

CORONADO PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting
January 8, 2007

Vice Chair Nancy Blair called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

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

AGENDA CHANGES:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Powell motioned to amend the minutes of the December 11, 2006 meeting starting with: "Breglio asked staff to prepare a draft recommendation" (1st sentence, last motion) He motioned we change the minutes to: "Powell also stated he would like to see an official or unofficial book compiled regarding codes, as a reference in order to answer questions from the general public." Blair stated that she would like to have that reference.

Motion: Powell motioned to amend the minutes of December 11, 2006.

Second: Sandberg

Motion passed all voting aye with Breglio absent.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Director's Report:

- a. **Approved Curfew for Bayview Park:** Rahn stated the curfew proposed for Bayview Park was approved. She said the curfew is 11pm to 5am, effective Feb. 1st due to undesirable nighttime activities that were occurring at that site. Powell wanted to know, do our parks close? Rahn stated, yes, those that have a curfew do "close". She stated that police routinely walk through the parks so they can

determine if unwanted activities are going on in the park. Powell wanted to know in which of these parks this was happening. Rahn stated that Glorietta Bay, the beaches and Bayview Park all have curfews. Sandberg asked what the teen curfew was. Rahn stated 11pm to 5am, but is not certain of the morning time. Rahn stated she would check into it.

- b. **Recreation staff:** Rahn stated that Sandy Goodson will be returning in a week and a half. She also stated that the Community Center has a new Aquatics coordinator, Aaron Smith who comes from Arizona. He replaces Carrie Fisher, who went to SDSU to become an Aquatics Supervisor.
 - c. **New program brochure:** Rahn stated that the brochure is out. Rahn said that on-line registration had begun and that walk-in registration will begin in another two weeks.
2. **Commissioners' Reports:** Sandberg asked if we restricted out-of-towners from using the banquet facilities. Rahn answered no and that non-residents get a 12 month booking window and residents get 18 months. Sandberg asked if there was a dog restriction for Star Park. He stated he had visited the park and was wondering if there were any restrictions. Blair wanted to know what is the policy for morning swim and if Aquatics designates if pool use is for water polo or for the public. Rahn wanted to know what time Blair was referring to. Blair said that on Mon., Wed., and Fri., half the pool is set up for 25 yard swim and sometimes no one is swimming in the 50 meter pool. Rahn said it probably means that the water polo team didn't show up for practice or as scheduled or that they may have come late or gotten out early. Rahn said the morning 25 yard swim time would be outside the water polo area. Blair asked, if they are not there using it, is there a reason why the public cannot use it? Rahn said the only reason she could think of was that do we have enough lifeguards to staff the large pool, also that if you are in that area and the user arrives will it create an issue to ask the user to leave. Blair said, if there are guards, it should be made available to the public if no one else is in there. Blair stated if it is wide open and available, why can't we use it? She also wanted to know if staff could get another lifeguard on duty. Rahn said the intent is that it's water polo time. She said that she will look into it and find out.

ACTION ITEMS:

3. **Review of Special Discussion Topics for Park & Recreation Commission Meetings:** Rahn stated that the Commission got through some of the discussion items from last year and not others and she thought the board would like to update the list for this year. Rahn said we may have new topics and some of these to continue with and it is available to the Commission to update if they wanted to. Blair wanted to know if the Commission members were happy with what they saw on the list. Sandberg proposed moving park signage to March, and keeping February the same. Rahn wanted to know if the Commissioners were happy with the Teen Forum, and if the Commission should have another one or an update on it. Blair wanted to have them come in later in the year to

see where they were a year later. Rahn suggested pushing the Forum to May or June. Rahn stated she would like to postpone the review of recreation program & facilities fees. Rahn wanted to know if the Commission wanted another slideshow. Blair said she would like to see use of bay & beaches before beach season begins. Sandberg wanted to know if the completion of the new lifeguard tower would be completed prior to next summer. Rahn wanted use of bay & beaches in March. Powell stated unless it has changed a lot, combine park signage and park regulations for February. Rahn summarized: February: park signage & regulations, March use of bay & beaches, April program and facility use fees.

Motion: Sandberg motioned that at the next meeting, Commission members would come up with what they would like to discuss at which meeting for the rest of the year.

