

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting May 7, 2019 – 6:00 PM

I. CONVENE MEETING OF THE PARKS BEACHES & RECREATION COMMISSION TO ORDER – 6:00 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Walt Howald, Chair
Hassan Archer, Commissioner
Diane Daruty, Commissioner
Roy Englebrecht, Commissioner
Laird Hayes, Commissioner
Heather Ignatin, Commissioner

Excused: David Granoff, Vice Chair

Staff: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director
Sean Levin, Recreation & Senior Deputy Director
Micah Martin, Deputy Public Works Director
Kevin Pekar, City Arborist
Teri Craig, Administrative Support Specialist
Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist

III. NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the April 2, 2019, PB&R Commission Meeting.

Recommendation: Waive reading of subject minutes, approve and order filed.

B. Parks, Trees & Beach Maintenance Divisions Activity Report.

Recommendation: Receive/file Activity Report.

Director Martin gave the Commission an update on tar that had been showing up on the City's beaches and what procedures the City followed to see where the tar was coming from.

City Arborist Pekar gave the Commission an update on how the City was dealing with the Tulip Scale disease that was affecting City trees.

C. Recreation & Seniors Services Activity Report.

Recommendation: Receive/file Activity Report of past and upcoming projects and events.

D. Tree Reforestation – 1023 E. Balboa Boulevard

Recommendation: Approve the reforestation request of Ray Batelli of a City Ficus tree located at 1023 E. Balboa Boulevard and replace with a 48” box Queen Palm tree. The applicant has met the procedural requirements for reforestation established by City Council Policy G-1. The applicant will assume all costs.

E. Tree Reforestation – 1715 Galatea Terrace

Recommendation: Approve the reforestation request of Brittney Rosen of a City Little Gem Magnolia tree located at 1715 Galatea Terrace and replace with a 36” box African Sumac tree. The applicant, Brittney Rosen, has met the procedural requirements for reforestation established in City Council Policy G-1. The applicant will assume all costs.

F. Tree Reforestation – 1515 bordering 1521 Bayadere Terrace

Recommendation: Approve the reforestation request of Patrick Papaccio of 1507 Bayadere Terrace of a City Ficus tree located at 1515 Bayadere Terrace, bordering 1521 Bayadere Terrace and replace with a 48” box Purple Orchid tree. The applicant has met the procedural requirements for reforestation established by City Council Policy G-1. The applicant will assume all costs.

Motion by Commissioner Englebrecht; second by Commissioner Archer to accept items V-A through V-F of the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by unanimous vote with Vice Chair Granoff absent.

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. FiiN Program Overview

Presentation by Recreation Supervisor Derek Breaux

Supervisor Breaux discussed the Fostering interest in Nature Program, FiiN, with the Commission. He described how the FiiN program came to be, who the local partners were, a brief overview of the program and costs and funding for the program.

Heather Cieslak from Newport Bay Conservancy articulated her agency’s participation in the program.

Scottie Roach and Theresa Collins, Executive Directors of Camp James, went over what the students participated in during the evening times.

Mario Cuevas, a 5th-grade teacher, disclosed his experience and gratification about the program and the Staff who ran it.

Various staff answered questions from the Commission about fundraising, the Big Canyon Restoration project, how staff determined which students were picked to attend the program, how schools planned to keep kids engaged in nature after they attended the program, marketing of the program, how many schools participated in the program, if there was a desire to expand to more schools and what Title 1 schools were.

Commissioner Daruty expressed her gratitude for the camp and staff's hard work on running the program. She stated that she would be happy to help on finding funding for the program.

Commissioner Englebrecht articulated that he was excited to be a part of a program that was so influential to kids.

Commissioner Archer concurred that it was a fantastic program.

Chair Howald opened the public comment; seeing none he closed the public comment.

B. Lawn Bowling Program Overview

Presentation by Recreation Manager Justin Schmillen

Manager Schmillen introduced two members from the Newport Lawn Bowling Club who presented the program to the Commission. The Commission watched a short video explaining how the Newport Lawn Bowling Club was established, history, rules and how to play.

Charlie Herbert, World Champion Lawn Bowler, and Brian Stewart, a Board Officer, explained how the club was promoting the game to younger aged community members, they expressed how they wanted to have the City more involved with the sport, the open house the club puts on for the public annually and further explanation on how to play Lawn Bowling.

Questions were answered about membership costs, private parties, if the club was open to the public, club expenses and finances and how much it costs for equipment to play the game.

Chair Howald opened the public comment; seeing none he closed the public comment.

C. Appeal of Denial of a Request for a Tree Removal – 720 Jasmine Avenue

Consider the request for appeal by John Buckingham, resident at 927 Gardenia Way, of the denial for removal of a City Sugar Gum tree located in front of 720 Jasmine Avenue.

Item was tabled until a future meeting.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

PB&R Commission / staff announcements/ Ad Hoc Committee updates or matters which Commissioner members would like placed on future agendas for further discussion (this is a non-discussion item).

Director Martin gave a follow up on the Harbor Day Event that happened at Mariners Elementary School.

Director Detweiler expressed that Policy B-17 and Grant Howald Park were to be presented to Council on May 14, 2019. She gave an update on Sunset View Park, announced the next upcoming Youth Sports Commission meeting was to be on June 19, 2019, gave a brief description of the City's upcoming summer camps and explained the status of the Buck Gully illegal trail.

Staff answered questions about the cleanup and unauthorized trail at Buck Gully.

The Commission and Staff congratulated Commissioner Englebrecht and Staff member Teri Craig for their many years of service to the City.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public comments are invited on non-agenda items generally considered to be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the PB&R Commission. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record. The Commission has the discretion to extend or shorten the speakers' time limit on non-agenda items, provided the time limit adjustment is applied equally to all speakers.

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF DAYLE LUSK – 7:36 p.m.

Submitted by: Mariah Stinson
Mariah Stinson, Admin Support Specialist

Approved by: Walt Howald
Walt Howald, Chair