

**CORONADO PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**May 14, 2001**

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by Jennie Portelli.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners Acting Chair Jennie Portelli, Bob Breglio, Walter Heinecke, 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, Walt seconded. Motion passed all voting aye.

**AGENDA CHANGES:**

Linda explained that we will not be discussing instruction of tennis or the Tennis Pro's contract. She is still working with the parties involved to reach a compromise. She went on to explain that some items that the committee would be addressing are items such as the maintenance of the courts and some improvements.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Jennie said that speaking as a member of the Tennis Review Committee, she has received calls regarding business licenses for teaching tennis.

**Dick Thibodeau, 901 Coronado Ave**, stated that he was concerned about the Tennis Pro's contract and that he wanted both the City and the Pro to get a fair shake. He said that the contract was exclusive and we were not enforcing the exclusivity.

**Carl Kovac, 857 E Ave**, stated that the Tennis Pro was without a contract from October 18, 1998 until November 2000 and the new contract does not even have the word exclusive in it. He also said that he did not understand why Mr. Hopkins would sign a contract without first reading it if exclusivity was so important to him.

**Kay Schneider, 525 H Ave**, said that she agrees that the Pro needs to be protected. She wants to give exclusivity to the Pro at Glorietta Bay and the Pro

Shop. She would like to be able to sign a waiver to have others teach her children. She said that she also understands that instructors would have to provide their own \$1,000,000 liability insurance and with the parent signing a waiver that the City would be relieved of liability. She asked that parents be allowed to choose their instructor here in Coronado.

**Diane Skiff, 417 Fifth St**, said that she has a one-income family and can't afford to pay for a tennis pro. She has a 4-year old that loves tennis and she would be unable to allow her son to take lessons if she can't choose who teaches her son.

**Lara Lee Philips, 710 B Ave**, said she is also a single parent and cannot afford to pay \$60 per hour for lessons by a pro for her child. She has 2 children and will continue to take lessons from the instructor she has chosen. She feels that allowing only one provider to teach does not allow for fair economics in this City.

**Deni Herron, 1718 Visalia Row**, said that in Phil Hopkin's roll as a junior coach, he does not charge \$60 an hour. He teaches four children at a time and charges \$25. She said that she believes that if we allow anyone to coach in Coronado that everyone would come here to do their coaching and no one would be able to get court time. She said that precedence is set at the Golf Course and should be reflected at the tennis courts and that we should protect the people who represent the City.

**Kristen Kovac, 857 E Ave**, said that she was on the Tennis court and was not charging and that Phil Hopkins threatened to have her put in jail. She said that she teaches children ages three to eight and charges \$20 per hour. She loves tennis and to teach little kids, and wants to be able to continue.

**Rob Muehlenbeck, 511 Marina Ave**, said that he feels that legal issues should be discussed. He also believes that a unified program can deliver one product to the City. He said that allowing many teachers to teach different items and allow people to choose what they want will make a great program. He also said that the City should make rules to sort out who is teaching when and where.

Linda clarified that she felt the legal issues need to be kept between the parties involved. She said that some of the issues the committee is looking at are tennis court appearance and maintenance, who should be teaching on the courts, how should systems be set up, should we charge for instructor's use of court, should a club be in charge or should City staff be in charge, and should we have 20 instructors, just to name a few. She said that the committee will continue to research these and more issues. Jennie said that the tennis review committee will continue to meet in the future and will post the meetings in the future. Linda said that we are trying to come up with a system that permits choices for the public.

**Aileen Oya, 1027 Flora**, said that she appreciates that Linda is on track. She believes that we need more tennis courts because we have more players. She

said that it is a challenge to make Tennis a business and that we need many instructors with different personalities.

**Carl Kovac, 857 E Ave**, said that he has a simple compromise to change the business license application to a business permit application and require instructors to have a permit and the required liability insurance. He also said that San Diego charges 5%, but we could charge \$5 or \$6 per hour for court rental and that the money could go for some purpose like helping the parents who can't afford tennis.

