

A REGULAR MEETING  
SIGNAL HILL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES

November 13, 2013  
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 13, 2013.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order for the Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:00 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) ELECTRONIC SIGN**

Director Alcivar-McCoy and Public Works Director Steve Myrter presented the commission with three alternative locations for a Monument Sign with an electronic message center. These sites are alternatives to the original location on the corner of Cherry Avenue and Hill Street:

- Northwest or Southwest corner of Willow Street and Cherry Avenue

- Southwest corner of Cherry Avenue and 28<sup>th</sup> Street
- Southwest corner of Cherry Avenue and Burnett Street

Director Myrter explained that since the City does not own the land on the corners of Willow/Cherry and the corner of Cherry/28<sup>th</sup>, we would need approval from the owner to purchase the property and we would not be able to use park funds to build this project. The corner of Cherry/Burnett would be the most feasible location since the City owns the property and park funding could be used.

Commissioner Dudley asked how we would get power to the Cherry/Burnett site.

Commissioner Davis asked how it would affect the empty lot on the other side of Burnett and possible commercial development there.

Chair Cunningham wanted to clarify that Park impact fees would not be able to be used on the sites which the City does not own.

Commissioner Brooks wanted to know the typical cost of buying an easement.

Commissioner Lopez asked how we came up with these sites.

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

- Frank Petrick (Sea Ridge Village HOA)
  - Questions why we need a sign
  - Funds could address other concerns of residents
- Elizabeth Stowe (resident)
  - Likes having the sign to improve communication
  - Suggested a private/public partnership to save cost and share use of sign
- Jim Bush (Sea Ridge Village HOA)
  - Questions why we need a sign
  - If the project happens, the Cherry/Burnett site is good and will clean up the corner
- Carol Churchill (resident)
  - Questions the necessity of the sign
  - The recommendation of a private/public partnership is a good idea
  - Staff could have contacted private property owners to see if they would be interested or willing to lease
  - The Cherry/Burnett site seems the best option
- Lisa Gary
  - Win for everyone if we can have the sign and put it into another location other than Cherry/Hill
  - The Cherry/Burnett location is terrific since the City owns the land, gives us another park, improves the area and doesn't affect residents
- Bob Mendoza (resident)
  - We need a sign, and it is an important part of the city

- Sign should not be at Cherry/Hill location
  - Concerned we already purchased the sign
- Carol Apt (Westbluff HOA)
  - City should have gotten community input before starting this project
  - Concerned about nonprofit organizations using the sign
  - Cherry/Burnett is a much better site.
- Gloria Nava (resident)
  - In favor of Cherry/Willow site since it would expose the sign to more people

Director Alcivar-McCoy provided answers to the questions asked.

The Commission agreed that the best location for the Monument Sign is the southwest corner of Cherry Avenue and Burnett Street.

It was moved by Commissioner Dudley and seconded by Commissioner Davis to recommend the Cherry/Burnett site for the placement of the Monument Sign and have staff research the cost.

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

Motion passed 5/0/0

#### COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Brooks and Chair Cunningham reported on their attendance at the California Public Library Association Conference.

Chair Cunningham reported on a committee meeting with Council Member Hansen, Charlie Honeycutt and artist John Cicchetti to discuss the Police Station art piece.

Commissioner Dudley and Chair Cunningham stated there were lots of runners on the hill and were disruptively blowing a whistle.

Commissioner Davis advised the Commission there was an article on Hilltop Park in the Long Beach Register.

## ITEMS AGENDIZED FOR NEXT MEETING

- 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Dudley and seconded by Commissioner Davis to adjourn to Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 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 7:07 p.m.

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*Pilar Alcivar-McCoy*  
Pilar Alcivar-McCoy  
Commission Secretary

Louise Cunningham  
Chair