

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 2016
MALIBU CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Randall called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair Carl Randall; Vice Chair Justine Petretti; and Commissioners Laurie Principe, Roui Israel, and Steve Parks

ALSO PRESENT: Bob Stallings, Parks & Recreation Director; Lisa Pope, City Clerk; and Theresa Odello, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Parks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Israel moved and Vice Chair Petretti seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Recording Secretary Odello reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on May 12, 2016.

ITEM 1 WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Parks moved and Commissioner Principe seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar with an amendment to the April 2016 minutes on page 3; a comment asking if the skate park is large enough was not made by Commissioner Principe, but was actually made by Vice Chair Petretti. The motion carried 5-0.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

A. Approval of Minutes – April 19, 2016

Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission Regular meeting of April 19, 2016.

B. Parks & Recreation Department – Monthly Report for April 2016

Staff recommendation: Receive and file.

ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

A. Integrated Pest Management Policy Review

Recommended Action: Review the Integrated Pest Management Policy (IPM) and recommend to City Council changes as deemed appropriate.

Parks and Recreation Director Bob Stallings and Parks Manager Andrew Belter presented the staff report.

Marilynn Santman emphasized that pests brought diseases into homes and she did not want to see children tripping on holes in the fields caused by pests.

Zach Taylor encouraged the Commission to include the Coastal Commission language regarding poisons into the City's IPM program.

Jay Liebig urged the Commission to stop the use of glyphosate (a chemical in Roundup) in parks due to the fact that it can lead to autism, obesity, ADHD, and more.

Ann Buxie, Poison Free Malibu, implored people not to use poisons and to make Malibu poison free.

Renata Pompelli, Emily Reader, Paul Cox, Falyn Cox, and Stephanie S. deferred their time to Stephen Frantz.

Stephen Frantz, Poison Free Malibu and Malibu Democratic Club, stated that he was disturbed that the City was using Roundup, made with glyphosate, due to the harm caused by glyphosate. He encouraged the Commission to use the Poison Free Malibu plan for the IPM program.

Wendi Dunn, Poison Free Malibu, discussed the City records regarding chemical use. She requested no pesticides be used in parks and suggested OMRI products be used.

Jimmy Tallal, Kamilla Taylor, Marlon Harris, Sari Zez, Joel Schulman, and Marsha Maus deferred their time to Kian Shulman.

Kian Shulman, Poison Free Malibu, proposed a new policy for the IPM called the Malibu Earth Friendly Management Policy, including organic cultural management practices, a chemical free environment, and ecological balance and an oversight committee to review practices and make recommendations. She displayed a picture showing the use of Roundup at Trancas Park with children playing in the background. She requested Malibu commit to being pesticide free at all City properties and stop euthanizing squirrels.

Linda Gibbs, Poison Free Malibu, encouraged the Commission to utilize Chip Osbourne Organics Company and create an oversight committee for its IPM program.

Romy Rapoport deferred her time to June Louks. June Louks, Malibu Agricultural Society, discussed the important of biodynamics and invited the community to the upcoming Malibu agricultural society meeting. She expressed her desire to make the planet healthier and show Malibu's stewardship.

Stacie Cox urged the community to make a difference through sustainable solutions. She discussed the use of Roundup at City parks without notification to the public. She discussed the impact of pesticides and suggested the use of environmentally sensitive products. She indicated support for Poison Free Malibu's recommendations.

Debra Bianco, Malibu Cornucopia, discussed clearance of weeds without using pesticides. She expressed excitement about Poison Free Malibu's suggestions.

Sherman Baylin discussed euthanasia of squirrels and encouraged people to respect the environment.

Steve Woods discussed his efforts to get rid of castor beans in Corral Canyon. He encouraged manual eradication.

~~Matt de Nicola deferred his time to Jennifer de Nicola. Jennifer de Nicola suggested Malibu create a movement and change the mindset. She stated the EPA did not provide protection and indicated support for Poison Free Malibu.~~

Paula Dinerstein, Board member of Beyond Pesticides, stated organic methods worked and discussed the costs.

Lance Simmens suggested the Commission consider the precautionary principle and encouraged responsible government.

Anya Jessum, Malibu Monarch Project, indicated support for the Malibu Earth Friendly Management Policy and elimination of all pesticides and herbicides in Malibu.

Georgia Goldfarb indicated opposition to the use toxins and encouraged the City to use natural methods only. She discussed the cost with using the products versus long term costs.

Maggie Lopez requested only organic herbicide alternatives be used in the parks.

In response to Vice Chair Petretti, Marilynn Santman suggested trying the toxin free program at one park to see results in terms of cost and success.

In response to Chair Randall, Parks and Recreation Department Director Bob Stallings discussed the City's zero tolerance policy for rodents on fields due to increased chance of injury to players during sport activities. Chair Randall noted increased squirrels at Bluffs Park and asked when Fumitoxin had been used. Parks and Recreation Director Stallings stated it was applied at Legacy seven to eight years ago based on a mandate from Los Angeles County to reduce rodents. Director Stallings stated Chip Osborne had been retained to provide suggestions on controlling the rodent population naturally and some suggestions had been implemented. He stated the City made every effort to use chemicals only as a last resort.

In response to Chair Randall, Parks Supervisor Belter explained the use of Speedzone. Commissioner Israel stated she did not want pesticides used where children play and would prefer other options even if they cost more. Director Stallings stated that many other options are available, but are not as effective and multiple applications must be made.

In response to Chair Randall Parks Supervisor Belter discussed the use of Avenger, with a 5-10% success rates.

In response to Vice Chair Petretti and Commissioner Israel, Supervisor Belter stated the contractors were aware of native plants and care taken to protect plants such as milkweed.

In response to Vice Chair Petretti, Parks Supervisor Belter stated some areas of Legacy Park were already successful with no pesticides, but it would be difficult to determine the outlook.

In response to Chair Randall, Ms. Schulman discussed her knowledge of Fumitoxin.

Commissioner Parks discussed the dangers of rattlesnakes on the perimeter of the fields. He stated that he is torn about what to do because the squirrels are a major problem at the park. He requested trying an alternative method to assist with the controlling the squirrel population in different park areas.

Commissioner Principe stated that many of her family members have chronic asthma and believes Malibu should be a trend setter by appointing an IPM oversight committee.

Vice Chair Petretti discussed the use of an ultrasound to keep rodents away. She discussed concerns with the use of chemicals and stated she had taken her children out of local public schools due to PCBs. She stated the proposal was cost prohibitive. She stated Colorado and Irvine allowed the use of herbicides, although they claim to be 100% pesticide free. She indicated support for the current IPM program.

Commissioner Israel expressed support for an oversight committee and suggested the use of all poisons be stopped immediately.

Chair Randall proposed trying the program at one park, such as Legacy Park. He expressed the need of partners to make it a poison-free park and stated volunteers would be needed for hand-weeding.

MOTION Chair Randall moved and Vice Chair Petretti seconded a motion to recommend that the City Council implement a two year pilot program to eliminate the use of pesticides at Legacy Park, Las Flores Park, and the Equestrian Center, with the goal of all parks ultimately becoming pesticide free and establish an Earth Friendly Management Oversight Committee to advise the Parks and Recreation Commission on all matters arising out of or in connection with the policy and responsible for selecting control methods and materials.

The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

RECESS Chair Randall called a recess at 8:40 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:51 p.m. with all Commissioners present.

B. Commission Assignments for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Recommended action: Review Commission assignments for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and recommend the City Council approve proposed assignments.

Parks and Recreation Director Stallings presented the staff report.

MOTION Chair Randall moved and Commissioner Israel seconded a motion to approve the proposed assignments. The motion carried 5-0.

ITEM 5 STAFF UPDATES

None.

ITEM 6 COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Petretti stated that the Senior Center had a very successful Sock Hop.

Chair Randall thanked the Commissioners for reviewing all the material for tonight's meeting and stating he felt that they were successful in the handling of the IPM agenda item.

ITEM 7 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Scheduled Use of Trancas Canyon Park Multi-Purpose Field
- B. Shade Covers for Baseball Facilities and Malibu Bluffs Park

ITEM 8 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 8:59 p.m. Chair Randall moved and Commissioner Parks seconded a motion to adjourn.
The motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Parks & Recreation Commission of the City of
Malibu on July 19, 2016



CARL RANDALL, Chair

ATTEST:



THERESA ODELLO, Recording Secretary