

CORONADO PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting
December 11, 2006

Chairman Bob Breglio called the meeting to order at 4:11 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners: Bob Breglio, George Powell, Steve Sandberg
Absent: Nancy Blair, Phil Hammett
Staff: Linda Rahn, Director of Recreation and Amanda Thomas, Acting
Administrative Secretary

AGENDA CHANGES:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: Sandberg motioned to delete the statement, "Rahn cited the City Attorney as saying you cannot reference them, but you can have a clear definition of Parks" in the third paragraph, section 3 of the November 13, 2006 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting minutes. Breglio stated that it was repetitive to what was said in the first and sixth paragraphs in Section 3.

Second: Powell

Motion passed all voting aye.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Frank Spitzer, 705 D Avenue, stated he wants an opportunity to use the track at the Coronado H.S. Rahn stated that there is some background for joint use agreement at the H.S. and she will research this. Powell stated that it might be found in the Education code, not the Municipal code or city records. Rahn stated it will be added to the agenda if we can get some more information. Sandberg would like this followed up with the Ordinance specifically.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Director's Report:

- a. Holiday activities and events:** Rahn gave an update on Holiday events, i.e. Breakfast with Santa, Letters to Santa, Chamber of Commerce Holiday Open House, Snow Mountain and craft booths.

- b. Port District – No smoking ban for Port District parks and properties:** Port District has approved the no smoking ban for their properties. Rahn informed the Commission that in San Diego County the norm would soon be no smoking on public property throughout the County.

2. Commissioners' Reports:

Breglio commented on the Nautilus Room. He stated the city Holiday Party was beautifully done. Breglio asked about how caterers utilize the facility. Rahn explained it depends on the caterer and how they want to utilize our kitchen. Caterers have the option of preparing food on or off the premises. Rahn explained how caterers are chosen and that the Rec. Dept. keeps a list on hand of qualified caterers. She stated that the caterer is the choice of the individual and it is up to them to decide who they choose.

ACTION ITEMS:

3. Review of Proposed Schedule for Park and Recreation Board Meetings in 2007:

Motion: Breglio motioned to accept the Agenda for 2007 Park and Rec. Board meetings.

Second: Sandberg

Motion passed all voting aye.

4. Golf Balls on the Tennis Courts at Glorietta Bay Tennis Center: Rahn stated that research has been done on golf balls hitting the tennis courts in the past. She said that there is no one particular spot where balls are coming in. Rahn said that recently she's had more complaints and wanted to put it on the agenda to make the Board more aware. Rahn said that she is having the Tennis Center staff record where and when the balls are coming from. She wanted to know if there was something that could be done feasibly without affecting golf or tennis play. She stated that she will meet with Scott Huth and Dave Jones to see what other solutions might be available.

Rahn stated that she is not sure yet what steps can be taken practically and economically so that the residents don't have their views impacted but that the tennis players can play without the worry of injury.

Rahn said that her concern is a liability issue. Breglio stated that the City has the same risk for the public just walking down the street. Breglio stated he would really want to see the statistics. He stated the problem exists with liability on both sides. He suggested that he'd seen a light green fabric-type tall fence. Powell stated that you can still see it and the residents might not like this.

Powell said that he's never heard of any complaints like this before from any of the tennis players and golfers that he knows.

Sandberg stated that the status would be to find out how many players are out at specific days and times on both the Tennis courts and Golf course. He said we should establish criteria on how the data is collected.

Rahn said that most of the complaints are coming from parents who are watching their children take lessons.

Motion: No motion made.

5. Report of Allowable References in the Municipal Code (Rahn): Rahn stated that she did not connect with the City Attorney on this and will have to follow up next time with what is permitted. She stated that the Board should go ahead with what her recommendations are. She said then she could take something concrete back to the City Attorney.

Motion: No motion made.

6. Boardmembers report on the Municipal Code and Their Suggestions:

Sandberg stated that he started reviewing the general plan. He stated that interest for this came from Chapter C. He stated that there are 31 references within the Code that relate to parks. Rahn asked if Sandberg found a definition of parks. He stated that it said the definition of parks. This would be a logical title. Title 2 – Sandberg wondered why the definition would be under Organization and not parks. He stated there seems to be some miscommunication between the Municipal Code and the City of Coronado website and that it is not terribly definitive as to what the park is.

Rahn stated that Community Development is responsible for sign code enforcement. Chapter 48 is more specific to being clear for beaches and golf courses, and that there is nothing really stating regulations and codes specific to parks.

Powell stated that he thought the task was to navigate through the City's website to see if they could get through it smoothly. He stated it would be difficult for an average person to look up some specific codes through our website. He said that some were more clear than others. He said that the website listed only 9 parks. Powell stated he liked Rahn's idea for a Parks Chapter. He said that it would be convenient to search through all the ordinances and codes and find all the park information and put it all under one place so it would be easier than finding all references to parks.

Breglio stated he found pretty much the same thing as Powell did. Breglio had a computer printout on the screen. He said he supported the idea of having a Park section and considering the idea to take that one section for simplicity and splitting it up into 3 subsections. He stated that the idea he walked away with after many hours of research, is that the Titles seem to wander. He said that a separate section under Title 48 would be helpful and that Title 48 needs a lot of rewrite and organization to pull that off. Breglio stated that he believes it is hard to navigate through the Municipal Code.

He stated Title 48 falls short of providing the reader with what he thinks he's going to get when he opens up that section. He stated that he would like to continue trying to put together this information.

Rahn said that most park references are in Use of Public Property, Ordinance 1513, chapter 40.48. Rahn stated most of what is in Title 40 is what she would have looked for in the parks section. She stated that she would like to duplicate this information and put it in the Parks section. Rahn said that the City Attorney stated we couldn't do that. Sandberg said that when you look up parks on the website, you get more generic information than when you look at the code.

Breglio pulled up the definition of park. Powell stated that it does not define the park. Sandberg said it would not be that easy to track or go from one element to another. Powell stated that we really need a chapter in the Municipal code that talks specifically about parks. Rahn stated that one of her suggestions was that Chapter 40.48 might be easier and better if it's located in the Section on parks, beaches, and harbors. She said if it is more appropriate in the parks section, she will make that recommendation to the City Attorney.

Breglio said that the ordinances have too many references. Rahn wanted to know if we were just researching or are we going to come up with a common reference. Breglio stated we should come up with a couple of very hard examples pulled right out of ordinances and titles and state that they don't make sense and modify or move them and then we could get a validation or recommendation from the City Attorney.

Powell said he wants to know about the signage and do we need to research this to fulfill the signage requirement or do we even need to worry about signs.

Breglio stated we should pull together the language in the codes and ordinances to see what is there to determine the signage. Sandberg stated that the signage cites the Ordinance. Powell said it would be convenient to pick up one piece of paper to look at when someone calls with a question or a definition about a park.

Breglio stated he has to do some research just on signs. Breglio asked, wasn't it their intent to find aesthetically appealing signs for the parks? Sandberg asked if the parks have to have signs. Breglio stated you can't enforce an ordinance without a sign. Rahn stated to have continuity of the signs and how they read, and aesthetic value of the sign was a main goal.

Powell said maybe we need to start at square one and decide what are the problems that we have with the parks in Coronado. Breglio said that his vote has always been enforcement of the Ordinances that are posted. Powell asked if we should make an effort to put the signs up and let P.D. do what they can. Breglio stated he's gained more experience by looking at codes & titles.

Sandberg said he thinks we can go back and individually research for ourselves for the Director. He stated that they should specifically identify a limited number of items that would be violations of the Municipal Code and then they would need to be posted in the 22 parks. Powell agreed. Powell also stated he would like an official or unofficial book on codes in case he needed it for the public.

Breglio wanted to know what we have on the agenda for January. Rahn stated she doesn't have the list of topics or items with her at this time.

Breglio suggested that we don't drop this topic. He said he would like to put a continuation of the signage conversation on the January agenda. Breglio stated we should try to resolve where we are going with this at the next meeting and that they shouldn't drop the idea of this reference in the Municipal code. Rahn would like a listing of the parks and a definition of the parks. Rahn stated permits need to be added, that would be a start and then she could ask the City Attorney. She stated it is clear we need a definition and a reference of the parks.

Motion: Breglio asked staff to prepare a draft recommendation for the meaning of a park and a review of the existing Municipal code and titles to rectify and enforce. He would like a draft proposal for the definition of parks to look into in January.

Motion passed all voting aye.

Breglio wished a Happy New Year and Merry Christmas to all.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Amanda Thomas

Bob Breglio