Second: Blair

4. **CTA Tennis Programs:** In reference to a letter received by Director of Recreation, Rahn from Ms. Jan Rawlings, copied to Commission members. Rahn wanted to make sure everyone received the communication (letter attached). Rahn stated that last time we did the agreement with the tennis professional, there were certain items that gave the CTA specific privileges on the city courts. She stated that the use that Rawlings is referring to is all in compliance with the City Professional's agreement. Rahn said she also sat down with the tennis professional and the CTA to go over the agreement and that she was enforcing the policies in this agreement. She said that the CTA, Pro, and staff need to be professional with citizens. Rahn stated she will be responding to this citizen to let her know that all of these activities are in compliance with the agreement from the tennis pro & CTA. Rahn stated considering who was copied on the letter, it would be a good idea to send a letter back to tell her everything is in compliance. Rahn stated she told the Pro and the CTA that if they did a good job, the public would come out to them and their programs would not be threatened and she stated that she believes that everyone will cooperate and conduct themselves professionally. Blair stated that the Tennis situation seems to be coming along, from where things used to be. Sandberg wanted to know how long was the Tennis Pro's contract. Rahn stated it is from June 06 and is a five year contract. Sandberg stated that the contract allows the CTA Pro to conduct classes on the court. Sandberg asked if maybe Rawlings didn't realize that because she hasn't participated in the Tennis meetings so far. Rahn stated Rawlings is in full support of the City's tennis Pro and that her complaint is someone else is on their territory. Sandberg stated that there would still be some "mending of the nets" that needed to be taking place between the CTA and the public. Powell stated Rawlings is his next door neighbor and that he felt obligated to go and talk to her and he saw in the paper that the CTA was advertising a half page ad in the paper. Sandberg stated he thought it was a picture of the new CTA pro. Powell said that Rawlings had previously submitted an article to the Eagle Journal and that her daughter is in the city pro's program.

Powell stated Rawlings was upset because she believes that it's a good program and why is the tennis pro being undermined. Powell said that he told her the contract is written in a certain way that states other people can teach. Rahn said the tennis pro and the CTA can both have pros working for them if the pro meets the necessary requirements and background clearance, citing the city's agreement. Powell stated we should keep it very simple and tell her that the contract reads this way. Powell said that Rawlings saw a good job being done and she said it looked like the article was undermining the city pros' program. Powell said that if they are in the letter of the law, that it is perfectly legitimate. Rahn said her first thought was to let it all blow over, and from past experience, let them blow off steam and she would address issues as they come up. Rahn said that it seems to be working very well, but she will be responding to Rawlings' letter so that Rawlings understands. Rahn stated we have swim teams that use the pool, but the city also teaches programs. She cited examples of soccer, surf, and lacrosse, that happen on our fields, beaches, and she said that the overall goal is that we are providing quality services to the community and we provide choices when choices can be offered.

- 5. Golf Balls on the Tennis Courts at Glorietta Bay Tennis Center:** Rahn stated that after the last meeting, another incident occurred at the Tennis Center. Rahn said she met with the tennis pro, a golf rep., the Public Services director, and the City Manager and that they looked at the golf course and the proximity of the tee, fencing, location of the courts, where were the courts that were most often being affected and what they could do to fix the frequency of golf balls entering the courts. Rahn stated that they moved the tee boxes to the west, creating less distance between the tee and the courts, and less opportunity for the ball to head to the right. Rahn said they also asked the golf course to manage the play at the tee boxes (post signs that indicate, unless you are an expert player, use the tee boxes that are further up.) Rahn said that information basically verified that when the game is more social, not as serious (example, when there are tournaments) and when the back boxes start becoming more utilized, is when the errant shots are occurring. Rahn stated that they would be erecting signs at the 15th tee that indicate golfers are responsible for their shots. Rahn said they will be looking to see if they can erect a screen along the tennis court fence in back that would be effective in stopping balls. Rahn said we need to do some research and wait for Dave Jones to return from vacation. Rahn said they need to consider aesthetics, effectiveness of the screen, and where they can put it so it won't be an eyesore. She said they moved the children's lessons to court 4, instead of 1 and that is the furthest away from the green. Rahn stated moving the tee boxes have helped a lot. Powell said he was over there today at par 3, 15th tee box and it did not look like the tee box had been moved. Powell said the blue tees are the furthest from the courts and would be the tees where a ball could most easily be cranked onto the courts. Powell said they were still out. (blue) He said all the tees were set up on the tee boxes. He said there were only two areas of the tee boxes and they were all being used. Rahn said she thought they did get moved. She said they had been further east. Powell said there is no sign as of yet warning anybody.

Powell said Danny, from the tennis center told him that most of the balls go into Court 5. He stated that Danny said he got a big bag full of balls. Powell stated that evidently it is enough balls to be concerned. Powell said he would think that the closest tees to the courts are safe because there are five big pine trees that should stop the balls. Powell said you could put a screen just to the right of the tee box and just make it high enough, initially whatever angle, aesthetically he doesn't know. Powell stated they should get the cheapest and the quickest screen. Rahn said a slice could go up and over and the screen wouldn't stop it. Powell said they already have small mesh fences. He said the furthest one down facing the tee box has a small mesh screen. Rahn said they come over the top. Powell said the screen would have to be high enough to stop any balls. Powell said it appears to be a problem but doesn't appear to be a big fix if the aesthetics are bad. Powell said he watched four guys and one of the guys admitted to hitting a ball over the fence. Rahn said she played with a dept. director who hit it over. Rahn said it's gone past anywhere we might have put a fence. Sandberg said he thinks simple signage saying, you are responsible for the path of your ball, might somewhat limit the zealous strokes of players.

