

**Huntington Central Park Committee**  
**Wednesday, September 11, 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  
SHARI ENGEL, Secret Garden  
STEVE ENGEL, Secret Garden  
KAY GODDARD, Shipley Nature Center  
VIC LEIPZIG, Sea & Sage Audubon Society  
TOM LIVENGOD, Shipley Nature Center  
JUANA MUELLER, Secret Garden  
JEAN NAGY, Urban Forest/HB Tree Society  
JEFF SPOHR, Disc Golf Sports  
VICTOR VARGAS, Primo Nash Concessions

**COMMISSIONERS:**

JANIS MANTINI, Committee Member  
KRISTA STERUD, Committee Member

**STAFF:**

MARIE KNIGHT, Community Services Director  
TOM HERBEL, Public Works Director  
DENNY BACON, Public Works Staff  
CHARLENE GOMEZ, Recording Secretary

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Kaub called the meeting to order at 4:01 at which time a quorum was met.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Kaub, Mantini, Sterud; Community Members Anderson, Bartusick, Engel, Engel, Goddard, Mueller, Nagy; Staff Members Knight, Slama, Gomez, Torrez

Absent: Community Members Behrens, Leipzig, Livengood, Rodriguez, Spohr; Staff, Herbel, Bacon

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Commissioner Kaub.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Shirley Knopf voiced her concerns with the overflow of trash cans and parking at the Civil War reenactment event. Ms. Knopf asked if someone from the reenactment that could address the concerns.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**1. Central Park Current Project Updates**

Torres reported that the maintenance contract was awarded to Evolution Landscaping. Discussion ensued on the transition of companies, the previous contractor and their staff.

Ragland reported on the ground water saying that efforts were made to put in a drainage system at Blackbird pond. He met with the designer, Ray, and the groundskeepers at Shipley Nature Center. They reviewed the site for drainage pipe options. Currently, Public Works is awaiting a replacement for the City Surveyor, who recently retired.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Wildlife Feeding Ad Hoc Committee Report - Steve Engel announced the members of the Wildlife Feeding Committee, which includes himself, Mueller, Goddard, and Council Member Delgleize in addition to other community members. The Committee is proposing a Phase I Pilot Project that will display visual educational signage. The program will include education with a focus on Children; utilization of school and art programs; social media and HBTv Channel 3 information. Engel provided the mission of the Committee and cited the rules and laws regarding feeding of wildlife at the federal, state, county, and local levels. Additionally, Engel provided information on costs for signage materials at Huntington Central Park and the Bluff Top Park due to the population explosion of squirrels. The Committee is suggesting a vinyl decal to be placed on trash receptacles and provided an example of banners taglines, such as, "They Don't Need the Feed". Discussion continued on the message to be sent through the signage. A "consequence" sign was suggested that provides information on the ramifications of feeding the wildlife human food. Engel provided a timeline from presentation to installation in early 2020. A recommendation was made that the Committee should work with PD for the wording of action.

Knight congratulated the Committee on a job well one. Knight asked that Committee to make sure the artwork is public domain to avoid legal issues. In addition, Knight asked the Committee to consider placement of the decal. Discussion ensued on the decal location for dumping purposes and the decal verbiage. The HCP Committee agreed upon replacing the sample word of "harm" with "kills" and the statement that "feeding wildlife is illegal."

Commissioner Mantini suggested creating a customized sign to suit the Bluff Top Park as well.

Engel stated that the funding amount of approximately \$1,667.77 would be needed and that there may be funding opportunities through Chevron. The funding from Chevron is earmarked for HCP. Other parks will be funded elsewhere.

Knight discussed the process for phasing the project. Discussion continued on how to measure the amount of public who feed wildlife and on enforcement. Should this item move forward, Engel has offered to monitor and create a matrix regarding the public feeding of the wildlife before and after the implementation of the education program.

MOTION: Commissioner Kaub motioned to move this item forward to the Community Services Commission, with Mantini seconding the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Kaub, Mantini, Sterud NOES: None

ABSENT: Green

**VOLUNTEER PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL - None****CENTRAL PARK PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS – None****STAFF AND MEMBER COMMENTS - Not Agendized**

Nagy asked to add an agenda item to the agenda regarding Eagle Scout projects. She said that the trail border ties are not finished and it would make a great scout project. This item will be moved to the Items For Future Agenda Consideration section of the agenda in October.

Knight said that Committee would prioritize CIP projects for the next budget at the November meeting, and therefore, come to the October meeting prepared with potential CIP projects.

Shari Engel asked Torres for an update on the specific weeds. Torres said that Public Works has been working with specialists and they will start treatment behind the Jack Green area to treat the water lettuce. The lettuce is more resistant than anticipated.

Steve Engel asked about the voting status of the Community Members. Discussion on the process began. Slama explained that park stakeholders provide important input for the Commissioners, who in turn vote as a sub-committee of the Community Services Commission.

Goddard inquired about the Blackbird Pond design and asked if it would be completed within four-weeks. Ragland said he would speak with Herbel regarding prioritizing the project.

Mueller asked to agendize an item of the Brindle Thomas property. She would like Committee to receive ongoing updates. Slama said staff will seek an update from the Office of Business Development for the October meeting.

Nagy inquired about events and the amount of admission participants pay at events. Nagy felt that if more events could be put on in Central Park, then the Park could benefit from the proceeds. Slama explained that the process is not set up to earmark funds for individual parks. Nagy also asked if the "raised trail" would be in the CIP. Lastly, Nagy asked about a foundation for the parks. Delgleize said that it was in the works.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA CONSIDERATION**

1. Huntington Central Park Biological Resources - Vic Leipzig
2. Beekeeping in Central Park

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 PM

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 HCP Minutes 08142019

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Central Park Committee is Wednesday, October 9, 2019, at 4:00 PM in Room B-8, Civic Center, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA.

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