and that you could fit 2 volleyball courts across a basketball court with a little extension on the outside.

Tim asked what the out-of-bounds size were. Linda said generally 5 feet.

Kathy wanted to know what the interior height would be if the exterior height was 25 feet. Linda said that is an architectural question.

Bob mentioned that we also have the questions of what sport activities can be offered in the complex. He said where does the 25 feet height limit start, and is it possible to sink the floor to get the necessary ceiling height inside. He said that once we decide on the programs to be offered, we can continue in one of two ways, try to modify the EIR or sink the floor inside the building.

Bob wanted to know what correspondence we have had with the school district for use of the high school gym. Jennie said that the high school gym is very impacted already. If the high school tried to add another program in the gym there would be no time available for any public use.

Tim stated that Walt was around in the past when the Community Center was discussed. He asked Walt what the discussion was back then. Walt said that there was very limited discussion, maybe 2 times in 1 year. Walt said his understanding was that the gym was multi-use and the height wasn't a problem.

Linda explained that the floor was going to be level with the existing sea wall and the 25 feet would start there. She said that it is important that the Commission find a way to get as many activities as possible in the building within the guidelines that we have been given. She said that we might have basketball courts, but not necessarily NCAA regulation sizes.

Bob asked if we could get a 3-D idea of the framework of the Community Center.

Kathy said that we need to reach for the stars and not say we will take less.

Tim said that he doesn't agree with the parameters in which we have to work. He said we need to stick to the idea that a gym is what the citizens want. Jennie agreed.

Kelly Purvis, 560 C Ave – Kelly said that she doesn't accept the guidelines for the Community Center. She said that all the surveys she has completed since 1988 said basketball court. She said that the middle school has to play in odd hours because the gym is full. She said that last week they tore down the outside basketball courts to make room for a parking lot for the middle school. She said that the Community Center always included a basketball court. She said that we need to build the best Community Center we can so that it will last for the next 50 years.

John Church, 559 H Ave – John said that he runs the adult basketball league and has for the past seven or eight years. He said that he runs 2 or 3 times each year and they play about 3 months. He has about 13 teams per league. He said that they play 2 games crossways on the basketball court for 3 hours allowing 6 games a night. He said that there are currently pick-up games on Saturday and Sunday mornings. He said that he supports the Community Center having basketball courts. Linda asked him the size of the courts when they play in their league. He said that they end up with a court about 2/3 the size of a regular court. He also said that a racquetball court is 20 wide by 40 long by 20 high.

Kaye Schneider, 525 H Ave – Kaye said that she looks to the Parks and Recreation Commission to be the voice of the people. She believes a Community Center should include areas for children. She was concerned when a Council Member mentioned that her idea of a multi-use room was putting a divider in the kitchen. She thanked Bob for the idea of the drop floor. She said that the High School gym is over-used so we need a Community Center with a gym. She would also like to see a picnic area located where she would be able to see both her 3-year old and 10-year old swim. She thanked Linda for her work resolving the tennis issue.

Kathy said we need to have 2 Commissioners on the committee with the Council. She said she would like to participate on the committee.

Tim said that he would like to volunteer also.

Motion: Heinecke - Kathy and Tim be the Commission's representatives on the committee.

Second: Portelli

Motion passed all voting aye.

Bob said after hearing the oral communication he realized that the citizens are not aware of what the Community Center is really going to be.

Walt thinks that citizens should put letters in the Eagle to help build awareness.

Kathy felt that the survey needs to be done soon.

Walt wants to see another area, on the 5-year plan, for teens.

Linda suggested wording for item #4 on the 5-year work plan be "Youth/Teen".

Kathy wants to know if the Commission can go to the School Board to help lay the groundwork for the Joint Use Agreement. Linda is preparing to organize a Joint-Use committee. She said the proposal is to have a Superintendent/City Manager level, Board/Council, Community and staff on the committee.

Motion: Portelli - Accept of the 5-year work plan.

Second: Sullivan

Motion passed all voting aye.

Motion: Vienna - Send the 5-year work plan with a cover letter regarding oral communication to the Council.

Second: Breglio

Motion passed all voting aye.

1. Acceptance of Tennis Review Committee Recommendations:

a. Includes approval of an hour and a half time allotment for doubles games.

Tim said that he thought item 2a, court inspections, should be weekly and not monthly. Bob agreed.

Tim asked whether citizens could call if they found a problem. Linda said that there is a number listed for contacting Public Services on signs located at the tennis courts.

Kathy said that in the past the inspection wasn't in the contract. She suggested trying monthly and if it doesn't work changing it to weekly. Linda said that she believes that monthly will be alright.

Bob wanted to know what is in the caretaker's contract. Linda's said it includes picking up trash, hosing and washing the courts, replacing nets and straps, reporting maintenance concerns to Public Services, reporting needed supplies to Recreation, details cleaning frequencies, and states that it is cleaned with a power broom, and that appropriate waste management and storm drain practices are employed.

