CORONADO PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
FEBRUARY 10, 2003

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners: Jennie Portelli, Nancy Blair, Bob Breglio, Phil Hammett and George Powell
Absent: None
Staff: Linda Rahn, Director of Recreation and Sandy Goodson, Administrative Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: Hammett motioned to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2003 meeting.
Second: Blair
Motion passed all voting aye.

AGENDA CHANGES:

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Phil asked why Bradley Field had a lock on the gate. Linda explained that the gates are locked because of field refurbishment.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Director's Report:

A. **Introduction of new board member – George Powell:** Jennie introduced George Powell and asked him to say a little about himself. George is a retired naval officer and has been in Coronado for 7 years. His kids were active in sports in Coronado and he was active with the boosters.

B. **Recreation Program relocation during construction - Status:** Linda said we believe we will have use of the Masonic Lodge for youth programs. We are working with Strand to locate many of our classes. We will continue to use the schools year-round. We are working with the Shores for use of Roeder Pavilion and their pools for Jazzercise, lap swim, water aerobics and some lessons. We will have use of the Navy Island Pool for our team facility users. We are working

with the Marriott and will talk with the Hotel Del after we hear back from the Shores.

C. **Community Center - Status:** We are almost complete with the plans for the Community Center.

D. **Swimming Pool replacement plan – recap and status:** Linda asked Bill Cecil to give a current construction timeline and how we can expedite the construction of the pool. Bill gave an overview of the project from the beginning. He explained that the designs would be finished within the next few months. The goal is to bid the project this summer with ground breaking the end of August. The construction period will be approximately 14 months.

Bill said that the construction plan is to demolish everything in Glorietta Bay Master Plan at one time. The buildings and pools will be put on pylons. This is because of liquefaction concerns. The pylon driving will continue during the early part of the construction time. Bill said that there is concern that if the pool shell was built while there is still pylon driving, there could be damage to the shell. Because of these concerns, we will do the entire foundation (for the Master Plan) work at one time.

Linda said that the plans are not complete so it appears that we will be able to keep the pool open through the summer. She explained that one contractor will be hired for the entire project, but that contractor will probably sub-contract with a contractor to do the pool.

Linda said that if the pool is completed before the remainder of the project, we could open it early if we get appropriate portable facilities, if it is safe, and it can be done logistically and practically.

Jim Farquhar, 39 Blue Anchor Cay Rd.; asked if we know for certain that you can't drive the pylons next to pool, or is it just speculation. He said that the pool is set up to withstand an earthquake.

Bill said that because of unsupported walls and the water table we are dealing with, it is best not to do the pool while the pylons are being driven. When asked, Bill said that with enough technology, anything is possible. Jim said that he would like to see the pool being finished as soon as possible. He submitted some request to have as little downtime as possible signed by other pool users. He said that he appreciates the Recreation Department listening to their concerns.

Randy Burgess, 730 G Ave.; said he wanted to thank Linda Rahn for what she has done since joining the Recreation Department. He was concerned about how information is given out. He said that he heard from Lori Burke about one month ago that the construction was going to take 18 months and start in June of

this year. He asked how far from the pool could the pylons be driven before it affects the pool and can the pylons be drilled instead of driven? He is asking that we keep the pool closed for the shortest length of time possible.

Bill said the final design for the foundation hasn't been completed so the location and depth of the pylons haven't been decided. There is a possibility of drill vs. driving the pylons; the decision will be determined by the soil (soil engineer's report). Jim Benson said that with the pump station construction, we encountered water in a hole we were driving and we had to clean the water before we put it back into the bay. The cost of all of this and the direction of the environmental agency will force which direction we go.

Kevin Vienna, 211 F Ave.; thanked Linda and the City Council for the gymnasium that will be part of the Community Center. He also thanked them for the information about the pool. He said that he hopes that the City is committed to keeping the pool closed for as short of a time as possible.

Bob Breglio asked Bill if this land is built on fill. Bill said yes.

