

**Community Services Commission
Wednesday, September 8, 2021
6:00 PM – Regular Meeting
Minutes**



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

STAFF:

CHRIS SLAMA, Director
Community & Library Services
ASHLEY WYSOCKI, Deputy Director
Community & Library Services
CHARLENE GOMEZ, Administrative Secretary
Community & Library Services

JANIS MANTINI, Chair
LISA KEMMERER, Vice Chair
PAT BURNS, Commissioner
LAURA COSTELLOE, Commissioner
REV. JAMES PIKE, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Mantini called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm, at which time a quorum was met.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Slama

ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Burns, Costelloe, Kemmerer (absent), Mantini, Pike
Staff: Slama, Martinez, Gomez

INTRODUCTION

1. Chris Slama introduce Kristin Martinez, who was recently promoted to Community & Library Services Manager for the Programs and Services Division. Martinez was most recently the Supervisor at the Senior Center in Central Park. Martinez has many years of service with the City in recreation, including service at Murdy Community Service and the City Gym and Pool.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Chair Mantini called for a motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2021. Commission Pike moved to approve with Commissioner Burns seconding the motion. All in favor (approved 4-1 Kemmerer absent).

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair** – The annual election of Chair and Vice Chair were conducted as follows:
 - a. Commissioner Pike moved to nominated Commission Mantini to remain as Chair. Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. All in favor. (Approved, 4-1 Kemmerer absent).
 - b. Chair Mantini moved to nominate Commissioner Pike as Vice Chair. Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. All in favor. (Approved, 4-1 Kemmerer absent).

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS –

1. Slama reported that City Council approved the temporary ice skating rink at pier plaza during the winter months. The venue is scheduled to open November 26, 2021. More to follow next month.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Commission Business
 - a. Slama announced the resignation of John Partington. Staff is awaiting a replacement by Councilmember Kalmick. Additionally, Councilmember Bolton is researching and conducting interviews of potential appointees as her representative on Commission.
2. Master Plans Updates
 - a. Parks & Recreation 5-year Master Plan in Process – Slama reported that the Master Plan updated kicked off in May 2021. The City has been working with RJM Design Group, landscape architect, on surveys and workshops since June. Workshop #3 is schedule for September 23, 2021, which will discuss the results of online surveys received to-date from the public. Slama provided an overview of the remaining process, which he said could be found at <http://bit.ly/hbparksmasterplan2021>. The updated Master Plan will come to Commission for review prior to going to City Council for final approval. Mantini asked if the mobile homes at Oceanview Estates would be discuss. Slama reported that a Central Park Master Plan will be forthcoming that will include the mobile homes and several other improvements not listed in the current Central Park Master Plan.
 - b. Edison Park Master Plan in Process - Slama reported that the Edison Park Master Plan was running concurrent with the Parks & Rec Master Plan update. He provided an update on what had taken place to-date, including the conceptual plan kick-off and online workshops. The next workshop will be an in-person charrette workshop scheduled for 6pm on September 15, 2021 at Edison Park. More details at www.bit.ly/hbedisonpark.com.
3. Improvements and Playgrounds Update
 - a. Bluff Top Railing – Groundbreaking is scheduled for 10 am on September 14, 2021. This project is scheduled in phases. First phase is to replace the deteriorated railing. Slama invited the Commission to join the groundbreaking ceremony. Mantini asked about the ground squirrels. Slama said that the landscape architect and staff were looking at options for mitigation. The project will include path improvements, a sidewalk along PCH, and landscaping improvements. Discussion had been made on the speed of the

bike versus the pedestrians. A separated portion will be designated for pedestrians, delineated from the bikes, in addition to enhancing the “crossing zone”. Project completion anticipated by Memorial weekend of 2022. Mantini asked about the railing material. Slama said that there would be a combination of aluminum railing and lodge pole.

- b. Central Park West Playground – Slama provided images that were previously presented to Commission. He reported that the contractor would be sectioning off the area tomorrow, September 9, 2021. A ribbon cutting is anticipated for early November.
 - c. Sun View Prop 68 Playground – This Park is on the approved playground improvement list. Looking for construction to begin in 4-6 weeks.
 - d. Glen View Playground – This Park is also on the playground equipment improvement list. The playground equipment will be fully replaced. The funds were allotted in the current CIP year.
 - e. Rodgers’ Senior Center Site – This project is in the final plan check stage and will go to the Public Works Commission next week. Once approved, it will go out to bid. Slama said the hope is to break ground in 2-3 months.
4. Community & Library Services Programs Report – Martinez
- a. Slama introduced Martinez again, who reported on programs and services. Martinez presented a slide show saying that this year allowed for more in-person events, including overnight camping event in Central Park for 235 campers. Some of the statistics included a pier swim on June 12, 2021 with 226 swimmers. There was a movie series throughout the summer held at a different parks for each event; Camp HB at Murdy Center with 282 participants; and a 2-week sports camp for the Oak View youth with 28 participants. The contracted camps, which included recreation, education, and surf camps attracted 1,537 participants. Aquatics brought in 495 students for swim lessons and 130 families for recreation swim. Aqua Aerobics and Aqua Tone had 215 participants. Youth sports included Pee Wee T-B and Jr. Baseball with 53 participants; Pee Wee Basketball and Junior Basketball has 38 participants for 91 participants. Contracted sports Camps had a total of 505 participants. As a whole, over 7,000 participants registered for programs.
 - b. The Senior Center turned 5 years old this year and was very busy. Staff will be looking for stories and testimonials throughout the year to celebrate the first 5 years. In-person contract classes and virtual classes are both running now.

3 trips were taken over the summer. The fitness center and game rooms are open again. Outdoor Summer Concert has 352 participants. The Outlook on Active Aging has had handed out 25,000 copies so far this year. 66,300 home-delivered meals were served. Walk up service is available on Tuesdays. Care management has had 2000 inquires this year. A staggering 6,541 Surf City Seniors On The Go rides provided were in 2021; professional services and volunteers have returned as well.

- c. Martinez also provided information on programs coming this fall, including Adaptive Swim, which is new this year. Various events are scheduled and details can be found on the on the Senior Center's website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Park Naming & Memorials Committee – Pike

Slama announced that because of the Commission only having 5 members currently, the committee is on hold until new commissioners are appointed. Vice-Chair Pike provide a summary of the kick-off meeting from July 29, 2021. Vice-Chair Pike reported that the group sketched next steps for when the group is able to meet again.

MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS – Not Agendized

Vice-Chair Pike welcomed Martinez and thanked her for her service to the City.

Chair Mantini thanked staff for all of the hard work during the pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Mantini adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach Community Services Commission is Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

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