

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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6:30 p.m.
City Hall

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ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Manna, Rothans, Cajka, Allard, Allen, Miketa and Hersman (arrived at 6:39 p.m.).

Absent: None.

Others Present: Director of Parks and Recreation Mark Leyman and Recording Secretary Mary Kirchwehm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 16, 2013 minutes were approved as written.

CEREMONIAL

None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

13/1028.3 – Discussion of a Skateboard Park

Commissioner Manna reported that City Council gave the Parks and Recreation Commission permission to move forward with public meetings regarding the discussion of a skateboard park within the City. Commissioner Manna opened discussion of the skateboard park to general participation.

Manhattan Beach resident Richard Crow reported what he learned from attending a City Council meeting regarding the skateboard park. It is his understanding that finances need to be secured and a feasibility report needs to be provided. Mr. Crow inquired who would be responsible for raising funds. Mr. Crow reported that the purpose of his presence is to gather information, learn the process and provide support in order to move the process forward.

Manhattan Beach resident Gerry O’Connor reported that because there isn’t a staff report, the Commission cannot take action since nothing has been publicly posted. Mr. O’Connor reported that this needs to go through the CIP process and some preliminary work needs to be done. Mr.

O'Connor also stated that he is interested as to how this project will be prioritized and hopes to see a more effective use of the Commission's time.

Commissioner Manna gave a brief history of the skateboard park process to date. It was decided to create an Ad Hoc Committee to meet with various stakeholders and receive input from the stakeholders.

Commissioner Rothans inquired if more than one subcommittee can be established based on subject and stakeholders. Parks and Recreation Director Mark Leyman reported that for a number of reasons, including Brown Act violations, it would make sense to create one ad hoc committee consisting of three members.

Commissioner Cajka inquired if members of the public can serve on the Ad Hoc Committee. Commissioner Hersman stated that it would be good if a student and/or parent could be on the Committee. Commissioner Rothans inquired if there is a limit to the number of volunteers on the Committee.

Commissioner Allard suggested specifying the duties of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Director Leyman stated that the Ad Hoc Committee could meet twice a month and then report their information to the Commission at the monthly regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Director Leyman introduced Recreation Supervisor Idris Al-Oboudi who has extensive knowledge on the history of the skateboard park.

Mr. Al-Oboudi proposes that the Ad Hoc Committee discuss location, operations and funding, but suggests location to be the first topic for resolution. Mr. Al-Oboudi also suggests that a student representative be on the Ad Hoc Committee since this would encourage involvement with the youth and the community.

Commissioner Hersman reported that three of the current commissioners will be terming out and inquired if there would be any complications if one of those commissioners were to be on the Ad Hoc Committee.

Commissioner Cajka stated that he did not think it would be a good idea for the Committee to consist solely of the three commissioners who will be termed out.

MOTION: Commissioner Rothans made a motion to appoint Commissioners Hersman, Allard, and Miketa to the Ad Hoc Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Allen.

Ayes: Commissioners Rothans, Cajka, Manna, Allard, Allen, Hersman, and Miketa.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Commissioner Hersman inquired about the possibility of adding residents to the Committee, such as Mr. Crowe who would be interested.

Mr. Al-Oboudi reported that a press release will be sent out inviting the public to participate and to contact the City.

Commissioner Manna inquired about the number of people that should be on the Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Al-Oboudi reported that 9 would be sufficient, 12 including the Commissioners.

Commissioner Rothans inquired if Mr. Al-Oboudi will be the Parks and Recreation liaison for the Ad Hoc Committee. Director Leyman reported that Mr. Al-Oboudi will be assisting as well as Recreation Supervisor Andrew Berg who has a great background with the Teen Center.

Commissioner Rothans inquired if the Ad Hoc Committee will be appointing a chair person.

Commissioner Hersman offered to be the chairperson to the Ad Hoc Committee.

Commissioner Cajka inquired if the process would have to start over once Commissioners term out. Director Leyman reported that the process would not have to start over.

Commissioner Manna inquired if one of the Commissioners on the Ad Hoc Committee cannot attend a meeting if another Commissioner can attend in their place.

Director Leyman reported staff reports will be provided moving forward as a means to keep the public informed. Director Leyman reported that the Ad Hoc Committee will meet with staff to formalize the process.

COMMISSION ITEMS

Commissioner Allard gave an update on the status of the Petanque court at the Joslyn Center. He reported that the contractor will be meeting with Juan Price the first week in March.

Commissioner Hersman reported that the Leadership Manhattan Beach project with the Live Oak Tot Lot is moving forward. The fundraising team is raising money to replace the main equipment in the middle of the park.

STAFF ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. to the next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting on February 24, 2014.