ACTION ITEMS:

6. Acceptance of "Coronado Standards and Expectations for Tennis" from the Tennis Review committee: Jennie explained that the Tennis Review Committee came up with a handbook for tennis in Coronado. They met over a 2-year period of time, inviting guests (tennis players in Coronado) and came up with the Coronado Standards and Expectations for Tennis.

Linda said we are submitting the Standards of Tennis for acceptance. If approved, these standards would detail what the community wants in tennis so future decisions can be made.

Phil asked why the Tennis Pro is separate from the Tennis Director or Tennis Manager. He is concerned about conflict between the people. Linda explained that the titles were a way of identifying individuals and their function.

Phil asked about the "no activity except tennis on the courts" and wanted to know if roller hockey could be played on the courts. Linda said in her experience tennis and roller hockey are not compatible.

George asked what the committee meant when they said to enhance the tennis center to provide an environment that might draw more teens.

Mary Jane Clements, 745 J Ave.; said that at one meeting a discussion was held about the lack of items to help attract teens to the tennis center. They discussed having a VCR to watch tennis matches or computers to check ratings and so on. They don't want it to become a video arcade.

George asked about having Recreation Board members on the selection committee. He thought the Board would make recommendations, not be on a selection committee. Linda explained that they are on the committee to give input and make a recommendation, however, the council makes the ultimate decision.

Bob asked if membership in the CTA is limited to residents, and if not what are the terms.

Margaret Richardson, 435 G Ave.; said that membership is not limited to residents. The fee is the same. Membership is required to participate in the leagues and residents would pay about $5.00 less than non-residents. She said that she doesn't have exact numbers, but the non-residents are less than 20% of the total membership.

Bob asked about the section dealing with non-resident fees. Linda said that section is in regards to lessons or classes and does not apply to the CTA.

Bob asked why the committee is suggesting a 2-year review and not an annual review. Linda said they wanted to establish a periodic review. She said the City is on a 2-year budget cycle and that is probably why she put 2 years.

Bob asked about the management of the pro shop. Linda said that the Tennis Pro gets his revenue from lessons and the pro shop's sales. Linda said that the Tennis Pro owns the inventory in the Pro Shop.

Nancy asked if other Pros could teach for pay on Coronado courts. Linda said that the current Pro can hire other Pros to teach and the head Pro would set the payment schedule. A person can go through an application process to be a guest Pro. Guest Pros pay rent to the City of Coronado; the rent is used for Youth Tennis Programs. Guest Pros set their own rate.

Bob asked if there are problems with the Tennis Center facility. Jennie said the roof leaks and the wood seems to be termite eaten. Bob asked if a structural analysis was done at the Tennis Center. Linda said that basically it is structurally sound.

Bob said he thinks the Tennis Center facility could play a bigger role in recreation in this community.

Jennie said the CTA spoke with an architect to draw up plans to have the Tennis Center remade. The architect is trying to make it in the same footprint that it is currently.

Margaret Richardson, 435 G Ave; said that there are over 400 members in the CTA. She said that the CTA strongly supports this document because it would greatly improve Tennis in Coronado. Margaret read a note from Libby Pendleton also supporting the document.

Phil Hopkins, 1540 10th St.; stated that he is the City's Tennis Professional. He wanted to go on record as saying he is not in support of what is written here. He said that previous Director Robert Caesar put this commission together and insisted Phil be a member of the tennis review committee. It was accepted by the board and then the City Manager took Phil off the board. He thinks it is a poorly written document.

Bob asked Phil if we could get a copy of the changes he is recommending.

Pat McMahon, 1533 Ynez Pl.; endorses the document. He said that he has seen change in tennis and that we do need a set of guidelines and standards.

Kathy Jones, 455 B Ave.; thinks we need a document to help make tennis what we want it to be in Coronado.

Rob Moore, 751 Coronado Ave.; is on the board of the CTA. He also supports the document. He said they put a lot of time and effort into the document. He said they tried to remove the emotions from the document.

Mary Jane Clements, 745 J Ave.; is on the committee. She said they put a lot of thought and effort into the document. She said the CTA thought the City needed some standards. She said that many of the CTA members play tennis off the island and see things that are offered to the tennis community.

