

A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

May 18, 2011
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 May 18, 2011.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Davis called the meeting to order for the Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Davis
Commissioner Cunningham
Commissioner Damrow
Commissioner Dudley

Absent: Chair Tickell (Excused)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Davis led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

Community Services Manager Mancini gave a presentation about the Library including programs, staffing, the library collections, computers and the facility renovation.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

(A) SIGNAL HILL MASTER PLAN

Summary:

Community Services Director Alcivar-McCoy, Jim Pickel from Moore Iacofano Goltzman, Inc., and architect Robert Coffee presented the draft master plan for Signal Hill Park including the conceptual design and project phasing. The Commission heard comments from members of the public.

Two comments were received from members of the public regarding the Master Plan. In an email received on May 18, a resident stated that the basketball courts slated for removal in Phase 2 should be kept and continue to be made available to youth, and that Spud Field should be retained in its current location and improved if possible. In an oral presentation at the Commission meeting, a member of the public stated a new location for the basketball courts should be identified and shown in Phase 2.

The Parks and Recreation Commission recommended that homeowners associations and the Long Beach Unified School District also be included on the library committee.

It was moved by Commissioner Damrow and seconded by Commissioner Cunningham to receive and file the report with communication of suggestions made to City Council.

Motion passed 4/0/0

(B) UPDATES ON CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, PARK PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

Community Services Manager Mancini presented an update on various presentations, programs and events including the Reservoir Park dedication; an Earth Day presentation to Kids Kamp children by John L. Hunter & Associates; highlights of the Spring Fest event, with thanks to the many volunteers; the Author Talk program with Antwone Fisher as a guest speaker; and National Library Week activities.

It was moved by Commissioner Dudley and seconded by Commissioner Cunningham to receive and file this report.

Motion passed 4/0/0

MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Damrow and seconded by Commissioner Dudley to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Motion passed 4/0/0

COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Dudley requested information about the schedule of upcoming budget workshops, and staff assured that the Commissioners would be notified of the schedule.

Commissioner Damrow notified staff about cracks in the sidewalks and brick areas at Hilltop Park.

Vice Chair Davis extended the Commission's thanks to Robert Tickell for his service with regrets for the end of his term. He also welcomed Alisha Lopez, who will soon be appointed to the Commission.

ITEMS AGENDIZED FOR NEXT MEETING

There were no items agendized for the next meeting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was a follow up from resident Gloria Nava:

- Ms. Nava asked if over the time we have had 3 elementary schools, had there ever been a program of activities between the City and LB schools. Vice Chair Davis explained there are issues with insurance because school grounds cannot be accessible if there is exposure to the school buildings. The fields must be isolated. The City has not used their facilities in a joint relationship in the past.
- Ms. Nava advised that she has been active in League of Women voters, and they have tried to come up with plans where school districts used their land more fully for the community as well as their school activities, and nothing ever worked out. She referred back to her recommendation that she sincerely hopes that we leave a place for the basketball courts. Those players are in good shape and are a role model for the children that could look up to them and want to learn to play and at a good level.


ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Dudley, and seconded by Commissioner Cunningham to adjourn to the Regular Meeting continued to Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755.

The motion passed 4/0/0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Robert Tickell
Chair


Pilar Alcivar-McCoy
Commission Secretary