**Rob Moore, 634 H Ave**, is a high school volunteer teacher. He is confused because he was told that he could teach on the high school courts and that he could teach high school students for money on the high school courts. He doesn't feel the Pro should have exclusivity. He spoke with Lea Corbin, the community relation's officer at the Coronado Police Department and was told that if there is a problem on the court the people could call the police to resolve the dispute. His final concern is that the High School courts are in bad repair and that we need to look at the repairs and cleaning of the courts. He is willing to help out on a committee if needed.

**Carl Kovac, 857 E Ave**, said that Manuel Casteneda was arrested twice for teaching in Coronado. He said that this has been an on going problem in Coronado for years.

### **ACTIONS ITEMS:**

#### **1. Tennis: Discussion and Action regarding the recommendations of the Tennis Review Committee:**

Jennie reported on the Tennis committee findings. She stated that the committee members were Kathy Vienna, MaryJane Clements, Linda Rahn, Pat McMahon and herself. She said that the following items will be address in the budget for fiscal year ending 2002: Glorietta Tennis Center will be painted; the High School courts will be resurfaced and have nets and padding replaced; squeegees will be kept at the Fire Station for use on the Library and High School tennis courts; net posts at the Library courts will be replaced with adjustable posts; a resurfacing schedule will be implemented so all courts will be resurfaced every 3 to 5 years; gates will be installed at the back of Glorietta courts to provide access to backboard and picnic area; and repairs will be made to restrooms, steps and handrails, roof, and carpet of the Clubhouse and Pro Shop at the Glorietta Tennis Center.

Jennie continued that the reservation boards at each set of courts will be evaluated and replaced as necessary, court usage rules will be placed prominently at each set of courts, and information and regulations regarding use of courts for tennis instructions will be clearly posted at each set of courts.

Jennie said that the Recreation Department will work with the Tennis Pro to coordinate use of the Glorietta courts for children's lessons during the summer to start no earlier than 10:00 am and leaving courts 1, 2, and 8 open to the public, rules will be adjusted to specify 1 hour maximum reservations for singles play and 1 ½ hour maximum for doubles play, and 1 lighted court will remain available for public use in the evening at Glorietta Tennis Center.

Jennie stated that interested groups or individuals should put their requests for major facility improvements in writing, directed to the Coronado City Council. Requests for Capital Improvements are evaluated on an annual basis for inclusion in the City's CIP Plan. All requests received are reviewed and considered; there is no guarantee of inclusion.

Tim said that on the court usage issue he thinks we need to be aware of the high usage time between 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

**Aileen Oya, 1027 Flora**, asked what the budget is for tennis courts. Linda said that it is \$13,000 to \$14,000 for items dealing with maintenance, resurfacing, replacement, equipment. She said that \$10,000 was set aside for resurfacing, and there was money set aside for replacement of nets, padding, signage, etc. She also said that she believes we have \$750 per month set aside for the cleaning of the courts.

**Rob Moore, 634 H Ave**, said he was told that the school district was going to resurface the high school tennis courts, hang the gates, and replace the padding around the light post. He said that he doesn't believe the high school courts have ever been resurfaced and that they are in desperate need of repair. He said that the court cleanliness really needs the contract to be reviewed.

Linda said that there is money to resurface and repair the High School courts. She said that the agreement was that the City construct the courts and the School District be responsible for maintaining the courts. She is working with Scott Huth, Director of Public Services regarding the cleaning of the courts and new requirements regarding water runoff.

## **2. Uniform Signage at Parks:**

Linda said that there is no policy or standard for signs in Coronado. The City is getting away from the wooden signs and may replace them with stone or metal. She gave a proposal for standard signs for recreation facilities. The sign would be a white sign with black or green text with the City's crown at the top and the Recreation Department's slogan at the bottom. She would like to see the name of the park and hours put in our parks.

Walt said that the proposal is great and would like green letters instead of black.

Jennie liked the sign and especially liked the bench at the new park.

Linda said that she would like to see signs that say that the facility is a city facility.