Mark Alexander, 824 C Ave.; endorses the document.

Nancy asked why Phil was taken off the committee. Linda said the City Manager thought that it was a conflict of interest. At the time the Tennis Review Committee was appointed there were some specific conflicts regarding the tennis pro that were being resolved.

Phil asked if the CTA is an advisor to the Director. Jennie said that the CTA wants to oversee tennis in Coronado. Linda said the document says that CTA is an advisory committee.

Nancy asked is the ultimate decision in hiring the tennis pro made by the CTA. Linda said the City Council has the ultimate decision once the selection team makes a recommendation.

Bob asked where the statement, “May enter into agreement or permit with the City to be responsible for services at City owned facility”, is going. Linda said it is leaving a door open for options for management of tennis.

Bob said that it would be possible for private hands to manage tennis in Coronado. Linda said not private hands, but a non-profit organization much like our Senior Center.

Bob asked how access by the public would be affected. Linda said it could be set up that non-members pay a fee and members play for free.

Motion: Phil motioned to accept the Coronado Standards and Expectations for Tennis.

Second:

Bob wants to wait to hear the suggestions from Phil. Nancy agreed.

Linda said the approval of this document doesn’t affect the next step in the process. If the decision is for the City to enter into agreement with tennis pro, the document will still need to be done. She said that there is a desire to open the bid for a new contract to all tennis pros, and not to automatically extend the current contract.

Linda said that we would need to have a public hearing. Her job is to present different options for providing tennis in Coronado.

Jennie said that the tennis community spoke in this document. Nancy said she wants to hear from Phil.

Motion: Nancy motioned that the Board receive a copy of Phil Hopkins suggestions to the document.

Second: Breglio

Motion passed all voting aye.

2. Received Recommendations regarding Recreation information available on the City Website: Linda thanked Bob for his comments. Bob said he thought the Website was very well done.

Linda explained that this was a request for Board input.

No action taken.

3. **Links Golf Course proposal information:** Jennie said the information provided by Bob was great. Bob said this is a dead issue.

   No action taken.

4. **Fostering Communications with the School District:** Jennie said she talked with Tom Smisek. He said there was a committee that dealt with large items between the School District and the City. He said if the City Council wanted more information from the Park and Recreation Board they would ask.

   Linda explained that the committee was not a standing committee and there is no sub-committee appointed at this time.

   Kat**hy Vienna, 211 F Ave.;** said she brought this idea up at the School Board meeting last month. She believes it is important to have a standing committee that meets monthly to try to build some camaraderie between the two entities. She also thanked Linda for the update on the pool.

   Bob asked Kathy if the School Board had standing boards on different subjects. Kathy said they are probably established on an as needed basis.

   Bob said he was approached by two people wanting us to work with the School District for use of facilities for adult basketball and softball.

   Jennie asked how the Board could foster communication as part of a joint committee. Phil suggested putting it as a future item. Jennie said that we could write a letter.

   Bob agreed with Phil.

   No action taken.

5. **Acceptance of revised Five Year Work Plan:** Jennie said it looks good.

   Bob asked if Glorietta Bay Master Plan is really item one. Linda advised to leave it as the first item for the time being because there will be a lot of decisions made over the next 2 years.

   Bob thought the teen item should be moved up on list. He believes that youth and teen should be first. Linda said we could use bullet points instead of numbers if it would help.

   Phil suggested bullets. Everyone agreed.

Motion: Bob motioned to accept the document as presented but with bullets instead of numbers.

Second: Portelli

Motion passed all voting aye.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. **Commissioner's Report:** Jennie said that she is still trying to get a student board member. Phil suggested that we get a Junior rather than a Senior.

   Nancy asked about the sprinklers in Spreckels Park. Linda passed the information on to the Public Services Director.

   Jennie said the CTA had an event at the Tennis Center and the floor was really dirty. She said that it has since been clean and it looks great.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Prepared by: **Approved by:**