

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

July 25, 2013

The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order at 6:32 p.m., Thursday, by Chairman Bologna in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Members present: Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Simonson, Commissioner Russell, Chairman Bologna, Commissioner, Commissioner DuDeck, and Commissioner Burrows.

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Pitcher, Commissioner Fralish, Commissioner Farwell.

Staff present: Loretta McKinney, Director of Library and Community Services; Captain Bob Benton, Escondido Police Department; Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk; and Corky Triol, Administrative Coordinator.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner DuDeck, to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2013, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION:

PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Grape Day Park Task Force (Capt. Bob Benton, Escondido Police Department)**

Captain Bob Benton, Escondido Police Department, provided an update on the accomplishments at Grape Day Park that included an increase in police and park ranger presence and increased security at Center for the Arts. Accomplishments to come include additional playground equipment, new park benches, tables, trashcans, adding a park ranger in the park, development of a Master Plan, installing a new video system, have a park ranger dedicated on weekends, and increasing recreational activities. Long-term recommendations include a new bathroom facility, crosswalk from SDCDM to Grape Day Park, and creating a stage area.

Chairman Bologna and Captain Bob Benton discussed the increase in patrons to the park.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Park Improvement Projects

Loretta McKinney, Director of Library and Community Services, provided updates on the following:

- a. Kit Carson Park – Softball, Tennis Courts, Sports Center
- b. Grape Day Park – Play Structure & Master Plan
- c. James Stone Pool - Audit
- d. East Valley Community Center – Recreation Center & Heritage Digital Charger School
- e. El Caballo Park Master Plan

Chairman Bologna and Ms. McKinney discussed the status of the AstroTurf in Kit Carson Park. Ms. McKinney noted that staff was working with the company who installed the turf in order to try and mitigate the issues with the turf.

Commissioner Burrows noted that the existing turf was very slippery and caused injuries.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Council Priorities

McKinney noted that the City Council priorities included the Grape Day Park Play Structure and Master Plan, El Caballo Master Plan, and the Heritage Digital Academy Charter School lease.

2. Recreation Update

McKinney provided an update on the FORE Tournament, aquatic programs, Kit Carson Park, skate, hockey and soccer activities, and summer camps and programs.

3. Older Adult Services Update

McKinney provided the update, which included updates on the Park Avenue Community Center, the status of the programs being offered to older adults, and upcoming events.

Chairman Bologna asked where he could find the rates for room rentals at the Park Avenue Community Center. Ms. McKinney noted that the City's website has pricing.

UPDATE ON CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

Community Services Budgets FY 13-14 (Approved)

McKinney noted that the budget was approved 2013/2014 at \$3,422,975, which was \$233,525 less than last year's budget.

Capital Improvement budget (Approved)

McKinney noted that the budget was approved which included the completion of the PACC signage, Grape Day Park play structure and Master Plan, the Jim Stone Pool improvements as well as the El Caballo Park Master Plan, the completion of the EVCC front counter and other improvements, the Kit Carson Park tennis court repairs and the Jesmond Dene ball field lighting project.

Chairman Bologna and Ms. McKinney discussed the insurance rates for the parks.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ITEMS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Future Agenda Item

Commissioner DuDeck noted she would be willing to help on the El Caballo Park Master Plan.

Chairman Bologna asked if Pat Martinez could come back and give an update on Kit Carson Park's ball fields. Ms. McKinney stated she would check with Mr. Martinez.

Development Projects -- Discussed earlier.

Recreation Programs -- Discussed earlier.

Older Adults Projects/Programs -- Discussed earlier.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Site Committee – DuDeck, Pitcher, and Fralish. Alternate – Farwell.
Revenue & Operations Review – Bologna, and Nelson. Alternate – Burrows.
Community Activities – Garcia, Russell, and Farwell. Alternate – Pitcher.
Facility Use – Bologna, and Fralish,

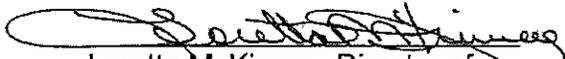
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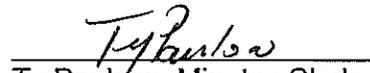
ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner DuDeck and Ms. McKinney discussed the hours of operation for the EVCC and Heritage Digital Charter School with regard to potential traffic patterns.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for October 24, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.


Loretta McKinney, Director of
Library and Community Services


Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk