CORONADO PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
Regular Meeting
December 9, 2002

Board Chairperson Jennie Portelli called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners: Jennie Portelli, Bob Breglio, Nancy Blair and Phil Hammett
Absent: Tim Sullivan
Staff: Linda Rahn, Director of Recreation and Sandy Goodson, Administrative Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: Breglio motioned to accept the November 18th minutes as written.
Second: Hammett
Motion passed all voting aye with Sullivan absent.

AGENDA CHANGES:

Jennie asked to do item 3 first since there were people in the audience wishing to discuss the issue.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Bob said there was graffiti by the central beach restrooms. He said there was no sign posted in the area to let citizens know whom to call. Linda said that Public Services has a 24-hour phone line to call with problems.

Jennie asked about dance classes on Saturday mornings. Linda said she forwarded the request from the last meeting to Stacy Berman, Youth Recreation Supervisor.

Jennie said that she contacted the School District for a student representative for the Park and Recreation Board. She is waiting for a call back.

ACTION ITEMS:

3. **Potential conflict with use of the High School Tennis Courts:** Jennie summarized the current agreement between the City of Coronado and the Coronado Unified School District. She explained that Dr. Wheeler, Superintendent of Coronado Schools, submitted a letter to the City requesting the City to vacate the current agreement. Linda explained that the School District would like to speed up the construction at the high school and would like to put portable trailers on the tennis courts to meet the needs of the students. Linda reviewed the responsibility of the City and the School District regarding the tennis courts.

   Margaret Richardson, 435 G Ave., stated that the Coronado Tennis Association supports clinics, tournaments, provides scholarships and replaces nets at the High School courts. She said that agreement states the land is for lighted racket games only. She walked around the school and found alternate areas that trailers could be located.

   Margaret Quackenbush, 440 Pomona, said she hopes that the Board will recommend keeping our tennis courts.

   Rob Moore, 751 Coronado Ave., stated that it has taken 29 years to get the High School courts in the shape they are in. He said the courts are used by the USTA and for classes for Coronado High School and Middle School. He also said that the High School Tennis coach is proposing to have the High School Tennis Teams practice at the Cays Tennis Courts from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily for 8 months each year. He said that he is concerned with Dr. Wheeler's comment that the school district will replace the tennis courts at the same site or an alternate site. He is concerned because it took the School District so long to get the courts into good shape and also because of the tax cuts the State is proposing.

   Sharon Lawson, 448 I Ave., said that if there is a commitment, it should be honored. She is also concerned that portable classrooms would damage the tennis courts. She said that she believes tennis is a great sport. She said that the tennis teams need a dressing room/meeting room for after games to meet with the coaches.

   Mary Jane Clements, 745 I Ave., said she was born and raised in Coronado. She heard that the tennis courts were going to be put at Crown School and wanted to know where the children would play. She wanted to know if the courts would be replaced within one year.

   Kathy Jones, 455 B Ave., said that change could be good. She is concerned because there is a plan to take away a resource and no plan for replacing it.

Jim Lawson, 448 I Ave., said that he is surprised that the School District is considering replacing the tennis courts with trailers. He is concerned for the students regarding the loss of available places for tennis.

Phil thanked the citizens for their input. He believes that once the lighted tennis courts are gone, we will have a hard time getting another residential area to allow the lighted courts in their neighborhood.

Nancy said that there is plenty of School District property for trailers other than on the tennis courts and that if the School District is planning on putting a pool at the high school, there is room other than on the tennis courts.

Bob said that he understands the School District need for space for construction. He agrees with Phil that in letting go a resource as in the lights it is very difficult to get them back.

Phil asked if the agreement is currently in effect. Linda said it is current. Linda said that article 14 of the agreement states that the City has the discretion to renew the agreement up to 25 years.

Nancy asked if the City has more control over the courts. Jennie said yes.

Linda said the City Council will act on the letter received from Dr. Wheeler.

Jennie asked what the Park and Recreation Board should do. Linda said they could make a motion to forward the information from citizens to the City Council and that putting trailers on the tennis courts will impact the tennis community.

Bob would like to know the urgency by the school district and what is the impact of putting the trailers on the tennis courts. He wants more information before we can act. Linda said we aren't charged with acting on the issue but rather to pass on information to the City Council letting them know that the City will lose an important resource and there is no provision to replace that resource.

Jennie said that she believes it is the Board's responsibility to let the City Council know what the people are saying. She said we should tell them of the citizens' concern for losing the lighted courts and the possibility of not being able to have more lighted courts in other areas.

Motion: Portelli moved to write a letter to the City Council reflecting 1) that the School District is requesting that the Lease Agreement be rescinded 2) that the members of the Park and Recreation Board and members of the Community feel strongly that this action needs to be thoroughly looked at 3) that the location of the tennis courts where they currently are needs to be preserved 4) the letter should include the impact or consequences that are likely to occur if these courts are taken away.

Second: Blair
Motion passed all voting aye with Sullivan absent.

Jennie said that she would like a copy of this letter to be sent to Dr. Marilyn Wheeler and to the School Board.

2. Modification of ordinance prohibiting skating/skateboarding on public streets and sidewalks: Phil said that items A – D of the ordinance make sense. Item E (prohibiting skating/skateboarding after dark) and F (prohibiting skating/skateboarding in streets or roadways) are where he raises questions. He said that item F should be removed.

Jennie said that she was concerned about children skateboarding at night. Phil suggested leaving item E because it deals with skating/skateboarding at night.

Bob said that item F didn't make any since. He asked if the wording used was due to legal issues or liability issues. He also stated that our police don't actively enforce against rollerblades in the streets.

Jennie asked why the ordinance says you can't interfere with traffic when you can't rollerblade/skateboard in the streets. She suggested that Phil meet with Lt. Lawton. Phil said he would.

Motion: Portelli motioned to have Phil meet with Lt. Lawton to come up with suggestions for items E and F in order to decrease punitive measures against skateboards/rollerblades specific to Chapter 56.28 of the Municipal Code and to facilitate the use of skateboards/rollerblades as a means of transportation.
Second: Breglio
Motion passed all voting aye with Sullivan absent.

1. Teen Music Events: Phil said that Rich Giglio runs the "Blues Jam" at Island Salon. Mr. Giglio offered to find bands and sound systems for teen programs if the City could find a place. He said that he thought this would be for teens through age 21. Phil said that we would want to separate age groups, middle school, high school, etc. Phil asked about using the Skatepark as a facility.

Bob asked if the teens would jam with the bands. Phil said no, this is more like a dance or music event.

Linda said we hoped that the Park and Recreation Board would look at ways to support this concept and help get the community involved.

Nancy asked if the bands could perform at other venues such as school lunches, school dances, Spreckels Park, etc. Linda said that one idea would be to go to

the school district to have an event but it would limit the activity to students from those schools only.

Nancy suggested an event before the "Concert in the Park" for teens in the Spreckels Park. Phil thought it was a good idea because of the lack of facilities.

Linda suggested something at the beach to possibly include volleyball and bar-b-que during the summer daytime hours.

Jennie suggested that the CTA might be able to make a donation.

Bob said doing outdoor activities is a good idea because people in the community have seen us try teen centers that haven't worked. He suggested trying events on a trial basis and that we need to identify our target groups.

Phil said we do need a venue for these events. Nancy again suggested Spreckels Park.

There was general concern for the need to restrict the events to Coronado Teens. Linda suggested that we only advertise in Coronado.

Motion: Hammett motioned for the Board to meet with Rick to set forth another meeting with Linda Rahn and staff to see if it would be feasible to move forward with events at Spreckels Park.
Second: Blair
Motion passed all voting aye with Sullivan absent.

4. **Review and Recommendations regarding Recreation information available on the City Website. www.coronado.ca.us:** Linda asked the Board member to look at our website and give comments.

5. **Park and Recreation Boardmembers' retreat:** Linda explained that many Boards have retreats for training and to enlighten all of us and asked if this Board is interested. All Boardmembers were interested.

6. **Proposed 2003 Park and Recreation Board Meeting Schedule:** Linda asked the Board to review the proposed meeting schedule for 2003.

Motion: Portelli made a motion to accept the proposed schedule for the 2003 Park and Recreation Board meetings.
Second: Blair
Motion passed all voting aye with Sullivan absent.

7. **Invitation to attend Breakfast with Santa event:** Linda invited all the Boardmembers to attend the up-coming Breakfast With Santa.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. Board Members' Report:

No information was reported by the Board.

9. Director's Report

D. **Holiday Special Events:** Breakfast with Santa to be held on December 14. We are accepting Letters to Santa through December 13. We participated in the holiday parade with 2 floats. Our teens were on one float and our Performing Company and After School Kids were on the second float. We had a craft booth, magician and performances by the Performing Company.

Bob asked if the parade could be little floats decorated with lights created by the community. Phil said that suggestions should be made to the Chamber of Commerce. Linda said maybe the teens could make a small float.

E. **Municipal Pool Annual Maintenance - status:** Annual maintenance is being done as preventative maintenance. We are doing an acid wash, small patches, servicing the pumps. The Dive Pool is scheduled to open Wednesday and the Main Pool by next Monday.

B. **Skatepark voted "Best Teen Activity" by Coronado Lifestyles Magazine:** The Skatepark is receiving an award at the Chamber's Sundowner to be held on Wednesday evening between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the Coronado Golf Course Clubhouse. The Board members are invited to attend and receive the award on behalf of the Recreation Department.

C. **Community Center – Status:** We have been successful in working out details with the Navy for use of their pool. We will use the Island Pool for our competitive teams. The Navy will supply the lifeguards and we will pay for them. Many of our lifeguards can be employed by the navy during this period. We will have to arrange busing for the teams. We are continuing to work with the Shores on use of their pool for water aerobics, lessons and lap swim.

As a result of the November election vote, we will be increasing the length of the Community Center by 10 feet so that the basketball court will be 94 feet long. In addition, the exterior height over the gymnasium will be raised to 35 feet. Linda said that Sandy Ferguson, Ed Chapman and Phil Monroe measured the interior height of the high school gym and it was 23 feet.

Jennie asked if the letter being sent to the City Council regarding the High School tennis courts could be e-mailed to the Board Members and a copy sent to the School District.

Nanci asked if private people are allowed to teach tennis on the City's tennis courts. Linda said that if they go through a process to get licensed and receive a permit from the Recreation Department, they could teach on our courts. The applicant would need a City Business License, to be fingerprinted, have a background check, have a certificate of liability insurance listing the City as additional insured, notify Phil Hopkins and pay some fees that will be used to support youth tennis programs. They cannot reserve the court in advance. They use the same reservation process as everyone else.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Prepared by: **Approved by:**