

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

March 14, 2012
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 March 14, 2012.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order for the Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Davis
 Vice Chair Dudley (arrived at 6:14 p.m.)
 Commissioner Cunningham
 Commissioner Damrow
 Commissioner Lopez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Davis led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

**(A) REVIEW OF FEE INCREASES PROPOSED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013
CITY BUDGET**

The Commission discussed fee changes under consideration during the City budget process. Community Services Director Alcivar-McCoy anticipated that upon completion of the Jessie Nelson Middle School, there might be a need for additional after-school care programs. She also highlighted the request for installation of WiFi in the library and the reduction in CDBG funds that help support the City's Food Distribution program.

The Commission suggested options for additional staffing for after-school care and offered an expression of support for CDBG funds.

(B) OUTSTANDING OLDER AMERICAN AWARD

Director Alcivar-McCoy presented the staff report requesting the Commission recognize a Signal Hill resident as an Outstanding Older American. This year, four outstanding residents were nominated for this prestigious award.

The Commission reviewed the nominations and voted to select Al Sirignano as the 2012 Outstanding Older American. The award will be announced at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Motion passed 5/0/0.

(C) CALIFORNIA PARKS AND RECREATION SOCIETY DISTRICT 10 AWARDS AND INSTALLATION BANQUET

The California Parks & Recreation Society District 10 will be holding its 2012 Awards & Installation Banquet on Thursday, April 12, 2012. Staff invited the Commission to join in this year's program themed *Honoring Excellence Through Service*.

Four Commissioners expressed a desire to participate and directed to staff to add them as attendees (Commissioner Lopez was not able to attend).

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

Each month staff provides an update on various actions which affect the Community Services Department such as City Council direction, project status for park development, or other Community Services programs which have changed over the previous month.

Community Services Director Alcivar-McCoy highlighted the high level of participation in the ARC program and the excursions offered to active adults. At the Las Brisas Community Center, the "tweens" were actively involved in the redecoration of the Center.

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

Motion passed 5/0/0

(E) REVIEW OF COMMISSION REVOLVING OBJECTIVES

Each month staff and Commissioners will provide an update on various actions taken regarding items identified on the Commission Revolving objectives.

A rendering of the electronic sign was provided to the Commission. A color scheme for the restrooms at Reservoir Park was selected by the Commissioners. Community Services Director Alcivar-McCoy reported that planning for the Health Fair would begin

in April, and a conceptual site plan for the Community Garden will be provided at the April meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Damrow and seconded by Vice Chair Dudley to receive and file this report.

Motion passed 5/0/0

MINUTES

It was moved by Vice Chair Dudley and seconded by Louise Cunningham to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2012 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Motion passed 5/0/0

COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chair Dudley asked that staff look into the walking club held in the City of El Monte to determine if their program might be something that would work in Signal Hill.

Commissioner Damrow asked if there might be other walking groups, such as the Sierra Club, that we might work with for healthy activities. She also provided information on an upcoming Author Talk on March 26.

Commissioner Lopez indicated that she would like to see planning begin to hold a running event. She also suggested the beginnings of a monthly health event that might be coordinated by different health clubs with varying themes.

Chair Davis reported that the trees at Panorama/Eastwind had recently been trimmed by Public Works. A complaint had been received by a resident, and staff was directed to contact her to determine if she was satisfied with the response. If not, staff could set up a meeting with her and the Open Space, Park and Tree Subcommittee.

Community Services Director Alcivar-McCoy reported that the City of Long Beach requested permission to route a Bike Tour through Signal Hill. More information to follow in April.

Alcivar-McCoy also reported a new IRS ruling was forthcoming regarding the status of Commissioners as employees. She will contact Commissioners individually regarding their options as either employees or unpaid volunteers.

ITEMS AGENDIZED FOR NEXT MEETING

There were no items agendized for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Vice Chair Dudley, and seconded by Commissioner Damrow to adjourn to the Regular Meeting continued to Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755.

The motion passed 5/0/0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Ken Davis
Chair

Pilar Alcivar-McCoy
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Commission Secretary