

CORONADO PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting
May 14, 2007

Commissioner Nancy Blair called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners: Nancy Blair, Phil Hammett, George Powell and Steve Sandberg

Absent: Guy Zeller

Staff: Linda Rahn, Director of Recreation and Sandy Goodson,
Administrative Secretary

AGENDA CHANGES:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: Sandberg motioned to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2007 meeting.

Second: Powell.

Motion passed all voting aye with Zeller absent.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Director's Report:

a. None

2. Commissioners' Reports:

ACTION ITEMS:

3. Boathouse/Clubroom Site Options:

Rahn introduced Bill Cecil, Capital Projects Manager, to discuss the Boathouse/Clubroom Site Options.

Cecil said they are presenting three options for the Boathouse/Clubroom site. During the original planning of the Glorietta Bay Master Plan, the Boathouse was going to be located north of the boat ramp. However, during the building of the pools, the site ended up being the location of the pool maintenance building.

He said that in all three site options, the current cottage will be removed.

Option 1 puts the buildings at the north end of the park, option 2 puts the buildings in the center of the park, and option 3 puts the buildings in the south end of the park. After reviewing the options with recreation staff, option 1 was liked best by staff. The Capital Improvement Sub Committee, consisting of Mayor Smisek and Councilmember Tanaka, liked option 3 best.

Randy Hanna from Hanna, Gabriel, Wells architectural firm, was introduced and provided the following. He said option 1 gives a storage bay for crafts. Adjacent to the storage bay would be classrooms, and a 3rd building being the administration area with views of all areas. Option 2 has the buildings in a v shape with closer access to the beach. Option 3 is three buildings up against the navy property. Hanna listed the advantages and disadvantages of all three options.

Powell asked if we have the exterior space necessary in each option. Hanna said yes. Powell asked in option 1 would the boat ramp be made smaller. Rahn said it will only be paved differently. Powell asked if we are losing any parking spaces by adding a drop-off area. Cecil said our goal is not to lose any existing parking spaces.

Sandberg asked if the boathouse was originally planned to be used by rowing shells? Rahn said yes. Cecil said the discussion has always included the rowing shells. Sandberg asked if the rental of spaces would be done on a first come basis? Rahn said yes, that we discussed that and set prices and procedures in our fee policy.

Sandberg said option 1 has more advantages because of the proximity to Community Center, running programs, etc. He likes the widening of the dock area also.

Hammett supports option 1. Blair said she is in favor of option 1.

Motion: Sandberg motioned to make a recommendation to Council of Option 1.

Second: Powell

Motion passed all voting aye with Zeller absent

May 22 will be the date this item will go to the City Council.

Frank Ingram, 740 C Ave., said he came here in the 50s. He had daughters who were involved in rowing. He commented that launching off the sand causes sand to be everywhere. Some places have floating docks. He said if the Port would approve a floating dock that would be the way to go.

Rahn said that recreation staff has found that working with youth, launching off the sand is best and working with adults, launching from a dock is best.

4. Teen Forum:

Blair introduced Stacy Berman, Recreation Supervisor. Berman introduced herself and asked audience members to introduce themselves. Present were Brooke Klosinski, Recreation Coordinator for Teen Programs; Andrew Ovrom, Middle School; Emily Bodkin, Middle School; Jamie Nelson, Youth Minister at Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church; Arlene Griffin, Safe Foundation; Mary Raz-Smith and Ellenjoy Weber from the Library; and Mikayla Lay, High School ASB and Recreation Assistant.

Berman summarized the forum from 2006. She presented a list of items the teens wanted as well as what the adults wanted.

Blair asked if we worked on a Battle of the Bands. Berman said all the San Diego area cities are working together to create one. Jamie said they hosted an open-mic night. They have a facility where students can practice music. Klosinski said she and Jamie have worked together to not duplicate programs. Jamie said they had a low turnout for the open-mic night.

Klosinski listed the programs currently being offered and what was offered in the past. She listed some events that are offered on a recurring basis. She said that last summer all of the camps ran except one (due to low enrollment). We have a large number of participants in our Junior Recreation Leader program.

She said that we attempted to offer sports programs and intramurals which were not successful. We offered a Halloween Dance that was very successful. Team Safe has grown this year. Friday nights on the Strand has really grown. Staff is at middle school everyday at lunch and participates in many programs. A Beach Bash dance at the community center is coming up soon.

Jamie said that the faith based organization offers programs to middle school and high school aged-teens every week including music services, and places for bands to practice. Fellowship of Christian Athletics meet bi-weekly and feed the

homeless downtown. Graham Memorial offers five different camps during the year, approximately 40 students and five leaders attend. They help with some relief efforts. They have an internship with college students who help lead programs during the summer. He said it has been great working with Klosinski so that they are not doubling up on events. They offer lock-ins, beach day events, wake up breakfast, trips to Soak City, movie nights and a Valentine dance party.

Marlene from SAFE stated that SAFE tries to provide opportunities to give back to the community as well as education. They have the Trading Card club at the high school where high school students work with younger kids at the elementary and middle schools. Teens are hanging out at the SAFE office after their programs.

Samantha Bowman, Executive Director for SAFE, put together a list of activities available in Coronado. The list includes golf, tennis, recreation programs and is provided to parents when they say there is nothing for teens to do.

