

**Community Services Commission
Wednesday, July 10, 2019
6:00 PM - Regular Meeting
MINUTES**

**City of Huntington Beach
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
Council Chambers, Lower Level**



OFFICERS:

JAY KREITZ, Chair
MICHELLE SCHUETZ, Vice-Chair

STAFF:

MARIE KNIGHT, Community Services Director
CHRIS SLAMA, Community Services Manager
Charlene Gomez, Admin./Recording Secretary

JOE CARCHIO, Commissioner
STEPHANIE GREEN, Commissioner
BRIDGET KAUB, Commissioner
LISA KEMMERER, Commissioner
JANIS MANTINI, Commissioner
ROY MILLER, Commissioner
KRISTA STERUD, Commissioner
DICK THIEL, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kreitz called to order at 6:04 pm at which time a quorum was met.

ROLL CALL

Carchio, Green, Kaub, Kemmerer, Kreitz, Schuetz, Sterud, Theil, Mantini (excused)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Carchio.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Spring Volleyball Championship and Harry W. Montague Sportsmanship Awards – League Managers, Emily Richards and Yasmin Bravo presented the awards to the winning teams and youth athletes.
2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair - The annual election of Chair and Vice Chair was conducted. Chair Kreitz announced and called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Commissioner Kaub nominated Commissioner Kreitz for Chair, Carchio seconded the motion. All in favor.

Commissioner Carchio nominated Commissioner Schuetz as Vice Chair, Commissioner Kaub seconding the motion. All in favor.

Motions: To approve the re-appointment of Jay Kreitz as Chair and Michelle Schuetz as Vice Chair. Motion approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Carchio, Green, Kaub, Kemmerer, Kreitz, Schuetz, Sterud, Theil

Noes: None

Absent: Mantini

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Varga voiced his concerns over the length of time it has taken for the charrette style workshops and the usage decision for the Rodgers Seniors' Center site.

Amory Hanson voiced his support on maintaining Michael Rodgers name at the Center.

Barbara Robinson spoke on the Rodgers Seniors' Center site and the need to return the site to a park. Ms. Robinson provided her opinion of missed funding opportunities by the City.

Fran Varga spoke on the priority of converting the Rodgers Senior's Center site to a park, her frustration with the length of time taken and the lack of action.

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval requested for the April 10, 2019 Community Services Commission meeting minutes.

Motion by Carchio, seconded by Kaub to accept the minutes as written. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Carchio, Green, Kaub, Kemmerer, Kreitz, Schuetz, Sterud, and Thiel

Noes: None

Absent: Mantini

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

1. "Enhancing Our Parks", Prop 68 Funding Opportunities -

Chair Kreitz welcomed Knight back after her medical leave. Knight thanked Commission and staff for carrying on efficiently in her absence.

Knight provided an overview of Prop 68, saying there are two portions. The first portion is a competitive process. This is the first major park bond since 2002. Knight stated that the City is competing statewide for \$254,942,000 funds. RJM has been gathering information through workshops, surveys, etc. Knight also address the selection criteria required to compete for the grant funds. She said there were only 33 parks out of 77 that met the criteria. From those, the parks were evaluated according to which met the strict requirements, park improvement needs, and the playground equipment replacement priority

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list. The three parks selected were Carr Park, Drew Park, Schroeder Park. The presentation shown provided information on the needs and issues at the three parks, along with the suggested improvements. The public notification process was announced on the City's webpage along with the survey, Channel 3, WAVE Newspaper, bulletin board, and several workshops. Knight invited Commissioners and the public to review the poster boards and complete a survey after the meeting.

Knight said there would be a second round of funding, but does not know when it would take place. After the first round, based on projects that are awarded funding in the state, it would be clearer of what type of projects would likely receive funding in the future.

Commissioner Thiel asked how significant the poverty level was with regard to the grants. Knight said that the poverty level criteria is very significant, with only Oak View Park meeting that criteria and Oak View Park was recently updated with the Kaboom! playground installation project.

Chair Kreitz asked about the timeline for an "on the shelf" project. Knight said 6-9 months to select an architect, and then it would go through the design process and then out to bid as an example. It would also have to go through an environmental study and a Measure C vote if it were for a facility.

Commissioner Kemmerer asked if there would be a transparent list of the awardees. Knight said there would be a list that also includes where and for what projects.

Commissioner Kaub asked about the public process and if the input is for only these 3 parks. Knight said yes. Kaub asked about the list of 33 parks that were identified as potentials for the grant. Kaub asked if there is a way for the public to see the list and why those parks were not eligible. Knight replied that the state has a "fact finder" site where the information could be viewed.

Green asked if the Rodgers Seniors' Center site qualified. Knight said yes, but due to the compacted timeframes from the state, there would not be enough time to submit it as a qualified project.

Chair Kreitz called for public comments on the three (3) recommended parks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Diane Amendole spoke on bringing the volleyball court back at Drew Park. Ms. Amendole provided a petition signed by neighbors to bring the courts back. She said that a swing set was placed in the original volleyball court several years ago and the petition is asking that the swing set to be moved back to the tot lot so that the neighbors can continue to play volleyball.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Rodgers Center Site Update - Knight provided a review of usage of the Rodgers Seniors' Center site over the past year, which included recreation programming, usage by the HBPD and the American Legion Post 133. Knight went on to state that going forward, the usage of Rodgers Senior Center site will start with her commitment to the community that in September of 2019, a charrette style workshop will be held, which will include the public input process. The charrette workshops cannot take place sooner as the Department works towards replacing key personnel after the retirement of Parks Development Manager, Dave Dominguez, and Planning Assistant, Nashya Sadono, who is leaving the Department to take a position in Community Development. In the meantime, short-term use will continue at the Rodgers Seniors' Center site. Murdy and Edison Community Centers will undergo major renovations one at a time. Due to these renovations, there may be a need to relocate programs to the Rodgers Senior Center site for 6-9 months during their subsequent renovations. Staff is still evaluating this. In addition, the HBPD is undergoing a modernization project, so the City is looking at relocation options for some of the PD's non-public services on a short-term basis, and the Rodgers Senior Center site is one of the options for consideration. In August, the Special Interest Committee will conduct a meeting on site at the Rodgers Seniors' Center. The meeting will include a presentation by Chief Handy outlining PDs plans for use of the Rodger Seniors' Center site and for public input. Once the date is known, the information will be uploaded to the City's website. Knight asked that any interested parties leave their email addresses for future notification.

Green asked if the loan of the facility to the HBPD would push back any decisions for the site. It also may be a potential candidate for the next phase of Prop 68 grants. Knight said it is a possibility, but the site may not be eligible due to size and the grant requirements.

Kaub thanked Knight for bringing the charrette workshops to fruition in September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Huntington Central Park Committee – Commissioner Kaub provided a summary of the July 10 HCP meeting, touching upon a couple of main topics: an update on the groundwater level, non-native weed issues, and the proliferation of squirrels at Central and Bluff Top Parks and the fact that people feed them is a constant issue. An Ad Hoc committee will bring back general ideas for signage to educate the public on feeding the wildlife. A community member provided a statistic that in one area of the park there have been over 10,800 volunteer hours donated.

2. Discuss the purpose of Ad Hoc Committees and the Potential Dissolution or Re-Organization of Current Committees.

Knight explained that the City is looking at all of the boards and committees, some of the committees for Commission do not meet on a regular basis, and therefore, going forward, committees and committee members will only be selected as needed. That said the current Special Interest and Park Acquisition & Development Committee members would meet for the upcoming meetings in August and September as discussed.

STAFF AND MEMBER COMMENTS - Not Agendized

Knight announced that July is Parks & Rec month. Next Monday night at City Council, volunteers from the Oakview Kaboom! Project will be recognized. Knight also announced that Sadono would be leaving the Community Services Department and moving to the Planning Department. Knight further announced the resignation of Commissioner Roy Miller, saying his participation will be greatly missed.

Slama reported that summer programs are in full swing. Slama thanked Knight and Commission for their support during his time filling in for Knight as the Interim Director of Community Services Department

Kemmerer thanked staff for the update on Rodgers.

Kaub congratulated Sadono on her new position, thanked Slama for a job well done as Interim Director, and welcomed Knight back from her medical leave. She also asked the public to get the word out about the charrette workshops for the public process. Kaub stated that the programming taking place at the Rodgers Seniors' Center site has been respectful of the neighbors.

Carchio gave kudos to the Community Services Department for the job done with limited staff.

Green asked for an update on the Ascon issue. Knight provided background, saying it is not a city project, however, she did attend a meeting with DTSC, AQMD, and the responsible parties. The City is hiring, with Ascon funding the expense, an expert to interpret the technical language so that it is understandable to all. The project has stopped until certain criteria, including the hiring of the expert has been met

Schuetz asked to agendize the awards presentation to be more efficient. She also commented on having a discussion on raising money through large events, and concerts on the beach.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA CONSIDERATION:

1. Restructure the Quarterly Recreation Sports Awards presentations - Commissioner Schuetz

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Kreitz adjourned the meeting at 7:24 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach Community Services Commission is Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, Civic Center, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California.

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