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**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 | 6:00 PM

City of Huntington Beach
Civic Center Council Chambers
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648-2702

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Kreitz called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. at which time a quorum was met.

ROLL CALL

Present: Carchio (arrived at 6:15pm), Collins, Cuzzacrea, Green, Kaub, Kreitz, Mantini, Miller, Schuetz, Sterud, Thiel

Absent: None

Staff Present: David Dominguez, Chris Slama, Nashya Sadono, Charlene Gomez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Collins.

PRESENTATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MINUTES

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Kaub to approve the September 12, 2018 minutes with a second by Commissioner Schuetz. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Carchio, Collins, Cuzzacrea, Green, Kaub, Kreitz, Mantini, Miller, Schuetz, Sterud, Thiel

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

G.1 PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PRIORITY LIST –

Dominguez introduced David DeLaTorre and Justin Torres from Public Works saying that they are the certified playground inspectors and oversee the playground equipment replacement and maintenance and were available for any questions. Dominguez provided background on the replacement priority list. Twenty-seven playgrounds were suggested for replacement or maintenance. Out of the City's 77 parks, 65 host playgrounds. The Playground Equipment & Park Maintenance Committee (PE&PM) have met to review the play equipment and issues with those on the list. Several of the units have reached or surpassed their life expectancy. Each playground was rated by Public Works as "good, fair, or poor" during their routine inspections. The methodology of creating the priority list was addressing those that are non-ADA compliant, in poor condition, and/or in high-use as priorities on the list. Dominguez reported that the PE&PM Committee felt it was important to recommend that the play surfaces installed were designed with a combination of rubberized surface and sand whenever possible. Staff compiled the list in anticipation of an upcoming state park bond which should be available in Spring 2019.

Commissioners discussed the types and combinations of playground surfacing, the potential cost savings, play equipment/surfacing liabilities, and ADA accessibility and compliance.

Commissioner Thiel reported that at the September 27, 2018, PE&PM Committee meeting, Committee requested a tour of a Public Works inspection. The tour took place on October 8. Commissioner Thiel summarized the playground inspection. Committee Chair Schuetz thanked Commissioner Thiel and the Public Works Department staff for the tour and commented on the need for less tot lots if maintenance is not within Public Works' budget. She also asked that staff look at adding a second language to park signage. Staff was encouraged to seek out grants to assist with funding. Chair Kreitz liked the idea of staggering the replacement and maintenance. Chair Kreitz suggests staff look at other funding sources, such as increasing parking fees at the beach by one or two dollars, and bring the information back to Commission for review.

MOTION: Commissioner Schuetz moved to approve the park playground equipment replacement priority list with an emphasis on playgrounds surfaced with a combination of rubberized material and sand whenever possible; and make recommendation for approval to the City Council.

Commissioner Schuetz amended the motion to add "and apply for applicable grants and other funding sources." Discussion on the amendment ensued. Commissioner Miller seconded. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Carchio, Collins, Cuzzacrea, Green, Kaub, Kreitz, Mantini, Miller, Schuetz, Sterud, Thiel

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Central Park Permanent Parking Lot – Dominguez announced the parking lot is officially open and Shipley Nature Center reported the design is working out well.

Playground Surfacing at Baca and Wardlow Parks – Dominguez said construction of the rubberized surfacing at both parks began on October 4. Construction is expected to take approximately two weeks. Funding was provided in the last fiscal year budget.

Parkside Estates Public Park – Dominguez reported this was a long-term project near Warner Avenue and Graham Street. The 1.69 acre park is now complete and undergoing plant establishment. Staff will keep Commission updated on the status of the project.

STAFF COMMENTS/DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION OR MATERIALS:

Dominguez announced that the joint agreement with the Westminster School District was scheduled to go before City Council to address Clegg-Stacey Park and a better description of the play equipment. The Franklin Park Master Plan was also scheduled to go before City Council for approval. Dominguez also reported that Marie Knight, Director of Community Services, would be out on an extended medical leave. In the interim, Slama would oversee the Community Services Department duties. Lastly, Dominguez announced his retirement on November 30.

Slama provided his background with the Department for Commissions' information. Slama also announced the Surf City Arts Festival on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at the Art Center and Triangle Park.

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Huntington Central Park (HCP) Committee – Commissioner Kaub reported that discussion at the October 10 HCP Committee meeting included review of items completed through the CIP process and those upcoming. Brian Ragland of the Public Works Water Division provided a presentation on groundwater issues. Commissioner Kaub stated that Committee had been meeting for a year and made good progress at Central Park during that time.

Commissioner Thiel asked about the new committee lists. Chair Kreitz explained that other than the HCP Committee, who currently meets monthly, the other committees meet as needed.

Commissioners thanked staff for providing information on the playground equipment and the work done by the Playground Equipment & Park Maintenance Committee. Commissioner Green asked about the \$50,000 per year in Public Works budget for park maintenance and repairs and how the budget could be increased.

Commissioners individually thanked Dominguez for his service to the City and the Community Services Department.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA CONSIDERATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Commissioner Carchio moved for adjournment with Commissioner Schuetz seconded. The meeting was adjourned meeting at 6:46 pm.

Submitted by:

David C. Dominguez,
Secretary
Community Services Commission

By: Charlene Gomez
Recording Secretary