

CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Manhattan Beach City Hall
1400 Highland Ave.
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
November 26, 2018
6:00 PM

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Turkmany, Karger, Allard, Greenberg, Weiner and Apostol

Absent: Commissioner Nicholson

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Greenberg moved to approve the October 22, 2018 minutes with corrections to all votes to reflect actual attendance of the meeting:

Commissioner Turkmany seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Commissioners Turkmany, Karger, Allard, Weiner, Greenberg, Apostol

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Nicholson

E. CEREMONIAL

None

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3-Minute Limit)

Commissioner Turkmany opened the floor to audience participation.

Seeing none, the floor was closed to public comment.

G. GENERAL BUSINESS

USA Volleyball – Mark Pahului – gave a brief presentation on the USA Volleyball Jr. National Championships – He is proposing an event to host the Jr. National Volleyball championships. Participants will be boys and girls aged 10-17 representing 29 states. 80% of the participants will come from four or more hours away.

Event is July 18-23, 2019 with set up beginning July 16th. The event will be wrapped up by the end of the day July 23rd. The event will utilize 30-34 courts with approximately 450 total teams participating.

The event footprint is similar in size to the Manhattan Beach Open with courts being much closer together.

Mr. Pahului understands the traffic issues with summer activities and camps and will work with the Traffic Manager to establish rideshare drop-off zones for participants and spectators. Discount incentives will be offered to encourage participants to use rideshare services. He

added that many families will stay for 30 days or more to maximize local tournament participation. This could bring benefit to local hotels and possibly longer-term rentals.

The event is broken down in waves, which will minimize the amount of people at the beach at the same time. The first 3 days of the tournament will be 12U and second half will be 16U. The first 2 days of each age group will be pool play and will use most of the courts all day. The third day of each age group will be bracket play. As a secondary solution to parking, Mr. Pahului has been in touch with American Martyrs to use their parking. He does not foresee that need, as he has seen a decrease in parking demand due to use of rideshare services.

Court layout – Currently there are 23 courts. The event would add 3 more rows and go 3 per row to have 30-34 courts available. Courts would be available for scheduled classes without interruption.

There will be four water stations, admin tents, a medical tent and speakers that will face the ocean.

Mr. Pahului has spoken with Kelly Stroman of the Downtown Business Association. He will work to provide opportunities to promote downtown businesses. A very high percentage of people will be from out of town. He is expecting 900 participants and 2000 spectators over the course of the event. They will require housing, food, etc. Economic impact – average 3500 room nights for the event. Many will stay for the whole month. The event could potentially bring over \$3,000,000 to the local economy.

Commissioner Weiner asked if the interface with the local businesses would be a sponsorship opportunity. Mark replied that it depends on how much they would like to participate. He also needs to consider the existing sponsors.

The event started five years ago and has been held in Siesta Key, Florida; Milwaukee, and Virginia Beach. Commissioner Greenberg asked if the goal is to rotate cities or to make it an annual event in Manhattan Beach. Mr. Pahului replied that the intention is to rotate around the country with perhaps the hope to come back to Manhattan Beach every five years.

Commissioner Greenberg asked about the potential impact on summer camps and city-run classes. Recreation Services Manager, Jessica Vincent stated that there will be significant impact on summer programs. The largest camp, Aqualetics, will not be affected as it is out of the footprint. Other programs may need to be moved.

Commissioner Greenberg moved to approve the recommendation of the USA Volleyball Jr. National Championships to the City Council. Commissioner Karger seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Commissioners Turkmany, Karger, Allard, Weiner, Greenberg, Apostol
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Commissioner Nicholson

FIELD USE AND ALLOCATION POLICY – Manager Vincent addressed changes in policy including the following:

- Residency is defined as Manhattan Beach residents, Hermosa Beach residents and students attending school in Manhattan Beach with student ID.
- Increase optimal time to diamond field groups and include 3 weekday hours and 2 weekday hours per team during each season.
- Deleted draft model in the Field allocation process.

