

CORONADO PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
December 10, 2001

Commission Chair Kathy Vienna called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners: Kathy Vienna, Bob Breglio, Jennie Portelli and Tim Sullivan. Student
Rep. Jamal Motlagh
Absent: Walt Heinecke and Student Rep: Thomas Hopkins
Staff: Linda Rahn, Director of Recreation and Sandy Goodson,
Administrative Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: Sullivan – Accept the Minutes of the October meeting.

Second: Breglio

Motion passed all voting aye

AGENDA CHANGES:

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Community Center Design Development Status:

Kathy explained that the City Council Sub Committee met and had agreed on a proposal to forward to the full City Council for approval. She said that the proposal includes 3 main rooms: a large banquet room, a multi-purpose court and the playhouse. She explained that the multi-purpose court is 5950 sq. ft. and the banquet room will seat about 200 people with a dance floor and bar-serving area. There will also be some activity rooms and a fitness room with a climbing wall.

Tim explained that the multi-purpose court would also be able to have 2 side-by-side courts, which are about the same size currently used by the recreation program for their basketball leagues.

Jamal said that he felt the court was a good size for pick-up games since the 3-point range and the free-throw lines are preserved.

Margaret Richardson, 435 G Ave., asked how many of the Commissioners were able to talk with the basketball coaches at the high school regarding the size of the court. She said that the standard for high school courts is 88-ft. She believes that the extra area at the end of the court could be shortened to make the court longer.

Ed Chapman, 1111 Coronado Ave., asked who is going to present the proposal to the Council. Linda said the architect. Ed said that he feels we need to clarify the names of the buildings involved. Ed said that he never believed that we would get this far. He said that he would love to see an 88 ft. court, but he doesn't want to see any deal breakers.

Kathy explained that the size of the "great room" is about twice the size of the current Recreation Center. She said there would probably be some dividers so the room could also be used for smaller groups.

Carrie Downey, 319 D Ave., said thank you to everyone on the Commission. She would also like to see the court lengthened by shortening the end, and padding the walls.

Margaret Quackenbush, 440 Pomona, said that if we are going forward with the Community Center she would like to see the court at 88-ft.

Jennie said that she would like to see it done right, but she doesn't want to see a deal breaker either.

Tim suggested we look at who will be using the court. He said we aren't going to be having the Lakers play here. He feels that we are better with the wider width so we can play 2 courts side-by-side.

Carrie asked if we would have bleachers. Kathy said no, but there would be some room for some chairs.

Jamal said that if they added the length to the court to make it regulation size, that you would need bleachers for spectators which would take room from other areas. Kathy said we need to keep in mind that the Community Center is for the citizens of Coronado.

Kathy said that she is very pleased and that she feels we owe a lot to the sub-committee, and the citizens for their involvement.

Bob asked if our court is only 75 ft., will that limit us from participating in inter-city leagues. Linda explained that most city leagues participate in SCMAF (Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation). SCMAF does not limit their participation based on the size of their courts or fields. Linda said that she would call her contacts at SCMAF to make sure a 75-ft. court would not limit our participation in their leagues.

Tim said that he would also like to thank the sub-committee for their work on the proposal and the community for their support in the process.

Motion: Sullivan – The Commission should send a letter to the Council in support of the proposal being submitted by the sub-committee regarding the Community Center.

Second: Portelli

Bob said that he would like Linda to get an answer from SCMAF before we forward the letter.

Motion passed all voting aye

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. Director's Report:

A. Joint Use Agreement:

Linda explained that the City Council approved the concept of the Joint Use Agreement between the City and the School District. City and School District Staff will be getting together to write a proposal. The City wants more access to classrooms, gymnasium and fields. The District wants assistance in maintaining the fields at an optimum level.

Kathy said she is concerned about the money the City will be paying to the School District without knowing exactly how much time we will have in the gym. Linda explained that we will know how much time we will have in the gym, and that money will not be exchanging hands. The District would like our staff's expertise, knowledge and assistance in maintaining their fields.

B. Breakfast with Santa:

Linda invited the Commission to attend our annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. She said that the little fire truck and safety duck will be there along with Santa and it should be a good time for all.

C. Annual Pool Maintenance:

Linda explained that we have finished the maintenance on the dive pool and it is reopened. There have been some snags in the maintenance of the main pool that might cause a minor delay.

D: Olympic Torch Relay:

Linda explained that the City has been chosen as a host city for the Olympic Torch Relay as it passes through San Diego County. The ceremony will be held at Spreckels Park on Monday, January 14, 2002, from approximately 1:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. We received our banners that will be hung on Orange Ave.

3. Commissioner's Report:

Jennie said that Rob Moore was elected to be on the board of the CTA. She said that the high school court was covered with black tire marks and wanted to know if there was anything Linda could do. Linda said that we are looking for signs that correctly state the Municipal Court so that the rules can be enforced. Jennie said that the trash cans at the library courts are full and need to be cleaned.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Prepared by:

Approved by:
