

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY & OLDER ADULT SERVICES COMMISSION

May 3, 2012

The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order at 6:32 p.m., Thursday, by Chairman Banning in the Park View Room, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Members present: Chairman Banning, Commissioner Fralish, Commissioner Bologna, Commissioner Pitcher, Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Burrows, and Commissioner Farwell.

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Nelson and Commissioner DuDeck.

Staff present: Jerry Van Leeuwen, Director of Community Services; Amy Shipley, Older Adult Services Manager; Joel Agg, Recreation Supervisor; Nichole White, Recreation Supervisor; and Corinne Triol, Administrative Coordinator; and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

INTRODUCTIONS: The commissioners introduced themselves to each other.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Fralish, seconded by Commissioner Pitcher, to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2011, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATION: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

STONE BREWING - UPDATE

Jerry Van Leeuwen, Director of Community Services, noted that Mr. Greg Koch was a little concerned with the gnat issue in the park but as of yet there was nothing new to report on the partnership with the City.

2. ARCHERY UPDATE

Amy Shipley, Adult Services Manager, noted that the previous applicants, Archery

House LLC, had retracted their request to lease an area in Mountain View Park for archery due to some partnership issues. She noted that Rho Densmore was working with the City regarding archery classes, which was very popular. Ms. Shipley also noted that Ms. Densmore was still interested in revisiting leasing the area in Mountain View Park for Archery.

3. PARK VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER

Amy Shipley, Adult Services Manager, noted the Joslyn Center was working closely with the recreation center regarding changing the name to the Park Avenue Community Center. She also noted that rentals had been increased just by word of mouth.

Commissioner Pitcher asked if the classes had to be senior only classes. Ms. Shipley replied in the negative, noting classes were offered to all ages.

Commissioner Bologna asked if the issues regarding youths playing pool were resolved. Mr. Van Leeuwen replied in the affirmative, noting the billiard room was only for individuals 50 years or older.

Ms. Shipley noted that the issues with regard to removing the chairs under the gazebo had been resolved. She also noted that staff was working on creating smoking areas.

Discussion ensued regarding a clarification of the location for the Joslyn Lounge at the Park Avenue Community Center.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. CPRS AWARDS

Joel Agg, Recreation Supervisor, and Nicole White, Recreation Supervisor, provided an overview of the CPRS Awards and also provided an update on the interaction with the high schools aquatic programs.

Mr. Van Leeuwen, Director of Community Services, expressed his enthusiasm with Nicole White's dedication.

2. 18th FORE ESCONDIDO GOLF TOURNAMENT – TUESDAY MAY 8th AT THE VINEYARD

Nicole White, Recreation Supervisor, noted that the golf tournament was an annual charity to raise money for the Share A Dream Scholarship Program. She noted that they had 10 business sponsors and 60 business donations for the raffle. She referenced the link <http://fore.escondido.org> for more information about the tournament.

3. MAY IS WATER SAFETY MONTH/APRIL POOLS DAY

Nicole White, Recreation Supervisor, noted that they worked closely with the San Diego Aquatic Council and the National Drowning Prevention Alliance. She handed out literature on pool safety and then provided a PowerPoint. She noted that the goal was to get this information out to the community. She stated that CDBG funds were used to provide swim lessons to children, noting lessons were open to everyone. The signature event was April Pools Day; noting last year's event was well received with over 180 participants. She then referenced a conference in Austin where one of the topics was providing swimming lessons to children with autism. She noted that they were looking at working with the Autism Society and possibly setting up a partnership to do a program in the near future.

4. RECREATION UPDATE

Amy Shipley, Adult Services Manager, noted that she was waiting to hear about the On Track Program. She stated that the Recreational Division was asking for cost recovery. She noted that they were approached by Joyce Wells to participate in a fund raising event with the San Diego Padres, which was not going great but hoping next year would go better with more involvement with the community. Ms. Shipley then showed a brochure for spring for the Recreational Department, noting they were expecting a very busy summer.

Mr. Van Leeuwen noted that the new offices were done at the Sports Center.

Commissioner Burrows requested information regarding the installation of the solar panels in Kit Carson Park. Mr. Van Leeuwen noted that the City was approached by an energy company to put in solar panels throughout the City as an energy conservation program. He noted that the company maintains the units and the City just purchases back the energy at a lower rate. He also noted that the City received a stimulus grant and was installing new ball field lighting at Kit Carson Park.

5. OLDER ADULT SERVICES UPDATE

Amy Shipley, Adult Services Manager, provided the update and noted that the senior center was over 52 years old and served over 400 seniors a day. She stated that grants allowed them to offer meals to individuals 60 and older for a donation. She also indicated that a portion of the grant paid for transportation. She noted that the recreation Open House was well received at the Escondido Senior Center as well as noting that the Senior, Senior Prom would be held in June.

6. BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Van Leeuwen referenced the staff report with regard to the budget and noted that it was recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution 2012-75 approving

the Recreation Program Fee Schedule and authorizing the Director of Community Services to adjust fees to lower if necessary. He noted that another piece of this was the need to do an analysis of the programs.

Chairman Banning questioned what the ramifications were if all of the expectations could not be met. Mr. Van Leeuwen noted that goal was to build the reserves in order to have a buffer and then staff would come back to the Commission with some contingency plans.

Commissioner Bologna asked if we could position recreation with Daley Ranch. Mr. Van Leeuwen noted staff was in the process of writing a business plan for activities at the ranch house with the argument being that some of the revenue should go back to recreation.

UPDATE ON CITY COUNCIL ACTION

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET

Mr. Van Leeuwen noted that the direction was to come put together some ideas and conduct a tour of the facilities. He noted staff was looking at a \$230,000 grant for underserved areas, which was a grant for communities that build affordable housing.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

ITEMS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Future Agenda Items – No discussion.

Recreation Programs – No discussion.

Development Projects – No discussion.

Older Adults Projects/Programs – No discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Site Committee

Revenue, Operation Review

Community Activities

Facility Use

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Banning suggested reporting on opportunities throughout the community as well as considering a commitment device of saying what are we going to do between meetings. He also suggested creating commitments for the Commissioners.

Commissioner Burrows felt the Commission should discuss items at the Commission level versus at the committee level. Commissioner Farwell and Commissioner Bologna concurred.

Discussion ensued regarding conducting a field trip to look at potential uses for the funds.

Commissioner Bologna concurred with the commissioners taking on a proactive role in helping out staff when possible with recreational projects.

Ms. Shipley noted that some of the funding sources were discretionary and could go to other items.

Chairman Banning directed staff to email the Commission with any opportunities where the Commission could help.

Commissioner Farwell noted that she was unaware of the golf tournament and other recreational activities. She suggested having an informational booth at Cruising Grand.

Ms. Triol provided contact information and asked the Commission to send her any corrections.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for August 23, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Jerry Van Leeuwen, Director of
Community Services

Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk