

**A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

November 15, 2017
6:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on November 15, 2017.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lauer called the meeting to order for the Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Lauer
 Vice Chair Kiss-Lee
 Commissioner Dudley
 Commissioner Rogers

Absent: Commissioner Russell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Lauer led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

PRESENTATION(S)

None

DISCUSSION ITEM

(A) UPDATES ON CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, PARK PROJECTS, OR PROGRAMS

Commissioner Dudley stated the Halloween Carnival was amazing.

Commissioner Dudley and Commissioner Rogers asked how many attended the Carnival. Manager Alison Dobay estimated 3,500 attended. Director Aly Mancini stated staff sold 1,900 wrist bands.

It was motioned by Commissioner Dudley and seconded by Vice Chair Kiss-Lee to receive and file the updates.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: Chair Lauer
 Vice Chair Kiss-Lee
 Commissioner Dudley
 Commissioner Rogers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Russell

ABSTAIN: None

(B) STUDY SESSION FOR 2017 NEEDS ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Recommendations 1 – 4

Director Mancini reviewed the Needs Assessment 24 recommendations for improvements based on data collected during the Needs Assessment development.

Commissioner Rogers suggested reaching out to Freddy Rodriguez to develop the mobile app and review other city websites for inspiration.

Commissioner Dudley suggested offering classes at the library to the seniors who are not technologically knowledgeable.

Vice Chair Kiss-Lee suggested a link to a resource guide on the website and mobile app. She also suggested the teen volunteers teach the seniors how to navigate the website. Staff can reach out to local high schools for volunteers.

Chair Lauer asked if it was possible to make the website in other languages such as Spanish. Manager Dobay stated there is a feature which can be added to a website through Google Translate which can translate the webpage to which ever language you choose. Director Mancini also stated the website could have information available in other languages for the public to print.

Vice Chair Kiss-Lee suggested staff determine what the top three languages are and make the public aware hard copies are available upon request.

Recommendations 5 – 18

Commissioner Rogers commented that for Recommendation 8 long term sustainability and maintenance is important. If large groups start coming in and something happens

then the City is responsible. We need to make sure these groups are providing the City with proof of insurance. Commissioner Rogers likes the idea of collaborating with businesses.

Commissioner Dudley felt a lot of the recommendations would be better served in a new facility. Director Mancini stated we need to prioritize needs before funding can be directed.

Commissioner Dudley felt Recommendation 9 could help the people living on the hill.

Commissioner Dudley asked for Recommendation 11, how we would notify people of the services. Director Mancini stated that we would work in partnership with the City of Long Beach; we have already been in communication with the City.

Commissioner Dudley commented for Recommendation 14 seniors may like playing bridge, dancing, bingo, poker or a game day. Where they can get involved and socialize.

Commissioner Dudley suggested for Recommendation 15, Kaiser Permanente would be important to collaborate with. Commissioner Rogers informed the Commission Kaiser has a room they provide free of charge with a projector.

Commissioner Dudley asked if we could contract with the City of Long Beach to get our residents to attend their classes.

Vice Chair Kiss-Lee, on Recommendation 8, suggested advertising on reader board for permits.

Vice Chair Kiss-Lee thought Recommendation 11 was a good opportunity to bring in grad students from local colleges. Programs including community activities, internships and special projects.

Vice Chair Kiss-Lee, on Recommendation 14, suggested seniors volunteer at our after school program. Also have seniors teach teens about basic life skills such as balancing a check book.

Vice Chair Kiss-Lee, on Recommendation 17, suggested business advertising website or phone app for a percentage.

Vice Chair Kiss-Lee, on Recommendation 18 a business of the month or quarter featured on the reader board our website. Perhaps a little segment on our cable channel.

Chair Lauer, on Recommendation 7, suggested a volunteer tab be included on the website and mobile app.

Chair Lauer, on Recommendation 9, suggested perhaps partnering with the Alpert Jewish Community Center and use their buses for local pickups for City events.

Chair Lauer, Recommendation 15, suggested the Police Department officers hand out a card to residents listing resources. Commissioner Rogers stated they already have a pamphlet they give out listing various services. Community Services information should also be added to the pamphlet.

Recommendations 19-24

Commissioner Dudley, on Recommendation 19, suggested tearing down the old Community Center and building a new one.

Commissioner Dudley suggested finding an older unused building for Recommendation 20.

Commissioner Dudley, on Recommendation 24, stated it was good to meet with the management of local business and work together to promote them and the City.

Vice Chair Kiss-Lee, on Recommendation 19, stated the Needs Assessment showed a high percentage of seniors and teens want to get involved. Also, the Spud Field renovation would be good and a fitness facility to rent. Commissioner Rogers commented that the Salvation Army offers their building, and we can collaborate with them in the meantime.

It was motioned by Commissioner Dudley and seconded by Commissioner Rogers to receive and file the report.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: Chair Lauer
 Vice Chair Kiss-Lee
 Commissioner Dudley
 Commissioner Rogers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Russell

ABSTAIN: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was motioned by Commissioner Rogers and seconded by Vice Chair Kiss-Lee to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: Chair Lauer

Vice Chair Kiss-Lee
Commissioner Dudley
Commissioner Rogers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Russell

ABSTAIN: None

COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Dudley was walking the trail this morning and saw graffiti on the walkway off of Ohio.

Vice Chair Kiss-Lee asked if the reader board will have a camera and signage to prevent graffiti. Director Mancini stated that yes, there will be a camera and signage.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Russell and seconded by Commissioner Dudley to adjourn to the next Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill Parks & Recreation Commission on Wednesday, December 20, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: Chair Lauer
Vice Chair Kiss-Lee
Commissioner Dudley
Commissioner Rogers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Russell

ABSTAIN: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Nancy Lauer
Chair

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Aly Mancini
Commission Secretary