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Park and Recreation Commission

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE
CITY COUNCIL AND THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Adjourned Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Miller on Monday, June 5, 1972, at 4:40 P.M. in the Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Boulevard.

2. ROLL CALL:

City Council: Present - Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller. Absent: Councilman Wilson.

Park and Recreation Commission: Commissioners Frankenberg, Geissert, Lee, Littlefair, McVey, and Chairman Flora. Absent: Commissioner Dougan.

Also present: Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and City Clerk Coil.

(It was necessary for Councilman Brewster to leave the meeting at 6:05 P.M.)

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mrs. Marion Lyman, at the request of Mayor Miller, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was given by Commissioner McVey.

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At this point, Mayor Miller turned the meeting over to Chairman Flora who conducted the proceedings.

Chairman Flora conveyed the Commission's appreciation for this opportunity to review the matters defined on the agenda for this meeting -- a meeting dedicated to informal discussion, minus any formal action.

5. GENERAL RELATIONSHIP OF COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AND STAFF.

A. ROLE OF THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

Highlights of the discussion indicated the overall Council approval of present manner of conducting meetings; the need for realistic, workable Commission recommendations to Council -- such recommendations to generally reflect the "pulse of the public"; further, Commission recommendations, where possible, should indicate possible manner of accomplishment. It was further felt that the Commission should address itself to problems and potentials in the field of recreation, with a display of initiative where appropriate.

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Further noted was the possible need for improved lines of communication, along with the need for appreciation of Council responsibilities and pressures, and recognition of the Commission's role as an advisory body.

Recent efforts along the lines of coordination with the School Board and the Youth Commission/Youth Council were specifically noted -- it being the consensus that involvement was underway and that such involvement was of merit.

6. CITY RECREATIONAL GOALS:

The report, RECREATION AND CULTURAL EXPRESSION GOALS, furnished those present by Assistant City Manager Scharfman was noted -- also discussed was the need for leisure opportunities, as was the shortage of funds (the positive effect of revenue sharing when it materializes was noted). Reviewed as well was the timetable for use of sumps, with City Attorney Remelmeyer advising that a report on this subject will be forthcoming in a few weeks.

A. PRIORITIES:

The consensus relative to priorities was that the present priority is one of obtaining land (Sur La Brea Park, an example)-- further, there is need of a degree of flexibility in view of the many unpredictable "ifs".

B. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:

The absence of funds allocated for capital improvements in recent years was discussed -- a 6% park and recreation tax was suggested, and there was further review of the impact of revenue sharing. Another bond issue was suggested as well, its questionable reception acknowledged, but offered as an alternative. Pending budget considerations were also described by Assistant City Manager Scharfman, and Commission attendance was recommended.

C. INGENUITY IN PROGRAMMING.

The present Staff efforts in meeting the recreational needs of the public was lauded -- a "fantastic achievement".

7. GENERAL COMMENTS ON RECREATION AND PARKS:

Each of those present offered a concluding comment.

The Council consensus was that the constant effort to improve in the area of recreation must be continued, there ever will be budget, program, communication problems; there is recognition of the Park and Recreation Commission's resourcefulness and initiative, and appreciation therefor; reiteration of the outstanding job done by Staff on a limited budget; and appreciation of the invitation to a meeting of this nature.

Councilman Uerkwitz noted the possibility of a prime recreational area within the Airport (with the advent of the minibike park proposal), land owned by the City, that should be investigated as to its potential.

Mayor Miller stated that his confidence in the Park and Recreation Commission is unlimited, and his relationship with the Commissioners has been a most satisfactory and rewarding one.

The Park and Recreation Commissioners were unanimous in expressing their gratitude to the Councilmen for their attendance and input at this valuable workshop session.

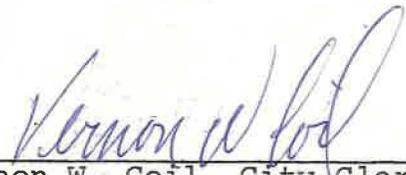
8. ADJOURNMENT:

City Council: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Tuesday, June 6, 1972, 5:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Brewster, Wilson). The hour of adjournment was 6:30 P.M.

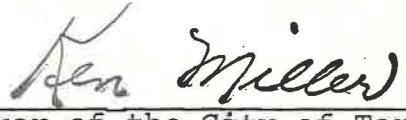
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Park and Recreation Commission: Chairman Flora indicated the need for consideration of the matter of Sur La Brea Park, and requested that this Commission return to session, following a brief recess.

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