Jennie said that the Tennis Committee will continue to meet several times a year.

Kathy asked how the Pro lets people know about the rules regarding tennis instruction on the courts. Linda explained that she is notified about the problem and the person breaking the rule will be told the proper steps to be able to teach on these courts in a professional way.

Bob asked about the exclusive rights clause. He wanted some wording that says if the Pro isn't using the courts at some time of the hour, that the court reverts back to being available for the citizens.

Tim wanted to know how much walk-in business the Pro gets. He also said that if someone is on the court, are they are at-risk of being removed if the Pro needs the court?

Linda asked if the Commission wanted signs posted stating that the Pro might need to move someone in order to provide lessons.

Bob asked who the committee was making recommendation to. Linda said the recommendations are made to the Commission.

Jennie wants to make sure that people can take their children or relatives to play tennis and assist them without getting harassed.

Bob agrees that if the person isn't receiving payment it is alright to use the court. Tim thanked Linda for her negotiations with the Tennis Pro. He wanted to know if Linda talked with Tennis Pro.

Motion: Sullivan – Commission adopt the Committee report.

Second: Heinecke

Motion passed all voting aye.

b. Appointment of additional members to the Tennis Review Committee:

Jennie recommended Rob Moore be added to the committee. Linda said that the thought was to have someone not connected with the CTA or the Commission sit on the committee.

Jennie made a motion to add Rob Moore to the committee.

Tim felt you need an odd number of people on the committee so you don't end up with a tie vote. Bob agreed.

Tim suggested asking Pat or MaryJane to step down from the committee so that Rob Moore could be added. Jennie said that Pat said he might be interested in coming off the committee.

Tim suggested tabling the item until we found out Pat's intention.

Bob said that Jennie should tell the committee that the Commission isn't comfortable with an even number of people on the committee.

Kathy asked if the Commission can adopt that the committee be 5 people with at least one person not being affiliated with the CTA.

Bob stated that he was told by 2 Councilmembers that they don't like sub-committees.

Motion: Kathy – The committee be 5 persons, with 2 non-CTA affiliates.

Second: None

Motion: Item was tabled until next meeting.

3. Proposed Employee Recreation Plan:

Linda said that the proposal in front of the Commission is a program for Active City Employees.

Bob believes the employees should have use of facilities, but families should be afforded residential rates.

Tim doesn't think any distinction should be made.

Jennie said she didn't agree with the golf benefit as stated, but likes the general idea. Tim said that the starter has the discretion to let the employees golf during the twilight period, or to turn them away if public use has occupied all of the slots.

Tim wanted to know if the golf grounds keepers currently golf for free. He also wanted to know if the Golf Director was involved in writing the policy. Linda said that Dave Jones, Director of Golf Course Operations wrote items 2b.

Bob wants to know if the Golf Director lets employees have free golf in the absence of a policy.

Walt asked what the Men and Women's Golf Teams think of the policy.

Kathy wanted to know if we could do this on a trial basis.

Walt said the pool will not be an issue, but the golf course might be. He said that he encourages families to come to the pool and the skatepark.

Tim was interested in how much time the Golf Course is available in the twilight hours.

Motion: Item was tabled until the Commission gets the answers to the questions.

4. Community Survey:

Linda explained that the Community survey will be very important in the Community Center. Linda said that we can get good results with open questions. She also said that we might be able to send these out with the water bill so they will get a good cross section of the community's responses.

Walt was concerned that using the water bill might eliminate a lot of people because some places like the shores get a community water bill and not everyone will receive the survey. Linda said that she will look into the problem.

Bob suggested sending it out in the Eagle. Linda said that could bias the results because only people who read the newspaper would answer the survey.

Linda said that we could send out the survey and if there might be a bias, we could list the bias with the results. She expressed concern that we need to do this soon.

Linda asked if the Commission is open to adding an additional meeting. Tim suggested the Commission be given 3 business days notice.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

6. Director's Report:

Linda said the Commission Agenda packet contains an attachment regarding our new Teen Program. She explained that Jim O'Brien and Colin Stewart are running the program. They have a name, "Island Adventure", and a logo. They are planning a meeting with Linda and Nancy Girvin, the new Middle School Principle to introduce Colin and Jim and work out a plan to have lunchtime activities. She explained that she has set goals for Jim and Colin and they have to identify which goals an activity meets.

Bob wanted to know about the Skatepark. Linda explained that the time will be cut down during the fall. She explained that our new registrations will go down. We are currently selling more new registrations than \$5.00 or \$3.00 tickets.

Tim asked about the wading pool policy. Linda explained we are trying a policy that permits parents in the wading pool with their children, with no time limits, but making sure there aren't too many people in the pool at one time.

Bob asked about kiddy time at the Skatepark. Linda said the little ones usually skate between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Teens usually skate between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. while the adults usually skate between 9:00 a.m. and noon. She said that the Skatepark is rather self policing, with the patrons establishing popular times and etiquette for their age groups.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Prepared by:

Approved by:
