

**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, September 9, 2015 in the West Annex Meeting Room, Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL/MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

Present: Commissioners Baxter, Hays, Reilly, and
Chairperson Greenberg.

Absent: Commissioners Love, Mayeda, and Uchima.

Also Present: Community Services Director Jones, Senior
Business Manager Minter, Recreation Services
Manager Brunette, Manager/Naturalist Drake,
and Water Operations Superintendent Berndt.

MOTION: Commissioner Reilly moved to grant excused absences to Commissioners Love, Mayeda, and Uchima for the September 9, 2015 Commission meeting. Commissioner Hays seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

3. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Hays led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Baxter moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Hays seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2015

MOTION: Commissioner Baxter moved to approve the Commission meeting minutes of August 12, 2015 as presented. Commissioner Hays seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Love, Mayeda, and Uchima).

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

Torrance Youth Council members Torrey Park, Hantao Wang, Euvin Lee, and Kimberly Osbern introduced themselves.

7. **OLD BUSINESS** – None.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

8A. **STATUS REPORT PRESENTATION REGARDING THE DELTHORNE PARK DRILLING PROJECT**

Water Operations Superintendent Berndt introduced the item and welcomed Senior Hydrogeologist Everett Ferguson, Jr. with the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD).

Mr. Ferguson provided a PowerPoint update regarding the new source water well project at Delthorne Park, one of two wells being developed as part of the Robert W. Goldsworthy Desalter expansion. He reported that the objectives of the project are to increase the expansion of saline groundwater reclamation and produce increased additional potable water for the City. Additionally, it will provide WRD with two new brackish groundwater supply wells for the Goldsworthy Desalter. He showed a map of the well site in the northwest corner of Delthorne Park and provided the project schedule to date that includes: Award of Contract to SWPDI in November 2014, notice to proceed issued February 2015, commencement of drilling in May 2015, and zone testing conducted in June 15. He stated that evaluation of data determined that the location appears suitable for a production well and actual construction of the well began and was completed in July 2015.

He showed photographs of the well and described site monitoring for dust, noise, light, and odor, noting that issues were addressed as they came up. He described post-drilling activities that included demobilizing the drill rig and mobilizing the pump rig and pump development in August 2015 and first step rate testing on September 8. He noted that they expect to finish pump testing and remove equipment on September 15, perform site restoration, and completion on October 21. He discussed future steps in 2016 that include construction of the building enclosure in spring/early summer as well as installation of the supply pipeline and electrical conduit. He described conceptual and architectural drawings of the enclosure. He stated that Southern California Edison is expected to install the transformer for the power connection next summer.

Responding to the Commissioner Hays' inquiry, Mr. Ferguson described plans to redo the entrance to the Park on Osage Avenue to make it look nice and to accommodate maintenance trucks.

Community Services Director Jones inquired about noise and Mr. Ferguson explained that there may be an electrical hum and, if a bearing should go out, there would be a squeak. Director Jones recommended that contact information be placed on the building and Water Operations Superintendent Berndt pointed out that the site would be visited four times a day.

8B. **REPORT ON THE ANNUAL USAGE OF DOGGIE BAGS PURCHASED FOR DOG WASTE STATIONS**

Manager/Naturalist Drake reported that donations from the Dog Obedience Club are used to purchase doggie bag refills for the nine dog waste stations within four parks.

She stated that Park Services Division places three orders of 30,000 bags per year at a cost of \$984 per order, bringing the total amount of bags placed in the stations to 90,000. She noted that the approximately \$2,000 in donations from the Dog Obedience Club makes it possible to purchase 60,000 of the doggie bags for a total of \$1,968.

Community Services Director Jones stated that the donations do not cover all the doggie bags purchased and that the third order per year is paid from the Park Services operating budget.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

9A. GRANTS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Baxter reported that City Council approved the Non-Profit Social Services Grant Program on September 1, 2015 and that Councilmembers made positive comments and were appreciative of the Grants Committee's efforts. He stated that the Committee met on September 9, 2015 and that he was elected Chairperson of the Committee. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for October 14 at 6:00 p.m.

10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

10A. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Senior Business Manager Minter noted that Administrative Services Division Report for August 2015 was included in agenda packets. He stated that staff is gearing up for a busy soccer season at Toyota Sports Complex.

10B. PARK SERVICES DIVISION

Manager/Naturalist Drake reviewed highlights of the Park Services Division Report for August 2015 included in agenda packets. She reported that 17 new concrete picnic tables were installed at Torrance Park, a Living Dedication Tree was planted at Wilson Park, and that the Kennedy fountain was cleaned, repainted, and a new electric switch installed. She stated that staff assisted at the September 1 Ruben Ordaz Community Center ribbon cutting as well as at the September 8 groundbreaking ceremony for the Rapid Transit Center. She announced a Total Lunar Eclipse fundraiser at the Madrona Marsh on September 27.

10C. RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION

Recreation Services Manager Brunette noted that Recreation Services Division Report for August 2015 was included in agenda packets. He discussed the busy aquatics program this summer, noting that there were 56,300 individual swims at the Plunge in three months. He stated that Adult Basketball leagues are filled to capacity and that 123 teams have registered for Adult Softball that begins September 13. He shared information about the City's Open Gym sports programs and called attention to the positive comments in attachments regarding the Park Drop-in and Day Camps programs.

11. CORRESPONDENCE FOR COMMISSION REVIEW TO ACCEPT AND FILE OR FOR CONSIDERATION AT A FUTURE MEETING – None.

12. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

12A. Manager/Naturalist Drake commended the Recreation Services Division for the successful Youth Volunteer Leadership Training Program.

12B. Community Services Director Jones thanked Chairperson Greenberg for leading the flag salute at the Ruben Ordaz Community Center ribbon cutting ceremony.

12C. Community Services Director Jones announced a free concert at Columbia Park on September 27 with Mystic Wave.

12D. Senior Business Manager Minter stated that City Council approved the Hickory Park playground equipment recommendation, noting that improvements to the rocket ship would be made on site.

12E. Chairperson Greenberg stated that she enjoyed the groundbreaking ceremony for the Rapid Transit Center and received clarification from staff that two-thirds of the total property will be for parking and that completion is expected in 18 months.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:54 p.m., Commissioner Hays moved to adjourn the meeting to October 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room. Commissioner Reilly seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Approved as submitted October 14, 2015 s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk
