

Huntington Central Park Committee
Wednesday, April 10, 2019
4:00 PM - Regular Meeting
MINUTES

City of Huntington Beach
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
Room B-8, Lower Level



COMMUNITY MEMBERS:
ANN ANDERSON, Urban Forest/HB Tree Society
MARY BEHRENS, HB Equestrian Center
MIKE BARTUSICK, Park Bench Café
APRIL DIAZ, Kathy May's Lakeside Café
SHARI ENGEL, Secret Garden
STEVE ENGEL, Secret Garden
KAY GODDARD, Shipley Nature Center
VIC LEIPZIG, Sea & Sage Audubon Society
TOM LIVENGOOD, Shipley Nature Center
JUANA MUELLER, Secret Garden
JEAN NAGY, Urban Forest/HB Tree Society

COMMISSIONERS:
STEPHANIE GREEN, Committee Member
BRIDGET KAUB, Committee Member
JANIS MANTINI, Committee Member
KRISTA STERUD, Committee Member

STAFF:
CHRIS SLAMA, Interim Community Services Director
TRAVIS HOPKINS, Public Works Director
DENNY BACON, Public Works Staff
NASHYA SADONO, Planning Assistant
CHARLENE GOMEZ, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Kaub called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm at which time a quorum was met.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Council Members: Brendan, Delgleize.

Commissioners: Green, Kaub, Mantini, Sterud;

Staff: Slama, Hopkins, Bacon, Sadono, Gomez;

Community Members: Anderson, Bartusick, Engel, Engel, Goddard, Leipzig (arrived late), Livengood, Mueller, Nagy

Absent: Behrens, Diaz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Mantini

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Central Park Current Project Updates

Bacon reported that the owner of the oil tank located near the Thomas property is unknown at this time, however, the tank door was welded shut for the safety of the public and to prevent use by transients. Bacon also reported that the tree trimming scheduled in the 2018-19 CIP is complete, and that the Central Park West pathway will begin in June. Discussion began on the 2019-20 CIP budget. Bacon said new trashcans are expected soon. The cans will be mobile and able to move to locations in the park as needed, such as during an event. Bacon will provide images at the next meeting.

2. Central Park Restrooms Update

Central Park Restrooms Update - Sadono reported that the restrooms near Dog Park, Park Bench Cafe, and the Slater Parking Lot are going out to bid in May. The restrooms near the amphitheater can be moved and will go out to bid in the next fiscal year due to the need for design to relocate the utilities. Staff is looking at potentially moving the restrooms near the Bandstand area, which is where portables are currently placed for large events. The restrooms at Kathy May's Lakeside Cafe are currently on hold.

3. Oil Leases in Central Park Update

(This item was moved up on the agenda to accommodate time restraints for the guest speakers, however, it remains in the original order for the minutes). Fritzal reported that the Thomas property continues to be held in probate. Fritzal provided background and where the City currently stands with the situation.

4. Ocean View Estates Update

(This item was addressed first to accommodate a time restraint for the guest speakers, however, it remains in the original order for the minutes). Kellee Fritzal and Carlos Marquez from the City's Office of Business Development provided an update on the Ocean View Estate mobile home leases, saying that only two lifetime leases remain in effect. The leases are generating rental income for the City through the lease period expiring in September, 2024, at which time a plan for the property will be reviewed.

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL - None

CENTRAL PARK PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS - None

STAFF AND MEMBER COMMENTS - Not Agendize

Sadono stated that construction of the Central Park West Trail began the previous week and should be complete by the following week.

Nagy announced a \$1,000 grant received by the Tree Society from California Relief and anticipates other donations in the near future. Nagy also inquired about adding signage for the Shipley to Shore Nature Trail. Goddard agreed and suggested that signage should include the trail from the mountains to the ocean to show how nature works with the flow of fresh water to salt water. Nagy also commented on the desire to see signage regarding the Native Americans who populated the area at one time; a bridge over the creek; Day of Service; and a mulch fence around the trail. Nagy asked for permission to rent and run a tractor. Slama said staff will discuss with Risk Management. Nagy also reported on a Go Fund Me page that has been created for donations.

Shari Engel asked about the park maintenance contract. Bacon responded that out of the seven contracts, two contractors have been selected and the other five will go back out to bid.

A discussion took place regarding the Shipley to Shore trail and where the City stands with encroachment rights. Council Member Delgleize will follow up with Fritzal regarding which organizations have signed off on the use of their land.

Steve Engel thanked Public Works and Community Service for their efforts in cleaning up the park. Engel noted that citizens and visitors are commenting on the improvements, both in person and through social media.

Council Member Brenden asked Hopkins for an update on the parking enforcements at the park. Hopkins reported that new parking regulation signs are being installed and hopes it will deter individuals from trying to camp in the park overnight. Discussion continued on homeless issues, enforcement, and efforts to help with their needs.

Livengood would like an update on Shipley Lake. Hopkins said that Ragland will attend the May meeting with a water report. Discussion ensued on the lakes and maintenance. Goddard would like a report on the reed removal maintenance at Black Bird and Talbert lakes. Commissioner Mantini agreed.

Bartusick would like to discuss lighting in the park. Hopkins said that there is a project in process and staff is looking at options. He will bring the item to Committee when there is more info to share.

Spohr would like to discuss the installation of a restroom near the Disc Golf area of the park.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA CONSIDERATION -

Shari Engle would like the Committee to consider memorial boulders to replace the bench and tree memorials, which are under moratorium.

Nagy asked to agendize Leipzigs talk on bugs. Leipzig will work with Sadono regarding a date for the presentation.

Continuing Items:

1. Huntington Central Park Biological Resources - Vic Leipzig
2. Landscaping of Area West of the Urban Forest - Jean Nagy
3. Trail - West Side of Kathy May's
4. Planting of California Oak Trees - Jean Nagy

ADJOURNMENT - with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.