

**CORONADO PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**July 9, 2001**

Commission Chair Kathy Vienna called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Commission Chair Kathy Vienna, Commissioners Bob Breglio and Tim Sullivan. Also present were Linda Rahn, Director of Recreation and Sandy Goodson, Recording Secretary.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Tim motioned to approve the minutes, Bob seconded. Motion passed all voting aye.

**AGENDA CHANGES:**

None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Department Tour and Overview:**

Linda took Commissioners Bob Breglio and Kathy Vienna on a tour of the Municipal Pool, Recreation Cottage, and Recreation Center. She gave an overview of the department reviewing staffing, goals and budget.

Kathy asked about the Jr. Lifeguard program. Linda told her that the beach lifeguards run the Jr. Lifeguard program and they are under the direction of the Fire Department.

Linda explained the wading pool policy and answered questions regarding different solutions. She showed the Commissioners where the wading pool might be located in the Glorietta Bay Master Plan. Tim wanted to know if the wading pool would be fenced. Linda said that we do not know at this time.

Linda told the Commissioners that the Water Carnival was held on Saturday, July 7, and we had over 400 participants.

Linda gave a tour of the Recreation Cottage. Tim wanted to know if the cottage would stay in the Master Plan. Linda said that it is going to remain unless the Boat House gets

added back into the Master Plan and built at the cottage site. If a Boat House is added, it could have a “drop-in” program area for youth and teen recreation.

Tim asked about activities for adults. Linda said that we have Tae Kwon Do and a facility user offers Jazzercise.

## **2. Acceptance of Tennis Review Committee Recommendations:**

This item was canceled and will be rescheduled for the next Commission meeting.

## **3. 5-Year Work Plan:**

Linda presented a revised work plan incorporating input from the previous meeting.

Tim said he would like to see interaction with seniors or senior and adult activities. Linda said she could add a separate item, “to identify a need for adult and senior program”.

Tim said that with the planning for bay/beaches, we should try to develop our natural resources and offer classes such as Wind Surfing. Linda said she would add another item.

Bob said the information about the breakdown of Program Revenue is good and will add to our ability to request new items. Linda said the Revenue report is validation for the classes we are offering. Starting with this year’s budget, we will be having the revenue broken down by category. This will give us a better accounting of each camp/class and whether we are making enough to support the continuation of the class.

Tim suggested that another item be added as a Youth Drop-In Area. Linda suggested we add it under item 3.

Linda explained that the “Youth Master Plan” is a community wide program with involvement from the City, businesses, religious organizations, schools, and social organizations. She explained that the plan could have elements of programming. She noted that the Youth Master Plan is a concept that is very popular in other cities that realize there are elements missing and those elements need to be analyzed. Linda said that a facility for a Drop-In program could go under the Youth and Teen item on the 5-year plan.

Linda asked if the Commission wanted to give the 5-Year Plan a priority listing? She said that she would then list it in order of priority. She said that she could then take the highest item off the Commission’s list and incorporate into her department work plan.

Kathy thinks the survey should be at the top of the list.

Tim thinks that the Glorietta Bay Master plan should be at the top of the list. Linda

suggested that we need the survey to do the Glorietta Bay Master plan.

Bob said the survey needs to be played back and forth with the Glorietta Bay Master plan. He thinks the 5-Year Plan should be used as a metric to guide us through the years. He suggested using Linda's list as a template and go from there. He said he believes the survey should be moved up.

Linda said that she had the following list: 1 – Community Survey, 2 – Glorietta Bay Master plan, 3 – Joint Use agreement, 4 – Youth and Teen Program Development, 5 – Program Evaluation and Recommendation, 6 – Tennis Program and Facility Recommendation, 7 – Youth Master Plan, 8 – Review of Activity Fees, 10 – Land Use and Long Range Planning, 11 – Identify Needs for Adults & Senior Program, 12 – Recreational uses of Bay & Beach, 13 – Park Sign Recommendations.

Kathy suggested moving item 11 up. Tim agreed.

Tim said that Program Evaluation and Review of Activity Fees are going to be done hand in hand. He also suggested moving Youth Master Plan up with Youth and Teen Program Development, then the Identify Needs for Adults and Seniors.

Tim thought that the Tennis program could be moved down because it is just about done. Linda agreed that it is almost done for this year, but will come back next year when the Tennis Pro contract comes up for renewal.

Kathy wanted to know if the Tennis item needed to be on the list since the Tennis committee would continue to be meeting. Linda suggested categorizing items as "Current Focus" and "Future Consideration", and would include the Tennis issues under "Current Focus" items.

Tim felt that the Land Use kind of goes with the Program Evaluation.

Linda wanted to know where to put the "Identify Recreational Uses of Bay and Beaches". Tim said that it is kind of a sub-category of Land Use. Kathy agreed.

The Commissioner's agreed that we did not need a motion, but to just move on with the list.

Bob thanked Linda for all the information regarding the programs we offer and have offered. He said that it helps make decision-making easier.

Tim wanted to know why the Teen Adventure Camps didn't work. Linda said that it was likely a combination of the programming and staff. She said that she is working with a committee of parents to get input on programs that might work. She stated that we have hired two teen specialists to work on programming for the teens and are very excited to get started.

Linda said that it is important to focus on the 11 – 14 year age for new programs, and “grow them” with the program and create a sense of program “ownership” so that when they are older teens they will still want to keep involved with the programs.

Bob suggested that maybe some sort of a reward system might help get teens involved in their community and community service.

#### **4. Community Survey:**

Kathy said that she had a concern regarding the community center. She said that early on there was a gymnasium in the center.

Bob said that he talked to a few neighbors who talked about the community center and a place to play basketball. He said that if we survey the community they probably do not know what is going to be in the community center.

Kathy said that she believes their job as the Recreation Commission is to do the very best for the recreational needs of Coronado and to make the citizens aware of what will be part of the community center. Kathy said that she thought the Commission should send a letter to the editor regarding the proposed floor plan for the community center. Tim agreed. Bob suggested that the letter should include request to have citizens attend the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings.

Linda commented that the recent census said that Coronado showed a 20% increase in families with children under 18 from the 1990 figures. She also said that if a letter is sent to the editor it be an informational letter regarding the upcoming “design phase” of the Glorietta Bay master Plan and Community Center, and not a letter that recommends or promotes a gymnasium.

Kathy asked about a letter from Jim Benson saying that the height had been limited to 25 ft. eliminating the boathouse and clubroom but that the limit was subsequently removed. Linda explained that in later meetings the council was supportive of adding back in the boathouse possibly incorporating a new “cottage” or youth programs area into the design. She explained that this item will be looked at more in the design phase of the Master Plan.

Linda explained that one of the reasons the boathouse was eliminated was that it was connected to the boat ramp that was not going to be built.

Kathy asked if the old survey was done over the phone. Linda said yes.

Kathy asked if Linda wanted to have feedback on specific questions and if the survey would be specific to the recreational needs of the community.

Kathy felt that the old questions were still pretty timely. Tim said he did not think we needed to revisit those questions, but instead ask about what services the people want

to see.

Linda asked Tim if he wanted open-ended questions or direct questions. Tim suggested that both types of questions should be used.

Bob suggested that we need to focus a survey on the recreational needs or wants and desires of the community.

Linda said she wanted questions that asked things like what activities, opportunities and benefits are important to you that relate to the quality of life in Coronado. They could rate the importance or value of different items.

Linda said she was interested in the community's understanding of the Recreation Department's role in the quality of life benefit. She also would like to know what the community feels is needed such as an after school program and safety to name a few.

Bob wanted to know what Linda's knowledge and experience was about mail-out surveys versus phone surveys. Linda said that phone surveys have the best results, but mail-out surveys can also work, especially in a community like Coronado. Some cities have sent surveys out with water bills to all residents in an area. Linda said that it would be great to put the survey into something that is already being mailed to all residents. She said that putting the survey in the recreation brochure could bias the result. If you put the survey in the newspaper or pass it out at the schools you are also going to get biased results because you are not polling a true cross section of the community.

Bob felt that if we requested funding from the council for a recreational directed survey, especially a phone survey, we might not receive the funding. Linda said that we might have to do a less than perfect survey to start with, but if we can do it as a mailing we might get a good result.

Tim said that he noticed that the community hall is smaller than in the original draft. Tim wanted to know what is the smallest size needed for basketball courts. Linda said that she isn't sure but is looking into the answer.

Linda said that she will be firming up the survey and a game plan for moving forward. She also said that there may be a need for some special Commission meetings to move forward.

Tim wanted to know if the council could include in the Master Plan meetings to have one that deals specifically with recreational needs. Kathy said that if we cannot do it through the City that we do it as part of our August Agenda. Linda said that we could include a discussion item on our agenda.

Tim motioned that the Commission request that the Council add to their Glorietta Bay Master Plan public hearing an item to review the recreational uses for the new

Community Center and if it doesn't work that Kathy send a letter to the City Manager and Council with the request. Bob seconded the Motion. Motion passed all voting aye.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**A. Skatepark:** Linda said that the Skatepark is going well. Attendance is averaging 55 – 65 per day. Revenue averages \$3,000 - \$4,000 per week. Sales of summer passes are less than we anticipated. We are still getting a lot of new memberships each day. Injuries are way down from when we opened which is typical of new Skatepark. Most injuries are the “older” skaters.

**B. Youth Programs:** Linda said that we are offering Camp Coronado, Pre-Kinder Camp, Sea Camp, Gymnastic Camp, Dance Camp, Woodworking Camp, and Sports Camps. All camps are in full swing.

**C. Pool:** Doing well – We had over 400 participants at our Water Carnival. Everyone had a fun time. They played carnival games, played on the “Big Red Dog” floatation device, and ate hot dogs and snacks.

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.**

**Prepared by:**

**Approved by:**