

CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Manhattan Beach City Hall
1400 Highland Ave.
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
July 27, 2015
6:30 PM

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Rothans, Allard, Manna, Allen, Jones and Enomoto

Absent: Commissioner Paralusz

Others present: Recreation Services Manager, Idris Al-Oboudi and recording secretary,
Linda Robb

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jones requested an edit to page 2, paragraph 6 to read "... message about the event on the card that accompanies the flag."

Commissioner Rothans moved to approve the June 22, 2015 minutes with Commissioner Jones' edit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manna. The motion passed.

Ayes: Commissioners Rothans, Allard, Manna, Allen, Jones and Enomoto

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Paralusz

E. CEREMONIAL

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3-Minute Limit)

Commissioner Allard opened the floor to audience participation.

Lee Barr, resident – congratulated the Commissioners on the Salute to the Troops event. Mr. Barr donned his service uniform hat, saluted the commissioners and challenged the commissioners to keep thinking out of the box.

The floor was closed to public comment.

G. GENERAL BUSINESS

H. COMMISSION ITEMS

At the beginning of the meeting, Commissioner Enomoto introduced himself and the Commissioners gave a brief introduction of themselves.

Discussion Post Salute to the Troops Picnic & Concert Wrap up – Commissioner Allard stated that he had sent a letter to City Council thanking staff for all of their efforts.

Commissioner Jones stated that she is very proud to be part of the event and thought it was stellar. She offered the following points for improvement for future events:

- audio was an issue and needs to be dealt with next year
- challenge coins should be displayed better
- have Boy Scouts available to help disabled veterans
- have snacks ready for the band
- rethink USO donations – not Costco cards or bottled water
- maybe DJ instead of jazz band
- Larger flags for attendees
- better organize/explain the food so attendees are not confused
- next year hats for commissioners and councilmembers
- Date
- Band – would have enjoyed the party band more than the band that played

Commissioner Manna stated that the biggest issue was the sound system and the stage was barely big enough for the Marine band. He stated that the presentation, honor guard were great and that everything was great. He stated that he is very happy with the end product and thanked staff.

Commissioner Rothans stated that the purpose was to salute the troops and the event stayed true to the mission. He stated that if the City Council gives permission to continue the event, it can be improved but overall it was a great success.

Commissioner Manna added that he had spoken with Dennis McNeil who is very interested in participating in the future.

Commissioner Allard thanked Commissioner Rothans for a very special day. Commissioner Allard stated that he received feedback that the date might be better at the end of the concert season but he does not necessarily agree. He also received feedback that more patriotic music would have been great. He stated that it would have been a good idea to introduce the band before the honor guard and have them standing at attention for the Honor Guard and that the list of veterans who received coins will be used to invite people to the Veterans' Day event.

Commissioner Jones moved for Commissioner Allard to draft a letter to City Council asking for direction for the future of the Salute to the Troops event. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rothans.

Ayes: Commissioners Rothans, Allard, Manna, Allen, Jones and Enomoto
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Commissioner Paralusz

Commissioner Allard asked staff to confirm that the members of the City Council had received challenge coins.

It was decided that the remaining coins will be saved for the Veterans Day event and if there are enough left over they can be distributed to the Police Department.

Commissioner Jones inquired about the gift certificates. Panchos, Vons and Massage Envy were all listed as sponsors on all the marketing materials. The Pancho's gift certificate was raffled to as staff appreciation; the Vons gift card will be used toward the December staff appreciation event; the Massage Envy gift card was never received and will be pursued by Commissioner Rothans.

Commissioner Jones introduced her idea for a project to help curb skin cancer in the South Bay with Manhattan Beach leading the charge. She envisions Manhattan Beach becoming the West Coast ray of light by establishing sunscreen dispensers located at the beach, in the parks and playgrounds and at the elementary schools. She has connected with a company that introduced the dispensers to Miami Beach. She hopes that the Commission can link up with a hospital to help fund the project and educate the community. The annual cost would be approximately \$8,000 - \$12,000 for ten dispensers and refilling twice a week. In the budget, we would need to make sure that we have a line item to make sure it is funded forever. Commissioner Jones is confident that funding can be secured and that Beach Cities Health District and local medical centers will be interested in participating.

Commissioner Jones moved to request permission from the City Council to discuss the sunscreen project at the next meeting, Commissioner Rothans seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Commissioners Rothans, Allard, Manna, Allen, Jones and Enomoto

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Paralusz

- I. Staff Items – Recreation Services Manager Idris Al-Oboudi announced that the first skate park community input meeting will be held August 6th. This will mostly be an introduction to the different types of Skate board park options and how they function, led by consultant Kanten Russell of Stantec Consulting. Mr. Al-Oboudi stated that the skate park survey is available to the public. Commissioner Allard stated that this is the furthest the City has gotten in the consideration of a skate park.

Commissioner Enomoto stated that having a place for skateboarders to go might save the City money by not requiring the placement of additional skate stoppers around town. He stated that a skate park sounds great for the kids but even better for the City as it could stop preventing skate boarding around town by facilitating it in a controlled area. Commissioner Allard asked Commissioner Enomoto to encourage his friend and students at Mira Costa High School to take the survey and attend the meeting.

Commissioner Manna inquired as to how the survey is being publicized to the public. Mr. Al-Oboudi stated that it is being promoted through email blasts, posting on social media and sent out to people who have expressed interest in the topic. There was a news release and there will be an ad in the Beach Reporter.

Commissioner Allard announced the Older Adult art exhibition opening will be held on August 6th from 4:00-6:00 PM before the skate park meeting.

Commissioner Manna recently appointed to the Beach Cities Health District Livability Committee. The committee deals with livability in the Beach Cities – everything from streetscape to sidewalks to bike lanes and art installations. There are representatives from each of the three Beach Cities. The Committee feels they are making progress in Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach but have not had much success in Manhattan Beach. Their focus in Manhattan Beach is the City Council's adoption of the mobility plan. Commissioner Manna will provide committee updates to the Commission.

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Enomoto moved to adjourn. Commissioner Manna seconded the motion.

The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Ayes: Commissioners Rothans, Allard, Manna, Allen, Jones and Enomoto

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Commissioner Paralusz