



## RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

### Minutes

Thursday, October 21, 2004

Santa Monica Swim Center

1700 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA

1. **Call to Order** – Chairperson Cloke called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

**Present:** Chairperson Cloke  
Commissioner Brock  
Commissioner Munoz  
Commissioner Nafshun  
Commissioner Schwengel  
Commissioner Wolch

**Absent:** Commissioner Carrey

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

4. **Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 23, 2004**

Commissioner Schwengel made a motion to approve the minutes from September 23, 2004 as written. Commissioner Wolch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner Carrey.

5. **Director's Report**

Director Stinchfield acknowledged the Commission for showing its support of Council Agenda Item 8.A., "Acquisition of Real Property Located at 1601 14<sup>th</sup> Street" at the October 12, 2004 Council Meeting.

Director Stinchfield announced the Euclid Park community design workshop scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 2004 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the 1525 Euclid Ave. meeting room.

Director Stinchfield reported that Ms. Georgia Umano Jones, has requested to address the Commission regarding the possibility of an off leash dog area on the beach.

Chairperson Cloke reported that she and Commissioner Carrey represented the Commission at the October 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting and although the Council could only vote on the acquisition of the Fisher Lumber property, Chairperson Cloke expressed support for the use of the property as a park.

Item 6B. was addressed before Item 6A.

6. **New Business**

**B. Presentation by Santa Monica College Regarding the Upcoming College Facilities Bond Measure**

Don Girard, Director of Advertising at Santa Monica College, circulated information and reported on the projects to be funded if Bond Measure S passes. Discussion followed.

**A. Presentation and Discussion Regarding the Process to Update the City's Land Use and Circulation Element**

Lucy Dyke, Transportation Planning Manager, introduced Liz Bar-El, Associate Planner who reported on the process for updating City's Land Use Element. Ms. Bar-El announced the joint meeting of the Planning Commission and City Council scheduled for Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Bar-El reviewed the four project phases and estimated the project to take two years. Discussion followed.

Michelle Glickert, Transportation Planning Associate, reported on the City's Circulation Element process. Ms. Glickert circulated a survey for feedback on paths of travel via bicycle, walking, driving and suggestions on how those paths of travel can be improved. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Schwengel made a motion that the Commission draft a letter recommending that the Commission be included in the planning process and execution of the Circulation and Land Use Elements. Commissioner Munoz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously in the absence of Commissioner Carrey.

**C. Recommendation to Support State Funding Proposal for Field Improvements at John Adams Middle School**

Director Stinchfield reported that the City advised the School District of the Proposition 40 State Park Bond Act requirements and proposed the concept of converting the south field of John Adams to synthetic turf. The proposal is being introduced to the Board of Education with a recommendation that the District submit an application to the State. The application will be for synthetic turf and an outdoor restroom at John Adams Middle School. The City will assist the School District with the application and letters of support. Commissioner Brock made a motion to instruct staff to prepare a letter of support for converting the south field of John Adams to synthetic turf. Commissioner Schwengel seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Schwengel made a friendly amendment to the motion that the Commission support conversion of John Adams south field to synthetic turf but also asked staff to return with further environmental and health related research. The motion carried as follows in the absence of Commissioner Carrey;

Ayes:Chairperson Cloke, Commissioner(s) Brock, Munoz and Schwengel;  
Abstain:Commissioner(s) Nafshun and Wolch.

**7. Old Business**

**A. Review of Schedule and Agenda for the Commission's Retreat and Action to Set Special Meeting Date of November 6, 2004**

Chairperson Cloke reviewed the draft agenda followed by comments from the Commission. Commissioner Wolch requested to add FY05-007 Budget Priorities to the agenda.

**8. Public Comment – None**

**9. Adjournment – Commissioner Munoz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brock seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner Carrey. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.**