

Community Services Commission
Wednesday, September 10, 2020
6:00 PM - Regular Meeting
MINUTES

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



STAFF:

CHRIS SLAMA, Community Services Director
FARHAD BOLOURCHI, Development Coordinator
CHARLENE GOMEZ, Administrative Secretary

COMMISSIONERS:

JAY KREITZ, Chair
JOE CARCHIO, Commissioner
LISA KEMMERER, Commissioner
JANIS MANTINI, Commissioner
REV. JAMES PIKE, Commissioner
KRISTA STERUD, Commissioner
DICK THIEL, Commissioner

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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members: Carchio (excused), Kemmerer (excused), Kreitz, Mantini, Pike, Sterud, Thiel

Staff: Slama, Cole, Wysocki, Bolourchi, Tennessen, Gomez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Pike

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Community Services Division Updates:

Slama introduced Ashley Wysocki, Community Services Manager for the Programs and Services Division. Wysocki provided a summer recap of the changes implemented in order to continue to provide the community with recreational and human services during the Covid-19 pandemic. Wysocki reported that with the creativity of staff and instructors, summer camps were held, keeping in mind health and safety protocols. Some programs, such as the Art Center's exhibitions, went online in order to continue to provide the community with arts and culture. Other recreational and fitness classes were offered online as well. The aquatics and peewee baseball programs were held in-person, with social distancing, and were a big success.

Wysocki reported that since the onset of the pandemic in March, the Senior Center in Central Park had to close its doors in compliance to State and County health orders, therefore, many of the senior citizen have been sheltering in place. During this time, the Senior Center and Community Services staff were still able to provide 78,423 meals; received 3,000 Care Mgmt. inquiries; provided 4,600 rides through the transportation center; 1,008 bags of shelf stable foods were distributed to low-income residents; and 75 extremely low-income seniors received \$200 grocery gift cards. In order to keep our seniors active and involved, the Senior Center in Central Park also created and distributed 9,850 recreation packets; 700 "Senior Center in a Box"; 1,800 handwritten "Thinking of You Cards"; and 20,300 special edition newsletters were distributed.

Slama introduced Chris Cole, Community Services Manager, who oversees the Facilities and Events Division. Cole reported on the City's specific events, saying that many had to cancel this year due to the pandemic; however, the event producers are already excited about next year's events. Cole highlighted the Air Show, which won Best Air Show by the US Air Force two-years running; the US Open of Surfing, which provides global marketing efforts for the City; and the 4th of July Parade, which was held, although modified, by taking

it off of Main Street and out into different areas of the community. Cole also spoke regarding several events that are in talks for 2021.

Cole reported that his division is working on new and renewing agreements with Huntington West Little League, Seaview Little League, HB Community Garden, and Shipley Nature Center. The new agreements and renewing agreements should go before City Council in the next month for final approval.

Cole also announced that City Council has approved the purchase and installation of new parking meters for the City. The technology for the current models will become obsolete soon. The new models will provide 4G technology and send reports to staff in real time.

CONCENT CALENDAR

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Request approval of Community Services Commission meeting minutes for February 12, 2020 and August 12, 2020 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Pike moved to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2020 and August 12, 2020 meetings with Vice Chair Mantini seconding the motion. The vote passed 5-0 (Carcio and Kemmerer absent).

2. **Huntington Central Park Playground Equipment** – Slama provided a brief recap saying that the playground equipment was brought before Commission at the August 12, 2020 meeting as a study session item. Staff is now requesting formal action to recommend the item to City Council for approval.

MOTION: Pike moved to approve the Huntington Central Park West playground equipment design concept as presented at the August 12, 2020 Community Services Commission meeting, and forward approval to the City Council to receive and file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mantini. The vote passed, 5-0 (Carchio, Kemmerer absent).

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS - Not Agendized

Regarding the Covid-19 status, Slama reported that Orange County has moved into the Tier 2 (red) of the State's new color-coded monitoring system. This will allow staff to look at bringing back some programming and creating other outdoor classes.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS - None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

MEMBER AND STAFF COMMENTS - Not Agendized

Commissioner Pike thanked staff for the creativity in programming during the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Mantini commented on walking in Huntington Central Park, particularly the Urban Forest, and said it was nice to see the Senior Center bring programming outdoors and into the park.

Kreitz commented on the Urban Forest as well. He would like to recognize the efforts of the HB Tree Society for their volunteer efforts in beautifying the park. Kreitz also voiced his concern about dogs off leash in Central Park and the enforcement of the posted signage. Slama said it is an ongoing issue in most parks. Enforcement of leash laws can be challenging for the Police Department, depending on what is happening in other areas of the City. Kreitz also welcomed Cole and Wysocki and thanked them for their efforts during this challenging time.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Meeting minutes for February 12, 2020 and August 12, 2020
2. Community Services Divisions' Summer Recap
3. Central Park Playground Presentation Handout

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach Community Services Commission is Thursday, October 14, 2020, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, Civic Center, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California.

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