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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS, RECREATION AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

November 3, 2015
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Zeidman called the meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Chair Scott Zeidman
 Vice Chair Kay Heineman
 Commissioner Scott Garland*
 Commissioner Kelly Kent Marin
 Commissioner Laura Stuart

*Commissioner Garland exited the meeting at 7:28 P.M.

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Chair Zeidman invited public participation.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Action Items

Item A-1
(Out of Sequence)

(1) Consideration of a Recommendation to the City Council Regarding Adoption of a Resolution Naming Ball Field #3 in Bill Botts Field within Culver City Park in Honor of Former Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Chair Rick Hudson; and (2) If a Recommendation in Support of the Naming is Made, Consideration of One or More Recommendations Regarding the Related Commemorative Signage

Daniel Hernandez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the tireless dedication of Rick Hudson; ensuring that the correct field is named after him; a correction to the map page in the agenda packet; a request that the item be pulled pending receipt of City Council criteria for naming; and the Anita Shapiro request.

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, read comments submitted by:

Susan Deen

Chair Zeidman invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the Commission:

Barbara Silverstein discussed the tireless work of Anita Shapiro noting the request to honor her with a naming had been denied.

Discussion ensued between Commissioners regarding having the Little League or the School District honor Rick Hudson; better defining contribution; establishing criteria; the limited amount of naming opportunities; and a suggestion to withdraw the item pending clear guidance from the City Council.

Commissioner Marin suggested addressing the item another time with research regarding criteria for Syd Kronenthal and other locations that have previously been named to honor someone.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding precedent; volunteer efforts of Rick Hudson; other dedicated volunteers; upcoming naming requests; determining who is worthy; limited naming opportunities; a suggestion to consolidate consideration of naming requests; City Council review and refinement of the current naming policy; continuing naming requests to the April meetings each year; refined criteria based upon precedence; clarification that Syd Kronenthal created the park system; and determination of requests with a level playing field.

MOVED BY CHAIR ZEIDMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STUART AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION:

1. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF NAMING BALL FIELD #3 IN BILL BOTTS FIELD WITHIN CULVER CITY PARK IN HONOR OF FORMER PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION CHAIR RICK HUDSON TO APRIL 2016, AND;
2. REQUEST THAT THE CITY COUNCIL FORMULATE A MORE DETAILED CRITERIA FOR NAMING OF PUBLIC FACILITIES, AND:
3. INSTITUTE ANNUAL CONSIDERATION OF NAMING REQUESTS AT APRIL MEETINGS OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR PROVIDED THAT CRITERIA IS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

Commissioner Garland exited the meeting at 7:28 P.M.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes - October 6, 2015

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STUART AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2015. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: HEINEMAN, KENT MARIN, STUART, ZEIDMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: GARLAND

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Item C-2

**Review of Upcoming Agenda Items to be Considered by the
Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission
and its Ad Hoc Subcommittees**

Commissioner Kent Marin requested that consideration of refurbishing a dilapidated mural at Culver West be placed on a future agenda.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding jurisdiction; roles of the Commissions; and conferring with the City Attorney before agendaizing the item.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER KENT MARIN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REVIEW UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (PRCS) COMMISSION AND ITS AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: HEINEMAN, KENT MARIN, STUART, ZEIDMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: GARLAND

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Item A-2

(Any or All of the Following Actions, if Desired) (1) Dissolution of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission "Community Conversations - Topic #6" Ad Hoc Subcommittee; (2) Discussion and Selection of a Topic for "Community Conversations - Topic #8;" (3) Formation of the Community Conversations - Topic #8 Ad Hoc Subcommittee; and, (4) Appointment of Two Commissioners to the Newly-Formed Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Commissioner Stuart suggested deferring consideration of the item to the December Commission meeting due to the need to shuffle ad hoc subcommittees.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STUART AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KENT MARIN THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION DEFER CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM TO THE DECEMBER PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: HEINEMAN, KENT MARIN, STUART, ZEIDMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: GARLAND

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Item A-3

Consideration of Supporting Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department Staff's Proposed Recommendation to the City Council to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Major League Softball to Operate the Culver City Adult Softball League

Dan Hernandez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, read comments submitted by:

Ken Widelitz
Terry Ballentine
Ward Brown

Chair Zeidman invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Commission:

Cynthia Sampson, MLS program participant, discussed her experience managing the Blue Socks; the shift to MLS running the program; the large size of the program; things that could be improved; she expressed support for the director running the program; and she felt that MLS did a pretty good job.

Arturo Garcia, Jr., Manager of a coed team, felt that MLS did a good job overall; e discussed responsiveness; field conditions; and he expressed support for their renewal.

