

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

**Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
August 4, 2020 – 6:00 PM**

I. CONVENE MEETING OF THE PARKS BEACHES & RECREATION COMMISSION TO ORDER – 6:02 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Heather Ignatin, Chair
Hassan Archer, Commissioner
David Granoff, Commissioner
Laird Hayes, Commissioner
Walt Howald, Commissioner
Kate Malouf, Commissioner

Excused: Diane Daruty, Vice Chair

Staff: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director
Micah Martin, Deputy Public Works Director
Kevin Pekar, Parks and Trees Superintendent
John Nelson, City Arborist
Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist

III. NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

IV. ELECTIONS

Chair Granoff nominated Commissioner Ignatin for Chair which was seconded by Commissioner Archer.

Chair Granoff nominated Commissioner Daruty for Vice Chair which was seconded by Commissioner Archer.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission Meeting of June 2, 2020.

Recommendation: Waive reading of subject minutes, approve and order filed.

B. MOD Activity Report

Recommendation: Receive/file Activity Report.

C. RSS Activity Report

Recommendation: Receive/file Activity Report of past and upcoming projects and events.

Jim Mosher liked seeing the 10-year compilation showing the balance between tree removals and tree plantings in the MOD Activity Report on Page 2. He wanted to know if there were additional City tree removals and plantings in other areas around the City including open space and parks. In terms of Item C, the RSS Activity Report, he asked if the summer camps included in-person classes.

Commissioner Howald liked the 10-year compilation showing the removal and planting of trees within the City. He requested that it be done every year.

Motion by Commissioner Hayes; second by Commissioner Howald, to Approve VI. CONSENT CALENDAR. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VII. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. East Jetty Revetment Repair and Entrance Channel Dredging

Presented by Chris Miller

Chris Miller, Public Works Manager, announced that this is a federal project (East Jetty Repair and Dredging) and it will cost roughly \$3 million which is paid for by Corps "Work Plan" funds. He reviewed the schedule for the projects and anticipated the projects to be completed by March of 2021.

In terms of the East Jetty repair, the project area is roughly 700-feet by 12-feet wide and the project would repair the concrete boardwalk and raise the armor stone up to make it level with the top of the bulkhead. Manager Miller reviewed the staging area, anticipated equipment and methods to be used, and that notice has also been sent out to all residents along the truck route.

In terms of the Entrance Channel Dredging, Manager Miller reviewed the area that is to be dredged, and noted that the sand to be removed is to be used in the ear shore zone along the ocean-facing beaches just outside the surf zone, with other materials being transported to an EPA designated disposal zone referred to as LA-3 which is 6 miles from the Entrance Channel.

Commissioner Howald requested a copy of the history of the East Jetty along with the Army Corps of Engineering repair report. Manager Miller answered Commissioner Howald's questions that just the concrete edge is to be repaired, the armored stone comes from the 3M Quarry, that all repairs would not constrain people who fish in the area, and that the contract will include repairing any damages to the roads made by construction trucks.

Commissioner Howald advised that the hillside be protected as well from erosion that the trucks may cause.

Commissioner Archer asked if the armor rocks have moved over the years and Manager Miller answered yes.

Regarding Commissioner Granoff's question, there was a brief explanation regarding the process in which the armor stone and concrete will be installed.

Regarding Commissioner Hayes's questions, Manager Miller noted that the restoration should be stable for many years, that winter storms will not be an issue, and there will be no noise at night.

Chair Ignatin called for public comment.

Jim Mosher asked if the disturbance to the beach will last the entire project, what the depth of the channel will be after the dredging is done, and if there will be an active effort to restore the eelgrass.

Chair Ignatin opened for public comment.

Staff answered that they did not know if the beach will be disturbed the entire length of the project, the authorized depth for the channel is 20-feet, and the eelgrass will be mitigated and replanted.

B. Fiscal Year 2020-21 Ad Hoc Committee/Liaison Appointments

Discuss, reaffirm, appoint or sunset the following FY 2020-21 Ad Hoc Committee appointments:

- *Community Pool Feasibility Study- Sunset*
- *Community Service Award – Reaffirm & Appoint*
- *Updating City Council Policies G-1, G-3 & G-6 – Reaffirm and Appoint*
- *Sunset View Park – Sunset*
- *Youth Sports Commission Member Organization – Reaffirm and Appoint*

Director Detweiler recommended that the Updating City Council Policies G-1, G-3, and G-6 Committee stay with the same members.

The Commission was in consensus to leave all Ad Hoc Committees as is.

Chair Ignatin opened for public comment; seeing none the public comment was closed.

Commissioner Hayes asked why Sunset Park and the community pool were not being discussed and Director Detweiler stated that they have fulfilled their purpose so they are recommended to sunset them.

Motion by Chair Ignatin; seconded by Commissioner Howald, to Approve the appointments and sunsetting:

- *Community Pool Feasibility Study – Sunset*
- *Community Service Award – Reaffirm and Appoint Commissioners Archer, Granoff & Ignatin*

- Updating City Council G-1, G-3 & G-6 – Reaffirm and Appoint Commissioners Archer, Howald & Ignatin
- Sunset View Park – Sunset
- Youth Sports Commission Member Organization – Reaffirm & Appoint Commissioner Daruty, Hayes & Malouf.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

C. Reforestation Request – 2321 Second Avenue

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider the reforestation request of a City Red Ironbark Eucalyptus tree located at 2321 Second Avenue. The applicant has met the procedural requirements for reforestation established in City Council Policy G-1. If approved by the Commission, there will be a one-for-one replacement tree, 36-inch box Magnolia 'Little Gem' (Magnolia grandiflora 'Little Gem') installed at the applicant's cost.

City Arborist Nelson reported that an inspection of the tree determined that it is in good health, it did not meet the criteria for removal per the G-1 Policy, and that the applicant has met all the requirements for the reforestation process.

Chair Ignatin asked if there is any opposition from neighbors, what damages the tree is causing, and the angling of the tree. City Arborist Nelson noted that he has not received any comments from neighbors, he briefly described the damage to the roof shingles, and that it is common for trees to lean towards the light.

Chair Ignatin opened for public comment.

Mark Lyle, the applicant, expressed his frustration regarding the damage to the roof of his house that the tree causes.

Chair Ignatin closed the public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Howald, seconded by Chair Ignatin, to Approve the reforestation request of a City Red Ironbark Eucalyptus tree located at 2321 Second Avenue. The applicant has met the procedural requirements for reforestation established in City Council Policy G-1. If approved by the Commission, there will be a one-for-one replacement tree, 36-inch box Magnolia 'Little Gem' (Magnolia grandiflora 'Little Gem') installed at the applicant's cost. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

D. Reforestation Request – 2524 Holly Lane

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider the reforestation request of a City Jacaranda tree located at 2524 Holly Lane. The applicant has met the procedural requirements for reforestation established in City Council Policy G-1. If approved by the Commission, there will be a one-for-one replacement tree, 36-inch box Water Gum (Tristania laurina) installed at the applicant's cost.

Commissioner Hayes recused himself from the item due to his home being within proximity of the applicant's home.

Superintendent Pekar reported that the tree is healthy, the applicant has met all the procedural requirements of the G-1 policy for reforestation, and the applicant plans to replace the tree with a 36” box Water Gum tree. There have been no opposition comments received from neighbors.

In terms of Commissioner Granoff’s question, Superintendent Pekar concurred that the tree is within the City right of way, and that the replacement tree species and placement of that tree is negotiable.

Commissioner Archer inquired if there are other Water Gum trees located on the street and Superintendent Pekar noted that this will be the only one.

Superintendent Pekar discussed with the Commission the height and nature of Water Gum trees.

Chair Ignatin opened for public comment.

Jeff Hamilton, the applicant, reported that the tree roots are causing damage to the gas line, irrigation, and it’s uplifting a portion of the foundation. He noted that he is open to other species for a replacement tree.

Chair Ignatin closed the public comment.

Commissioner Granoff advised the applicant to work with Staff regarding the type of replacement tree and its location.

Motion by Commission Granoff, seconded by Commissioner Howald, to Approve the reforestation request of a City Jacaranda tree located at 2524 Holly Lane. The applicant has met the procedural requirements for reforestation established in City Council Policy G-1. There will be a one-for-one replacement tree, 36-inch box installed at the applicant’s cost. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

E. Arbor Day Presentation

Presented by Kevin Pekar

Superintendent Pekar announced that the City is celebrating 30-years as a Tree City USA. He explained that a coloring contest took place with Lincoln Elementary in lieu of the previously planned celebration that was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioner Hayes questioned who paid for the trees at Fashion Island. Superintendent Pekar stated that the City paid for the replacement trees in the right of way.

Commissioner Howald requested what type of tree is located on Marguerite Avenue and Superintendent Pekar answered they are Canary Day Palms. When they succumb to the prevalent and incurable Fusarium disease, they are replaced with King Palms.

Commissioner Malouf asked how many trees are planned to be planted at the development at the corner of Irvine Avenue and Mariners Drive. Superintendent Pekar reported that the permit conditions require replacement of any the Sycamore trees that were removed. The remaining trees have been assessed and are being monitored by the City during the project.

Chair Ignatin opened for public comment; seeing none public comment was closed.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

PB&R Commission / staff announcements/ Ad Hoc Committee updates or matters which Commissioner members would like placed on future agendas for further discussion (this is a non-discussion item).

Director Detweiler updated the Commission on summer camps, the fall programs are to be published soon electronically, and the Community Centers remains closed as well as playgrounds.

The September Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission meeting is to be canceled and future meetings will be held via teleconference using Zoom.

Deputy Director Martin reported that City Council allowed the Newport Mesa Unified School District to move forward with the Ensign Intermediate School project under the conditions of their Encroachment Permit. The District has been working with the City regarding the City trees surrounding the school. He declared that the first ever hard closure of the public beach took place in July, but it is now open. Also, clean up took place quickly following the tidal surge that flooded the parking lot and surrounding areas at Balboa Pier.

Commissioner Archer disclosed that there has been an increase in motorized bicycles around Castaways Park and wanted to see that agendize for a future meeting.

Chair Ignatin opened public comment.

Jim Mosher suggested that the Commission try a Zoom call before scheduling any public hearings. He mentioned that there are swimming regulations within the City's Municipal Code and he suggested that the Commission review/update those regulations.

Chair Ignatin closed the public comment.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public comments are invited on non-agenda items generally considered to be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the PB&R Commission. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record. The Commission has the discretion to extend or shorten the speakers' time limit on non-agenda items, provided the time limit adjustment is applied equally to all speakers.

Chair Ignatin opened the public comment; seeing none the public comment was closed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 7:53 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist

Approved by: _____
Heather Ignatin, Chair