No action was taken.

6. **Review proposed definition of "Park" for inclusion in Municipal Code Revisions:** Rahn once again presented the definition of parks and some recommendations on things that can be submitted for consideration to change the Municipal Code, after the commission reacts and approves. Rahn said she will get it into the appropriate format and work with the city attorney to develop something legal and put it into the Municipal Code. Rahn gave out a handout with a list of recommendations and a definition. Rahn stated she gave a revision, adding parks and taking out golfing in parks and changing that to Municipal Parks and she added skatepark in the next section possible and revisions that show some of these changes, including the listings in the parks. Rahn said despite our Municipal Code, she thinks they can go through this particular proposal. She stated the Commission can add and change to have the things that they needed to have. Rahn said that this is perhaps where the Commission needed to end up making the changes that can be made, and not try to reconfigure the entire Municipal Code. Rahn addressed adding suggestions to items that haven't already been addressed. She said let's make the changes we can and then go back to enforcement and developing signage that addresses the regulations that are important to us. Powell wanted to know if unlawful acts line up. Rahn said she has been searching for these and that she hasn't read through the entire "unlawful print." Powell said if it doesn't, do we want these unlawful acts in there? Rahn said that the list provides the intent of the item. Rahn said she gives the board permission to look at the content but to ignore item numbers as those are not accurate at this point. Rahn said there is a reason those numbers are in a particular way and she needs to check with the City Attorney. Rahn said we can just get a general idea and then she will really have something to work from to get a final to submit to move forward with. Rahn said to focus on the

definition of a park, which already occurs in the Municipal Code as part of the smoking prohibition. Unless there is real concern for this definition, we should probably have the same definition (as occurs in the smoking prohibition). Rahn said as long as we use the same definition, she doesn't think it's a problem to reiterate it. Rahn said she may be wrong, but she thinks they can reiterate. Rahn said she doesn't think we can include the no smoking ordinance in the park section, but we can use the same definition. Powell wanted to know what is a park established by adverse use? Rahn said honestly she doesn't know but she sees it in every city's Municipal Code. Sandberg said he thinks the definition would be a gathering site where you wouldn't think an event takes place, i.e. a parking lot, that's a guess he stated. Sandberg said that you could see how it was all encompassing to the smoking section. Sandberg said that it is better to be thoroughly inclusive than exclusive on this. Rahn said that some of the triangle grass areas/traffic circles are considered parks. She stated Star Park Circle for example. Powell said he agreed with it, but doesn't understand what a park established by adverse use is.

Motion: Powell motioned that the Commission take the handout home and review it and either agree or disagree and make recommendations.

Seconded: Sandberg. Sandberg also asked if Rahn can reiterate what is the definition of a park established by adverse use.

Motions passed all voting aye.

7. Reports, recommendations of Commissioners regarding signage in parks:

Powell stated he would like to have the proposed definition done and then make a proposed recommendation regarding signage once we know what we are up against. Rahn stated she brought the information for the Commission's recollection that summarized the goals and she thought maybe it was a good time to present it to everyone. Rahn said that she thought this would be a good time to see what the goals were and to fine tune the Municipal Code and to enforce what the issues are in the parks and make our signage aesthetically pleasing and include the items that are the big issue items and perhaps not worry so much about the small issue items. Rahn stated for example, permits (25 people or more) is good in some parks but not others. Blair said we will recommend to review all the information and will come back next meeting to discuss it.

Motion: No motion made.

Rahn stated she would like to encourage the Commission to come by the Community Center around 7pm on a Friday night to see the Friday night on the Strand. She said last week when she left they had Friday nights out, a gym full of kids playing dodgeball, snacks, pizza, kids listening to music, kids just talking in the hallway, kids on the climbing wall, basically kids everywhere. Rahn stated that our attendance is usually between 50 and 80 teens on a Friday night and it's becoming much more of a "place to be" for children mostly in middle school. She

stated that the Commission should come experience it. Rahn said the teens wanted a place to come and hang out and that staff will be adding movies probably, different music events and that it's an ongoing thing every Friday night. Sandberg asked about the Playhouse repair. Rahn said it's done and the Playhouse staff are back in the facility holding rehearsals and it will open later this month. She said that they are back in operating status.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Amanda Thomas

Nancy Blair