

CORONADO PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting
June 11, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm by Commission Chair Kathy Vienna.

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: Linda indicated a needed correction on page 5, 3 lines from the bottom. The line should read "she should be coordinating activities with youth sports organizations . . ." Bob motioned to approve the minutes, Tim seconded. Motion passed all voting aye.

AGENDA CHANGES:

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ACTIONS ITEMS:

1. Development of a 5-Year Work Plan:

Linda stated that this item was requested by the Commission. She stated that she attached a suggested list as a starting point but that the commission could add to it, delete from it, or modify what is on it.

Bob said that it is a real boom to the recreation program to have a 5-year plan. He hopes that our 5-year plan is the framework for our programs. He also felt that the council will be more receptive once we have the framework in place. He wants the framework to include how a project goes from idea to completed project, including ideas on how to go to council with our recommendations.

Linda said that the commission should choose items that the community has said are important to them. Linda stated that she also enclosed the department goals that are in the budget. She said that these goals were the biggest change to our department budget and they reflect her desires for the department.

Kathy said that her understanding is that we are just coming up with items, not a timeline at this point.

Linda confirmed that and said that after we come up with the items, then we will do the timeline.

Kathy suggested that one of the first things we need to do is develop a community survey. Linda said that we have an old survey, but thinks that a new survey is necessary to see what the community wants now. Kathy said that she feels that survey results would give us more support.

Bob said that one of the obstacles that he sees is how to package the issues. He also says that one of the big issues is a second golf course. He said that we should look at whether the golf course would come under the direction of the Recreation Department or with the other Golf Course.

Linda suggests that the Commission's focus needs to be on the community's desires, needs and opinions. The Department's responsibility is how we can implement the Community's desires, needs and opinions. The survey is an important tool to steer us in the right direction.

Tim suggested that under the items listed on the 5-year plan we add sub items under the main topics. He suggested that we might look at joint-use of the gym at the high school for adult basketball or volleyball leagues.

Bob asked whether the Commission could be given copies of the previous survey, the results of the survey and the City Council's response to the survey. Then he said the Commission could decide how best to distribute the survey.

Kathy Vienna asked to have a copy of the survey put in the next agenda.

Tim asked to have the new golf course added to the 5-year list.

Bob said that this will take dormant land and give it use, it will also open up the beach and benefit neighboring communities. Linda asked the name of the land for the golf course. Bob said it is called the Radio Communication Center and has been officially closed by the military.

Kathy asked if we could have a joint use agreement with the military: for example, the roller hockey field and dive pool. She suggested that we might do a bowling league.

Bob asked if the Teen Program Development and Youth Master Plan items could be combined. Linda said no and explained that Team Safe has been transferred to the Recreation Department to provide a well-rounded teen program that provides leadership skill development, community service, activities and classes as well as substance abuse prevention education. There is significant demand for these programs to be developed now.

The Youth Master Plan would be a big project, bringing the City, Schools, religious organizations, social services, service clubs, and the business community together to address and evaluate what we are doing for the youth in our community and determine action to take to implement a citywide plan.

Kathy asked what is happening with the director of the Safe Foundation. Linda said that her understanding is that the director will do the grant writing and getting funds for the program. Family University is under the auspices of the School District.

Kathy asked about the Coronado Response Group (CRG). Linda said that the adult education is going to take over the Family University and that the Coronado Response group is a separate group that deals with a different aspect, more like interventions.

Bob said that we should be looking at our current programs from top to bottom to see how funding and programs work. Linda suggested that # 6 should be Program Recommendation and Evaluation. She also said that she is looking at this item herself. Programs are self-funding and if not, they are dropped.

Bob asked for a list of programs from the last 2 years with the number of people enrolled and what programs were closed.

Tim asked that item 1 have sub-headings such as military use of pool, bowling alley, athletic fields, CUSD use of the gym, and change the asphalt to grass at Crown School.

Bob said that Strand School is surrounded by sand and wanted to know if it could be changed to fields. He also said there is an area in the Cays that can be looked at.

Linda suggested adding an item 11 as land use – identifying possible land that might be used for recreation.

Kathy reiterated that her understanding was that our programs had to be self-sustaining or they would go away and that is how things were added and deleted.