- Staff is still working with the sports committee to finalize the potential fee structure. All parties have agreed to move to a per-player rate and are negotiating the amount. With that, the group is suggesting abolishing the fee structure proposed during the Village Agreement and move to a purely, per-player fee structure. This would require an amendment to the MOU for Village Field. The policy is going to City Council on December 18th along with per player fee structure.

Chair Turkmany opened the floor to audience participation:

Tim Flynn – BCS Flag Football and South Bay Lacrosse – He stated that the Sports Committee is really close to an agreement and there has been a lot of give and take among the groups. He is very optimistic that they will work out the final details. It will not be a perfect outcome for everybody but not a perfect outcome for anybody, which shows the give and take. The groups are working well together to come up with a solution.

The floor was closed to audience participation.

Manager Vincent stated that conceptually, the organizations agree on the per-player rate model. It is the amount that it is being discussed. The changes will result in an \$80,000-\$100,000 revenue increase annually. Fees are categorized for recreation, partial-recreation based and club based.

Commissioner Greenberg stated that the commission had previously discussed other concerns, such as a fee escalation structure vs. a fee review every few years. Manager Vincent stated that fee escalation is the desired result. Commissioner Greenberg asked if there is a written structure for how new groups will fit into the fee and allocation model. Manager Vincent replied that it would be based on the categories set forth in the policy.

Commissioner Weiner asked about the non-resident fees. Manager Vincent clarified that an additional \$10 charge will apply to non-residents (as defined above).

Commissioner Greenberg asked if a mechanism was added to address underutilization of fields. Manager Vincent reported that staff is looking into different avenues and field reservation sites, that will help to monitor field usage.

Commissioner Greenberg stated that the best thing that has come out of the process is that it has brought the groups together in a very collaborative manner. He added that part of why we need a good policy is that the groups do not always work as well together and it is important to have a good policy to take personalities out of the equation. He stated that he cannot vote to endorse a policy and fee model that he has not seen or had time to properly review. He is concerned that some of the comments and changes previously made, had not made their way into the policy.

Commissioner Turkmany asked if the policy is different to what they have seen previously. Manager Vincent addressed the changes that were made (above). Commissioner Turkmany commented that if the user groups are happy at this point, he feels confident that it is in a state to move forward to City Council and if the user groups were unhappy, they would be at the meeting tonight.

Director Leyman stated that the policy has only had a couple of minor tweaks and if there are any specific requests that have not been incorporated, please let him know, to add into the record.

Commissioner Allard confirmed that the fee schedule would be included in the staff report to City Council.

Commissioner Allard moved to approve recommendation of the policy to the City Council.
Commissioner Karger seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners Karger, Allard, Turkmany, Weiner, Apostol

Noes: Commissioner Greenberg

Abstain: none

Absent: Commissioner Nicholson

H. **COMMISSION ITEMS**

Donation Policy – bringing back January 28th to go to the City Council on February 19

Salute to the Troops – Commissioner Karger will spearhead commission involvement. She is will be up for reappointment in May. Staff will look into Coast Guard bands.

Commissioner Greenberg is working on exploring Manhattan Beach opportunities for the 2028 Olympics. Commissioner Greenberg wrote a recommendation that the City Council not pursue becoming a venue for beach volleyball. Currently the LA 2028 committee is very happy with their selection of Santa Monica for various reasons. The committee has said that the event is 10 years away and things could change. Commissioner Greenberg feels that the net benefit of bringing the games to Manhattan Beach would be to the businesses and not the residents. It would basically be giving up the beach without any guarantee that residents will actually be able to attend. He added that there are other ways the City could become involved. We could provide training facilities for different countries. Some larger and more affluent countries will come 4-6 weeks before the games to acclimate and train. It may be possible to partner with a neighboring city to offer space and lodging. He met with Mark Lipps from the Chamber of Commerce who is running with the idea. One other opportunity is to host hospitality houses for various sponsors and international federations. They will rent a hotel or large mansion and host events throughout the Olympics.

