

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

Special Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, December 18, 2003

Senior Recreation Center

1450 Ocean Avenue

Santa Monica, CA



1. **Call to Order** – Chairperson Schwengel called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

Present: Chairperson Schwengel
Commissioner Cloke
Commissioner Carrey
Commissioner Nafshun
Commissioner Wolch
Commissioner Brock

Also Present: Barbara Stinchfield, Community & Cultural Services Department
Joe Marcinek, Community & Cultural Services Department

4. **Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2003** – Commissioner Cloke made a motion to approve the minutes from November 20, 2003, as written. Commissioner Wolch seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimously by voice vote.

5. **Correspondence and Announcements** – Chairperson Schwengel accepted the resignation of Commissioner Weichman.

Director Stinchfield announced the new RecChecks gift certificate program, which includes the option of purchasing a RecCheck for community scholarships.

6. **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**

A. **Aquatics**
No report.

B. **Child Care Task Force**
No report.

C. **Community Events**
No report.

D. **Disabilities Commission**
No report.

E. Sustainable City Working Group and Environmental Task Force

Commissioner Wolch stated that the Circulation Element would be updated in the near future, but there are no funds at this time to update the City's Bicycle Master Plan. Commissioner Wolch also stated that there would be an increased need to seek funding for bicycle-related facilities within the city.

F. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Review and Beach Greening Committee

No report.

G. Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD)

No report.

H. Sports Advisory Council (SAC) and Fields Committee

Chairperson Schwengel appointed Commissioner Brock to join Commissioner Carrey as liaison to SAC.

I. Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board (VAPAB)

Commissioner Cloke reported on a recent VAPAB discussion regarding budget issues in relation to after school opportunities and early childhood education programs.

J. Civic Center Specific Plan Working Group Update

No report.

K. Landmarks Commission

Commissioner Cloke stated that the first meeting regarding the possible landmark nomination of Palisades Park would be held on January 4, 2004.

7. New Business

A. Discussion and Possible Action On Revising the VAPAB By-Laws To Allow For the Election of Co-Vice Chairs – Commissioner Cloke made a motion authorizing the revision of the VAPAB by-laws to allow for the election of co-vice chairs. Commissioner Carrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. Appointment of an Additional Recreation and Parks Commission Member to the Fields Subcommittee – Chairperson Schwengel appointed Commissioner Brock to join Commissioner Carrey as Recreation and Parks Commission Liaison to the Fields Subcommittee.

8. Old Business

A. Discussion Regarding a Possible Financial Contribution From the Recreation and Parks Commission Toward a Re-Opening Event for the Joslyn Park Off-Leash Area – Kari West, a representative from Santa Monica

D.O.G. presented the concept and proposed costs for a re-opening event at the Joslyn Park Off Leash Area. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Cloke made a motion to approve the allocation of \$150 from the Recreation & Parks Commission budget, to be matched by SM D.O.G., provided that the event not be used for fundraising and that this support be a first step in cooperative/joint efforts between the City and community groups that would like to support park improvements. Commissioner Wolch seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote. Oppose: Commissioner(s) Carrey and Brock.

- B. **Discussion of Possible Revenue Increases for FY04-05 Budget** – Director Stinchfield discussed possible increases in fees for FY04-05, including fees for field maintenance and park usage. Discussion followed, focusing on the need to not sacrifice field and park maintenance or cut programs if fees are increased.
 - C. **Discussion Regarding Long Range Commission Agenda** – Chairperson Schwengel reviewed the Long Range Agenda. Items on the January agenda include a review of Park Survey Results, and a Discussion and Possible Formulation of Comments to City Council Regarding Budget Priorities for FY04-05.
9. **Adjournment** – Commissioner Cloke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.