Tim asked to be sure to have a “what does the public want” question included in the survey.

Linda said that the we have an RFP out on a study of the Pool and that the results of the study will help direct the council in decisions regard the Glorietta Bay Master Plan.

Tim asked are we looking at the impact of the construction on our recreation programs and pool operation. Linda said that we do not know what the impact is at this point, but it will be determined through the process.

Linda said that the school district is also looking at installing a pool. Their decision will make a difference in how the City proceeds. She said that the school district has the funds to build a swimming pool, but are looking at a way to effectively fund the maintenance.

Bob made a motion for staff to provide the commission with information about previous surveys and its response and current enrollment participation, revenue and expense data. Tim seconded. Motion passed all voting aye.

2. Glorietta Bay Master Plan – Design Phase:

Linda said that the Glorietta Bay Master Plan is in the site-design phase. This phase deals with landscaping, reconfiguring Strand Way where it joins Pomona, the land-swap with the Yacht Club, and general things. There have been public workshops. The next phase is the Design Phase where we will be designing the use of our facilities. She said that she will keep the Commission informed about this phase and ask that they attend the workshop.

Bob questioned whether the Port District has support for recreation department. Linda said that the Port District allocated \$22,500 for special events, concerts, etc. for fiscal year 2002.

Linda said that she is anticipating the design meetings to be in September or October. She also said that it was just an informational item and no action is necessary at this time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Budget and Staffing: Linda said that the budget has gone through its initial review and will be officially adopted at the June 19th Council Meeting. The budget contains some staffing reorganization and adds to professional staff. We will receive 3 new three-quarter time permanent-benefited positions. Felix Hall has been hired as our Skatepark Coordinator. The other 2 positions will be for the Teen Program and the final one will coordinate the pre-school program and be in charge of our publications. It is possible that we will get our 4th three-quarter time permanent-benefited position in the 2nd year of our 2-year budget. The administrative staff was also reorganized, adding an Administrative Secretary position which Sandy is filling, a full-time office assistant II that works with our registration process (Amanda) and Mindy's position changed to half time with the other half transferred for the Recreation Coordinator positions. We were granted most of what was requested.

B. Skatepark: The Skatepark is going great. Average daily attendance is 150, we have registered 566 people from 6 to 44 years of age, collected over \$800 in safety equipment rental, \$2,500 for annual registration and almost \$4,000 in concession. Injuries have been fewer, and no serious injury in the last few weeks. Meetings with Public Services and Engineering staff have been held to determine improvements needed. We will be adding an area for spectators, expanding the office, adding more counters, a vending machine, phone line, and radio for direct communication with the police. Kathy asked about the behavior of the participants. Linda responded it has been great.

C. Programs: Many of our classes and camps are full in all areas from pre-school to teens. Jazzercise is growing 35 – 40 people per session.

D. Tennis: The four-foot windscreens have been installed at the Glorietta Bay Tennis Center, and we have received a few questions about them. I met with the contractor who performs the court cleaning regarding the frequency and time for work to be done. The High School will be resurfacing their courts and will work harder to

maintain the trash problems. I met with the City Manager and Tennis Pro and we reached a compromise regarding guest instructors who will need a background check and business license to teach on the courts. Most parties are satisfied with the compromise. Tim asked about the committee's report. Linda said the committee was designed to be on-going and that they are going to be looking at what the tennis needs will be in the next few years. She said that the Commission may wish to respond to the committee's report when it is received.

E. Community: Linda is working with the school district on a joint use agreement. It will give us greater use of the district property. We are hoping to have the agreement in place by next April.

A meeting with parents of teens and Team Safe staff members held a brain storming session and determined that it would be an effective move to put the Team Safe program under the umbrella of the Recreation Department. More teen and pre-teen programs will be developed. Some ideas for immediate programs would be to have pool parties and bar-b-ques and drop-in Friday night activities throughout the summer.

Linda has been sitting on a Human Relations Commission, attending 1 meeting before summer recess. Other community issues include talking with some Shore's residents regarding pool noise. The Commission may once again be asked for direction on this issue.

Linda asked if the Commission would like a tour/overview of the department. The Commission thought it would be a good idea. It was suggested that the July 9th meeting begin at 2:00 and start with a department overview and then a tour of the recreation facilities.

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

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