Walt would like to see the park name on the road signs by the park.

Linda says that parks usually have a sign that identify who owns the park and the name of the park with additional information that says please enjoy the park and here are the rules.

Bob thinks it is a good move and that people take pride in their community. He wants to make sure that there isn't a proliferation of signs or ambiguity.

Walt said that it would be a good move forward.

Bob wants to see a five-year plan to lead us forward.

Jennie wants to see the Tennis issue finished at the next meeting.

Bob wanted to know when he could comment on the Tennis issue. Jennie said that he could comment now. Bob wanted to know why tuberculosis test was required. Linda said it is a State law that anyone working with children is required to submit a clean tuberculosis test. He also wanted to know whether public courts remain public or do we make them assessable for business ventures. Linda stated that was the part of the contract that we cannot discuss.

Walt felt that the licensing issue for guest tennis pros should be discussed. Linda said that was a separate issue.

Bob was concerned about the statement that says that the Pro should work in connection with the Coronado Tennis Association. Jennie said that the CTA works hard in our community and that the board would like to work more with the Tennis Pro. Linda said that there should be mention of the CTA in the Pro's contract and that they should work in common toward the goals for Tennis in Coronado.

Bob thinks that the CTA is a good group but that they have taken on official status not given to them and that he doesn't understand how they became an over-site committee. Jennie said that the CTA doesn't want to be an over-site committee. Linda said that the CTA's roll needs to be clarified and should be acknowledged. Linda said that even her job description describes very clearly that she coordinating activities with youth sports organizations and other organizations in Coronado.

Tim said that when he saw the list of tennis concerns that he thought the CTA

was responsible for some of them.

Bob wanted to know what was the relationship between the School District and the City regarding the Tennis Courts. Linda said that there is written language that the School District will maintain the courts and that the City will maintain the lights.

Walt feels that the relationship is important to maintain.

**Rob Muehlenbeck, 511 Marina Ave**, says that we can give 60-days notice to terminate the Pro's contract and then we can rewrite the contract. He suggests that we get suggestions from the community before we rewrite a contract.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Linda reported that at the May 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting Councilmember Monroe said the resurfacing is great at the Cays' tennis courts. Linda said that we will definitely use this contractor again because they did great work in the time schedule they outlined. Phil also complimented the summer brochure and all the items in it.

Linda reported the skatepark is opened and a great success! She reported that the Grand Opening will be on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, and that she hoped that the entire commission could attend. We still have some items that need to be corrected and we are working on them. She also said that we are looking at a possible time for little kids. We also highly recommend that wrist guards be worn since we have already had some injuries. Linda has asked that her staff prepare a list of how accidents happen so that we can see if people are trying things too advanced for them. So far it seems that the injuries are to the "older" kids and they are doing things they have done before, but they are in an unfamiliar park and may have taken some unusual falls. We are also making some adjustments on the exterior of the park for spectators.

Walt was concerned about the lack of office or storage area. He didn't notice where the safety gear for rent was being stored. Linda told him it was being stored behind the counter.

Linda said that we were looking at getting an old lifeguard tower to be used for observation. It would allow the staff to be able to see down inside the bowls and keeps staff out of the way of flying skateboards.

Tim stated that he has heard good things about the park and was glad that wrist guards were being suggested.

Bob said that he has gone twice to watch and talked to some kids who were enjoying the park. He thinks that we do need some kiddy-time. He thinks that

we should ask Bill Gise should build something we can use for storage. Finally, he wanted to know that happened to the chains that were going to be used to block the bowls when the park was closed.

Linda said that we are looking at the feasibility of chains in regards to staff and skaters.

Bob thinks the lifeguard tower is a good idea. He also said that it was hard to pick out the staff. Linda told him that staff are getting shirts and hats to make recognizing them easier.

Linda said that the annual Dance Recital is May 20, at 2:00 pm. The recital is the end of our dance and gymnastic classes, a time for the kids to "strut their stuff".

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

**Prepared by:**

**Approved by:**

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