

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting May 5, 2009 - 7pm

Convened 7:10pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Marie Marston, Chair
Tom Anderson
Tim Brown
Kathy Hamilton
Phillip Lugar
Greg Ruzicka

Excused: Bill Garrett

Staff: Mark Harmon, General Services Director
Sean Levin, Recreation Superintendent
Teri Craig, Admin Asst

FY 2009/10 BUDGET PRESENTATION BY RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES STAFF

The following PowerPoint was presented to the Commission:



Department Successes in FY 2008/09

- Moved 90% of Senior Programs to other locations during construction.
- Participated in the preparation of the construction Documents and the start of construction for OASIS Senior Center.
- Completed the remodel of the Community Youth Center.
- Participated in the construction coordination of Coastal Peak Park opening September 2009.
- Participated in the development of construction documents for Sunset Ridge and Marina Parks.
- Remodel of Cliff Drive Community Center
- Collaborated with NMUSD on Autism Programming

FY 2009/10 Department Goals

- Participate in and support efforts for the design and development of Sunset Ridge Park, Marina Park, OASIS Senior Center, Coastal Peak Park, Running Ranch and City Hall in the Park.
- Continue to raise the quality of customer service, instruction and safety in programs through the implementation of the Benchmarking process.
- Implement Autism training and programming in partnership with the school district.
- Re-open and fully program the Community Youth Center.
- Plan for programming, staffing and FF&E needs for the new OASIS Center.
- Keep seniors informed during the construction project and maintain continuity in service while under construction.
- Revise the OASIS newsletter and develop a facility brochure.
- Develop new policies and procedures for OASIS Senior Center.

2% Reductions

- Minimal program and service reductions
- Savings/Reductions:
 - OASIS Maintenance & Operation Budget
 - Sunday FunDay Special Event
 - Minor cuts in program budgets

Department Budget Overview

Salaries & Benefits	3,771,319
Maintenance & Operation	3,299,095
Capital Outlay	53,400
Total Expenditures	\$ 7,123,814
Total Revenue	\$ 3,249,370

28 Full-Time staff
100 Part-Time staff
225 Independent contract class instructors, coaches, referees, umpires and scorekeepers

What's New for FY 2009/10

- Community Youth Center (CYC) in CdM will re-open Fall 2009:
 - Staffed Monday - Saturday
 - Increased programming
 - Increased rentals
- Programming & Services:
 - Additional spots for Preschool Summer Camp
 - Specialized training for staff on Autism
 - Expanded Summer Camps (Newport Coast CC & School Sites)

Recreation Services Division

- 280,000 people participated in programs and events
- 29,000 people enroll annually in 2,900 classes (*Newport Navigator*)
- Over 30,000 annual pool visits – lap swim, lessons, water polo and recreation swim
- Management of City-Wide Field Allocation Process. Attendance 319,779
- 125 youth participate daily in youth after school program
- Over 10,000 people played on 840 adult sports teams
- 250 Special Event Permits Issued annually (OC Marathon, Taste of Newport, Boat Shows)



Senior Services Division

- OASIS Senior Center is providing classes at 6 locations throughout the City while under construction.
- OASIS Staff are located in portables (OASIS Annex) across from OASIS as well as at the locations where the classes are being held.
- 20,000 requests for Social Services were made last year, for adult screenings, supportive counseling, information & referrals, assessments, and housing counseling
- 16,000 transportation trips provided annually to OASIS programs, medical appointments, errands, etc.
- 30,000 meals provided annually at the OASIS Annex and by Meals on Wheels.
- 50 classes offered year round (computers, exercise, fine arts, music, and much more)
- 55,000 in attendance at programs and classes yearly.



Projected Senior Services Division Revenue For FY 2009/10

Class fees	\$ 45,000
Transportation fees	\$ 22,000
Total	\$ 67,000



Additional Funding/Services Support to Senior Services Division FY 2009/10

Friends of OASIS: Transportation Support	50,000
Hoag Grant: Transportation Support	106,000
OCIA Grant: Transportation	93,000
Total Cash	\$ 249,000
South County Senior Services: Meals Services	110,000
Coastline Community College Classes	120,000
Irvine Valley College Classes	70,000
Total In Kind	\$ 300,000
\$ 549,000 TOTAL VALUE	

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Harmon stated funding had been procured for the Castaways Flagpole and lighting and that installation would be completed before Memorial Day.

He stated that staff would be pulling item #7 – Special Tree Removal Request in order for additional information and would be return at a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Minutes of the April 7, 2009.** Receive/file April 7, 2009 minutes.
- Parks & Operations Division Activity Report.** Receive/file monthly Activity Report for activities and upcoming projects.
- Recreation & Senior Services Activity Report.** Receive/file monthly Activity Report for activities and upcoming projects.

Motion by Commissioner Brown to accept items 1-3 of the consent calendar. Motion carried by acclamation.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Bench Donation Request.** Director Harmon reported that a request had been made to replace a bench around the playground area at Cliff Drive Park by Karen Harrington. He stated that staff recommends approval of the request.

Chair Marston opened the public discussion; hearing none, the public discussion was closed.

Motion by Commissioner Brown to accept the replacement bench donation from Karen Harrington. Motion carried by acclamation.

5. **Recommendation to City Council for Additional Park Patrol Part-Time Staff Person.** Superintendent Levin stated that staff had met with the Budget Committee, Recreation Police Department and Parking Control staff to discuss the possibility of additional part-time Park Patrol hours to help distribute the Information Regulation Cards and assist with compliance of beach goers on weekends and during the summer at CdM State Beach. He reiterated that the main responsibility of the Park Patrol is to educate the public by distributing these cards and assist the Police in the future by making visitors more knowledgeable about the rules of the beach. He did note that if this was approved by City Council that the earliest that staff could be hired and trained would be August or early September.

As part of the Budget Committee, Commissioners Brown and Lugar expressed their support of an additional 30 hours per week for Park Patrol to assist the CdM State Beach issues and year-round issues at all City parks.

Discussion ensued regarding what could be burned in the fire pits and tents on the beach.

Director Harmon stated that his staff had been reviewing other cities policies regarding the fire pits and he believes that the City Council will be supportive of a policy after some staff work has been completed.

Superintendent Levin stated that changes to shade structure regulations would involve amending the City Code.

Commissioner Hamilton noted her support and appreciation for the Budget Committee's work as well as staff on this issue. She noted that she as well as her neighbors are very appreciative of this Committee's work and looked forward to seeing the results of this action.

Chair Marston opened the public discussion; hearing none, the public discussion was closed.

Motion by Commissioner Ruzicka to forward to the City Council for their consideration and appropriation of funds for FY 2009/10 for an additional part-time Park Patrol staff person and to direct staff to forward a budget request to City Council on behalf of the PB&R Commission. Motion carried by acclamation.

6. **Reforestation Request.** Director Harmon stated staff had received a request for reforestation from the Bourke residence at 2205 Channel Road. He stated that they met the requirements of the G-1 Policy stating that property owners not residing within a legally established HOA may submit individual requests with a petition of 60% of property owners within the area defined for reforestation which in this case included 41 properties of which 24 were obtained. He noted that the property owner has agreed to assume the full cost of the removal and the replacement of the tree.

Chair Marston opened the public discussion.

Brigid Bourke thanked the staff for their help and urged the Commission to support their request as this Cottonwood tree has caused private damage.

Jan Vandersloot stated that he believes that the homeowner has met the requirements of the G-1 but that staff should allow some time to see if the root barriers would work and urged the Commission not to approve the removal at this time.

Director Harmon stated that staff believes that the sidewalk will need to be repaired again soon because of the size of the tree in the small growth area.

Chair Marston closed the public discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Ruzicka to approve the reforestation of one Cottonwood tree at 2205 Channel Road. Motion carried by acclamation.

7. **Special Tree Removal - Removed by staff.**

8. **Appeal of Tree Removal Denied at 400 Heliotrope.** Director Harmon stated that staff had denied the request for removal of a Torrey Pine at 400 Heliotrope based on the fact that staff was able to move the curb to accommodate the tree and that the tree does not meet the requirements of the G-1 Policy for removal based on a repeated history of damaging public or private sewers and is dead, diseased or hazardous and presents a liability to the City. He stated that the denial of the request concurred by the Risk Manager and the City Manager. Director Harmon stated that staff is aware that the tree dies drop sap and is sympathetic to that the tree cannot be removed based on that alone. He stated that the homeowner is appealing the denial. He noted that clearly the tree does not lean and that is why they were able to move the curb to satisfy the roots of the tree.

Chair Marston opened the public discussion

Don Sneddon stated that he has been trying to have that tree removed since 1978. He stated that there is such a sap problem that no cars can park underneath it and that they have even placed a warning sign on the tree. He stated that he has his neighbors have signed his request remove also.

Matt Colburn stated that this tree is a nuisance and is cracking the sidewalk towards the house.

Discussion ensued regarding the sap and the age of the tree.

Jan Vandersloot urged that the Commission reaffirm the denial of the removal of the tree. He stated that it does not meet the requirements to remove and that the tree should remain as it is.

Commissioner Ruzicka asked staff if there was anything that could mitigate the droppings of sap.

Director Harmon stated no.

Chair Marston closed the public discussion

Motion by Commissioner Brown to deny the appeal for removal of one City Torrey Pint parkway street tree at 400 Heliotrope. Motion carried by acclamation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

Parks – Nothing to report.

RSS – Commissioner Brown stated that the residents and volleyball players at China Cove have come to a consensus regarding hours and that staff has received a request for relocation and will be on the June agenda.

AD- Hoc

–Youth Sports Liaison – Nothing to report

–Community Services Award – Nothing to Report.

–Budget– Discussed earlier.

Other

–Marina Park – Nothing to report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Fire Ring Policy
- China Cove Volleyball Court

ADJOURNED - 8:35pm

Submitted by: _____
Teri Craig, Admin Assistant