

A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

August 14, 2013
5:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on August 14, 2013.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order for the Parks and Recreation Commission at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Cunningham
Vice Chair Lopez
Commissioner Brooks
Commissioner Davis
Commissioner Dudley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Cunningham led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

PRESENTATION(S)

None

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

(A) LOTUS HOUSE FEE WAIVER

Staff received a request for waiver of facility rental fees from the Lotus House, a non-profit Signal Hill corporation, for the use of the picnic shelters and basketball courts at Discovery Well Park on Friday, August 16.

It was moved by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Dudley to approve the waiver.

Motion passed 5/0/0

(B) THE ROCK CLUB – ROCK THE VETS FEE WAIVER REQUEST

Staff received a request for waiver of facility rental fees from The Rock Club – Rock the Vets, a non-profit organization, for the use of the amphitheater at Signal Hill Park on Saturday, September 28.

Katherine McIlquham, administrator of The Rock Club – Rock the Vets, explained to the commission how the program uses music education to build career skills for veterans. The purpose of the concert is to raise awareness for this program and to thank veterans for their service.

It was moved by Commissioner Dudley and seconded by Commissioner Brooks to approve the waiver.

Motion passed 5/0/0

(C) COMMUNITY GARDEN

Director Alcivar-McCoy provided an update about the proposed community garden and presented the staff report.

The following individuals asked questions and shared their comments regarding the garden:

- Constance Malaambo
 - Concerned garden wall adjacent to her home would block view from her home
- Sharon Burgeron
 - Requested the City rethink the annual fee to make it more affordable
 - To keep costs down participants could devote time per season to clean gardens rather than paying contractors
 - Concerned with the height of the walls near neighbors
- Lynn Hutchinson
 - Likes the 6 month commitment rather than 1 year.
 - Concerned annual fee is too high
 - Asked for target date of garden completion
- Scott Hunter
 - Feels cost is reasonable
 - Asked for clarification of garden components in the Preliminary Design Plan

The Commission had the following comments:

- Other community gardens have lower costs because they are run by non-profits, not the city.
- In the future, City can seek the support of a non-profit organization.
- The garden is built and run by the City of Signal Hill and the charges are what is needed to cover costs.

It was moved by Commissioner Dudley and seconded by Commissioner Brooks to forward the revised conceptual plan to Council.

Motion passed 5/0/0

(D) RIGHT-OF-WAY TASK FORCE

Director Alcivar-McCoy provided an update on the task force's response to the increased number of people exercising in the parks, sidewalks, and streets of Signal Hill. The police department has visited fitness businesses within Signal Hill to inform them of the new permit requirement. All proposed projects or activities that could potentially encourage additional traffic have been put on hold.

Mayor Noll shared his concerns regarding the over use of parks by fitness groups and of the Discovery Well parking lot by runners not even using the park.

Commission discussed potential pedestrian violations of traffic laws. There is concern that people will get hurt.

It was moved by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Lopez to receive and file the report.

Motion passed 5/0/0

CONSENT CALENDAR

- (A) UPDATES ON CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, PARK PROJECTS & PROGRAMS**
- (B) REVIEW OF COMMISSION REVOLVING OBJECTIVES**
- (C) MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Dudley and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion passed 5/0/0

COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

None

ITEMS AGENDIZED FOR NEXT MEETING

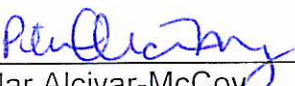
- Strategy for community outreach
- 90th anniversary activities

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Dudley and seconded by Commissioner Davis to adjourn to Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 11, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 1780 E. Hill Street, Signal Hill, CA 90755.

The motion passed 5/0/0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Pilar Alcivar-McCoy
Commission Secretary

Louise Cunningham
Chair