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CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

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ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Gill, Harris, Lamb, Marrill and Paralusz

Absent: Commissioners Cohen and Lear

Others Present: Parks and Recreation Director Richard Gill and Recording Secretary Jane Grace

AGENDA CHANGES

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 27, 2005 Commission were approved as written.

CEREMONIAL

None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

05/0725.1 – Review of Parks and Recreation Department Capital Improvement Projects

Mr. Gill reported that in November 2002 the Parks and Recreation Commission prioritized the 2002 C.I.P. list into three categories, A, B and C.

The Commissioners prioritized the five top projects in the following order:

1. Marine Avenue and Heights Field Safety Netting

2. Skatepark
3. Marine Avenue and Heights Tot lot refurbishment
4. Begg Basketball Courts resurfacing
5. Pool

The Commissioners prioritized the remaining C.I.P. projects as follows:

Category B

- Begg Pool Refurbishment (\$145,000)
- Mariposa Exercise Stations Rubber Matting (\$35,000)
- Scout House Renovations (\$450,000)
- Live Oak Park Hall Reconstruction (\$2,000,000)
- Live Oak Park Basketball Courts (\$135,000)
- Joslyn Center office conversion (\$60,000)

Category C

- Manhattan Village Tot Lot (\$100,000)
- Replacement of all perimeter fencing at Manhattan Heights and Live Oak South (\$190,000).
- Joslyn/Live Oak Park Masterplan (\$2,500,000)
- Manhattan Heights Masterplan (\$2,000,000)
- Polliwog Park Masterplan Phase II (\$3,000,000)
- Manhattan Heights Science Room Renovation (\$26,000)

Mr. Gill provided the Commission with the FY 2005 Unfunded C.I.P. list which has been prioritized by staff. This list contains several Parks and Recreation Department projects that have been identified and discussed in the budget process, put on the list, but not funded at this time.

Mr. Gill reported that City Council discussed the CIP's in their Work Plan Meeting on June 24, 2005, indicating that they will consider unfunded projects and develop a prioritized list of projects for short-term funding. City Council also discussed a Community Facility Strategic plan, with plans to develop and implement a community-wide facility needs assessment and strategic planning process for the purpose of understanding long-term community facility needs and desires for recreation facilities and related programs.

Mr. Gill suggested that the Commission's roll in the work plan would be to act as a sounding board for City Council when requested.

REPORTS

Mr. Gill reported that the Parks and Recreation Department is in the middle of a very busy and successful summer. The playground program has experienced a large enrollment, partly due to the morning full-custody program offered at Marine Avenue Park. Concerts in the Park have once again been well received. Mr. Gill suggested that the Commission attend several special events planned for the summer; 6-man Volleyball Tournament on August 6 & 7; Grand Prix Bike Race on August 14; and the Manhattan Open Volleyball Tournament on August 19-21.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Harris reported that City Council, at their August 16 meeting, will consider making permanent the dog pass-through paths at Sand Dune, Live Oak and Parque Culiacan and the off-leash dog run area behind Dorsey Field at Live Oak Park. The Dog Committee will be asking Council for clarification on what they need to consider adding more dog-run areas; Commissioner Harris suggested that the Council responds to numbers and is asking as many people as possible to attend.

Commissioner Gill inquired as to why the green fence covering appears to be hiding the dog run area. Mr. Gill reported that it helps screen dogs from passersby.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting on September 26, 2005.