Commissioner Karger praised Parks and Recreation facility rental staff for providing a seamless experience for her Kiwanis event. Staff was on point and the experience was a pleasure.

Commissioner Allard moved to cancel the December meeting due to the holidays.
Commissioner Turkmany seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Commissioners Karger, Allard, Turkmany, Weiner, Greenberg, Apostol

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Commissioner Nicholson

I. **STAFF ITEMS** – Director Leyman gave the following updates.

Pickleball – The department is moving forward conceptually with the pickleball court plan. The plan converts the northwest paddleball court and central picnic area into two dedicated pickleball courts. It also includes installing adjustable nets on the northeast paddleball court making it convertible from paddleball to pickleball. The plan will not affect the two existing tennis courts to the south.

Commissioner Weiner asked if installing the adjustable nets on the existing paddleball courts would solve would enough of the issues without changing things to accommodate the third court.

Director Leyman replied that the project as planned would be in the \$20,000-\$25,000 range. He added that there will be opportunity for public input to determine whether the changes will include dedicated pickleball courts or dual-use courts with adjustable nets.

Commissioner Greenberg confirmed that there will be no additional impact to tennis players. Court 1 would continue to be used for pickleball in the same hours. Paddleball players may be negatively impacted if courts are lined for pickleball only. He asked why the courts would not be lined for both pickleball and paddleball, and if the pickleballers are organizing any fundraisers to help contribute to the cost of the project, like the youth sports user groups do. Director Leyman reported that there has been no such conversation as of yet and would have to be coordinated through an organization.

Commissioner Allard commented that she has never heard from any paddle tennis players.

Director Leyman stated that the funds for the project could be approved by the City Manager and possibly be taken out of a revenue generating account. We are working with the County to determine if Prop A funds may be used for the project.

Commissioner Turkmany recommended approaching Leadership Manhattan Beach to take on as a project.

City Council Agenda Items –

September 19th meeting:

- Sunrise Senior Living project – approved a pass through agreement for an environmental impact report

October 2 meeting:

- Senior and Scout Community Center - Approved a commitment of \$1,000,000 towards construction. Commissioner Allard reported that there is a big fundraising drive to secure the balance.
- Pesticide management practices– Directed staff for formally discontinue use of pesticides on turf and work with the Sustainability Task Force to develop new pesticide management practices.

October 16 meeting:

- Homelessness Plan – received update and appointed 5 representatives to the Homelessness Task Force

November 6 meeting:

- Leadership Manhattan Beach 60 Day Update - received and filed. Directed liaison to provide updates as needed
- Adopted resolution declaring a shelter crisis allowing the City to be eligible for grant funding with a focus towards care management
- City Hall Lobby Public Art Project - Approved \$317,000 from the Public Art Trust Fund
- National Fitness Court – Equipment purchased approved. There was some concern about the court wall. Staff will be creating renderings with the wall in different positions with different color options, for public input.

- Art in the Park proposal – City Council supports the idea and it was tabled to be discussed at the next joint work plan meeting.

November 20 meeting:

- Historical Society, Red House upgrades - Phases 1,2 and 3 approved and appropriated \$109,000 for the historical society, red house upgrades, and assessment of historical items with an end goal of working with MBUSD to develop an educational program. Approved included adding one part-time staff person to be the archivist. Staff will return for approval of Phase 4 at a later date.
- Awarded a Professional Services Agreement to evaluate fiber in the City to make the City the fiber provider for the town.

Polliwog Playground – The lower play equipment is at the end of its useful life. Staff will bring the item to the commission in January and begin public outreach. This project is a significant dollar amount but is a high priority in terms of CIP and use. The current equipment is at least 15 years old, is in a constant state of disrepair and is in dire need of replacement. The project will replace the pour in place surfacing and play equipment in the lower playground and replace the surfacing in the upper playground.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Turkmany moved to adjourn. Commissioner Weiner seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm to January 28, 2018.

Ayes:	Commissioners Turkmany, Karger, Allard, Weiner, Greenberg, Apostol
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Commissioner Nicholson