Bill Ward discussed his experience playing softball in the City; he expressed concern with a decline after the introductory period; the lack of enthusiasm; assertions on the MLS website; umpire issues; scheduling issues; the shortened season; communication issues; shuffling of teams; rule changes; field prep; and he felt that if MLS is approved they need to do a better job.

Dan Hernandez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, reported distributing information to Commissioners, and he discussed a planned meeting before the winter season with umpires and Dan Jassim to discuss concerns and areas of improvement.

Dave Johnson, Major League Softball, introduced other MLS employees; discussed fact sheets distributed to Commissioners; participation numbers; forfeits; cards signed by players before each game; and the petition of support.

Discussion ensued between staff, Mr. Johnson and Commissioners regarding the liability waivers; the Dug Out Dirt newsletter; statistics; the program manager dedicated to Culver City; communication; willingness to correct mistakes if they are known; statistics on the website; the way the City program was run in the past; the shortened season; facilitating efficiency and balance; the RFP; rules of comparable cities; communication issues; the planned Town Hall meeting; impacts of capacity numbers; maximizing participation and revenues; the need to turn teams away; complaints received by the department; taking complaints seriously and taking the opportunity to improve communication; and the validity of the complaints.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the quality of umpires; comparisons with other contracts; the need for additional information; concern with supporting MLS without information from other companies; clarification that the item would not generally come before the Commission; public input; instruction from Council Member Clarke to ensure that concerns voiced by the public were addressed;

agreement from staff to provide additional information on the other Leagues; recurring instances of incomplete information; concern with being asked to rubber stamp items; and making an informed decision.

Chair Zeidman proposed a motion to neither recommend nor not recommend the staff recommendation. Commissioner Kent Marin seconded the motion and the discussion continued.

Additional discussion ensued between Commissioners regarding wording of the motion and adding clarification that the Commission needed additional information.

MOVED BY CHAIR ZEIDMAN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STUART THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION NEITHER RECOMMEND NOR NOT RECOMMEND THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MAJOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL (MLS) TO OPERATE THE CULVER CITY ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE DUE TO THE FACT THAT COMMISSION FELT THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE ALL OF THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION BEFORE THEM.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: HEINEMAN, KENT MARIN, STUART, ZEIDMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: GARLAND

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Item A-4

(Standing Item) Updates from the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission Ad Hoc Subcommittees and Representative Appointees to Various Outside Associations and City Committees

Commissioner Heineman commended the Exchange Club and those that worked on the recent Disability Carnival; thanked those that put on the Senior Prom at the Senior Center; she reported on the successful Halloween party; announced the upcoming Thanksgiving Dinner; and she expressed thanks for the approval of the Senior Center renovation.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STUART AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KENT MARIN THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: HEINEMAN, KENT MARIN, STUART, ZEIDMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: GARLAND

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Chair Zeidman invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, indicated that no correspondence had been received.

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Items From Staff

Dan Hernandez, Parks Recreation and Community Services Director, indicated that they were still waiting to hear about the status for funding for the Tot Lot at Syd Kronenthal Park; he announced upcoming events noting that a calendar had been provided to Commissioners; discussed the Downtown Tree Lighting Ceremony; reported that he would be making a presentation at the California Parks and Recreation Training Workshops in El Segundo for District 9; Jill Thomsen will be making a presentation at the Volunteer Conference in Washington D.C.; discussed working with Cultural Affairs regarding funding for the stage; Teen Center attendance; the after school recreation program; replacement of playground equipment at Blanco Park; ensuring that the public perceives the El Rincon School facilities as community accessible even though it is a school district facility; preparations for El Nino; and taking advantage of the rain to get the parks looking green again.

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, received clarification that the Commission wanted to see the updates from ad hoc subcommittees return on the December agenda.

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Items From Commissioners

Commissioner Kent Marin expressed concern with the lack of upcoming agenda items; discussed the Ballona Creek project plans; changes at Blanco Park; overlapping with different departments; and she suggested additional agenda items in order to try to preclude a situation like the one that had occurred at Syd Kronenthal Park.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding day to day operations; capital projects; and being proactive.

MOVED BY CHAIR ZEIDMAN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STUART THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED, THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF LIZ SILVERSTEIN AND SYD KRONENTHAL.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: HEINEMAN, KENT MARIN, STUART, ZEIDMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: GARLAND

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:31 P.M., the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission adjourned in memory of Lester ("Les") Silverstein and Syd Kronenthal to the next regular meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

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Patricia A. Mooney
ATTENDING SECRETARY of the
Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

APPROVED _____

Scott Zeidman
CHAIR of the PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMISSION
Culver City, California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the
State of California that, on the date below written, these
minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, Culver
City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said
meeting.

Martin R. Cole
CITY CLERK

Date