Weber runs a leadership program for teens. They recently put on a play. During the summer they help with the reading program. Raz-Smith said that they have added many programs since the library expanded two years ago. She said that they are running a program every Wednesday for teens. She said they connected with COSA who provided some training and performances for the teens. They offered Hip-Hop, Crafts and have Dance-Dance Revolution. They offer Games and Grub one Wednesday a month, a fall book club, and a teen advisory board that helps plan teen activities at the library. In May they are having Grossmont College provide a forensic workshop.

Berman asked if all the programs at the Library are free. Raz-Smith said yes, that the Library received a grant that is used to run the programs.

Emily said they have dances, they sell candy, have fun-Friday activities, sponsor red-ribbon week, staff appreciation week, a talent show, and 8th grade verses staff softball game. ASB tries to get the kids involved in school.

Lay said kids are involved in academics. She said some kids expressed interest in programs like boating, jet skiing, kayaking. Open Gym is good, but perhaps a night for girls. She said having dances with a live band and theme might bring in a crowd.

Berman said we are looking at movie nights, and that Jamie has the music nights.

Samantha said there is a new health committee as a result of what can be offered to students to eat under new state laws. She suggested getting a committee together in the community involving all the organizations that have

programs for teens. She said it would be good to have a central place for all information of activities offered in Coronado.

SAFE said it is a challenge to disseminate information and to engage the teens. Bowman said we need code enforcement to stop illegal activities at the beach, perhaps then the children will participate in the legal activities offered in the Community.

Rahn said we have some great facilities for offering programs. We have a big screen in the gym to offer a movie night. Weber said they offered a movie night at the library. Rahn said she would like to offer a movie night in the park and asked if the teens thought they would attend. Andrew said he thought some times there would be high attendance and sometime there would be low attendance. Weber said they have a movie license and could perhaps sponsor a movie night.

Rahn said we have a theater that could be used on a limited basis to hold an open-mic night.

Rahn asked what we aren't offering in Coronado that the teens want. Rahn asked if the teens still want a place to hang out. Andrew said some want to hang out at the beach. He said sometimes they hang out at Friday Night on the Strand. Emily said they hang out at the dances, or hang out on the street, or watch movies. Makayla says the high school students do the same. She said that she would really love to see a theater in Coronado.

Berman explained that the Boathouse/Clubroom might have an area for teens to hang out.

SAFE said they talked to kids about a theater and the students thought it would be great to help run it.

Weber said that it would be great to have an e-newsletter with all the activities offered in the City. Klosinski said she started doing this with Recreation programs offered to teens about five months ago and it was well received.

Berman said that when we started Fright Nights On the Strand, we had about 13 teens participate; Klosinski said that we have recently had a maximum of 110.

Berman said that we are involved in the Great American Backyard Campout. She met with other county event staff who are working on a County-wide event. She said we are working on partnering with State Parks on outdoor activities. We are also working with the County on a Go Play Get Fit program.

Blair said she is excited to see all the activities that are out there. She said it is important to get all the information together.

Powell asked Klosinski if some programs were bust. Klosinski said some programs had none or low participation, some programs are limited by space because of travel in the van. She said we tried variation of programs. We tried Bingo for elementary and middle school where elementary was sold out and teens had 2 participants.

Klosinski said that some programs are highly successful one time and low the next.

Hammett said connection with the teens is important since some teens feel they are not being heard. He said there is a problem with the skate boarders. Bowman said she hears that there should be lights at the skate park. Rahn said it is an issue that has been addressed and it is a "Not-in-My-Backyard" issue as well as a financial issue.

Andrew shared information about the Drug Store program sponsored by SAFE. He said that the program is offered over two days. It is an education program where teens are put in a mock jail cell, court, counseling, drug related death, etc.

Sandberg asked Makayla what activities offered at the High School get the most participation, such as sports and clubs. Makayla said they did a buck-a-burger night and teen sporting events that were very popular. She said that there is a very low percentage of students participating in school events. Rahn asked if Makayla thought that High School students are involved in at least one activity at the school. Makayla said most are involved in at least one activity.

Sandberg asked if the students want to be a participant or just an observer. Makayla said most want to observe.

Sandberg asked if the programs this summer are recurring or one time programs. Berman said camps are one week, Jr. lifeguard is one month, some are held during the summer and some are year round.

Sandberg asked how much free time the students have during the school year. Andrew said you have all different types, some in sports, some in academics, some in both, so the time varies. He said his weekends are usually free, but week nights are taken up by sports and/or academics.

Sandberg asked if the location of activities is a problem. Andrew said anywhere in Coronado is usually pretty easy to get to. Emily said that depending on what the activity is depends on whether the teens are willing to go to the Community Center.

Sandberg said that the Commission should continue on the path we started last year.

Powell said that staff has done a great job with the programs being offered. He doesn't think a lot of tweaking is necessary. He thinks getting the information out and coordinating with the library are important.

Blair said everyone seems to be working together.

Councilmember Ovrom said that he is interested in the Teens. He said that if the Commission wants lights at the Skatepark they could probably ask for lighting that is not too bright. He said that if we need to have extra staff he would rather see the teens in one area rather than all over the city. He also suggested working with the school district.

Bowman said maybe we need to work on a better marriage than what we have now between the teens and the business community.

Sandberg said that perhaps we consider a consistent program that will happen every month.

Rahn said the more important thing is to fill the need that is not being filled in the community. She said we need to work on filling the holes that are not being filled. She said that she will bring a summary to the Commission next month indicating the highest interest items that have been voiced today, and the items that seem to be lacking or missing.

Powell asked if the item being brought forth next month can be voted on.

Motion: None

Second:

Motion passed all voting aye.

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

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Sandy Goodson

Nancy Blair