

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TORRANCE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Baxter, Gilbert, Greenberg,  
Hays, Ning, Taniguchi, and Chairperson Mayeda.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Community Services Director Jones,  
Park Services Manager Carson, and  
Recreation Services Manager Brunette.

**3. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Gilbert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Gilbert moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. Commissioner Greenberg seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5A. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2012**

Commissioner Gilbert noted that the date on the footer on pages 1-5 should be corrected to read December 12, 2012.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Ning moved to approve the December 12, 2012 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Hays seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1      None.**

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**7A. OVERVIEW OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITIZEN DEVELOPMENT & ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE ITEM ON THE REVIEW OF SUBSIDY LEVELS**

Community Services Director Jones reported that the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee met on December 17, 2012 and unanimously concurred with recommendations from the joint Parks and Recreation and Cultural Arts Commissions regarding budget and subsidy levels. He advised that the Committee is sending their

recommendation to City Council on January 15, 2013 and encouraged Commissioners to attend the meeting.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8A. STATUS OF TUSD GYM USAGE**

Community Services Director Jones provided background regarding the new custodial fee that TUSD is requiring of the Youth Basketball Program for use of its gym facilities. He reported that staff is exploring alternative gyms in Torrance that might be available on Saturdays and announced that the LA Galaxy Soccer Center is able to provide court spaces for the first three weeks of the season for the youngest age categories. He noted that City Councilmembers and TUSD's Board of Education are having discussions about the issue and that he would keep the Commission apprised of the outcome of negotiations.

Commissioner Greenberg questioned if park facilities could be used for basketball and Community Services Director Jones explained that indoor space is necessary. She asked what the Commission could do to show its support for the program and he stated that the Commission could take a position on the fee increase or could voice concerns as citizens. He recommended waiting to see what happens with negotiations between City Council and TUSD before taking any action.

Recreation Services Manager Brunette provided additional information about the City's joint use agreement with TUSD.

**8B. DISCUSSION ON APPOINTING A COMMITTEE TO PLAN A DINNER HONORING RETIRING COMMISSIONERS GILBERT, NING, AND TANIGUCHI**

Commissioners Greenberg, Baxter, and Chairperson Mayeda offered to serve on a committee to organize a dinner to honor retiring Commissioners Gilbert, Ning, and Taniguchi in February, March, or April 2013.

**9. STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**9A. FACILITIES COMMITTEE** Has not met.

**9B. GRANTS COMMITTEE** No report.

**9C. OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE** Has not met.

**9D. PROGRAMS COMMITTEE** Has not met.

**10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY**

**10A. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION**

Community Services Director Jones noted that the Administrative Services Division Report for December 2012 was included in agenda packets.

**10B. PARK SERVICES DIVISION**

Park Services Manager Carson noted that the Park Services Division Report for December 2012 was included in attachments.

Responding to Commissioner Greenberg's inquiry, he explained that 10 cherry trees are planted every year in City parks as part of the donation from the Soka Gakkai Association and that this year's dedication will be held at Descanso Park.

**10C. RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION**

Recreation Services Manager Brunette noted that the Recreation Services Division Report for December 2012 was included in agenda packets. He reported that the total number of volunteers in December was 778, with a total of 3,117 volunteer hours.

In response to an inquiry from Chairperson Mayeda, he stated that there are just under 2,000 participants registered for Youth Basketball. He mentioned that staff are purchasing six portable baskets to accommodate play at the LA Galaxy Soccer Center.

**11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC #2**

**11A.** Commissioners and staff expressed their appreciation to Commissioners Gilbert, Ning, and Taniguchi for their years of service to the City and bid them a fond farewell.

**11B.** Chairperson Mayeda inquired about the City's Rose Parade float and Community Services Director Jones stated that unfortunately it did not win an award this year, adding that Ace Clearwater and AYSO have indicated that they would help sponsor next year's float.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:10 p.m., Chairperson Mayeda adjourned the meeting to February 13, 2013 and, hearing no objection, he so ordered.

Approved as Submitted February 13, 2013 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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