

# MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

**September 23, 2014**

**Time and Place:** 7:00 Marinwood Pool.

**Present:**

Commissioners: Izabela Perry, Kimberly Call, Eric Dreikosen, Sarah Paoli and Linda Barnello.

Absent: Tom Horne, Shane Valentine, Sivan Oyserman and Tom Kunkel.

Staff: Recreation Director Shane DeMarta, Park Manager Gary Harrelson and Administrative Assistant Carolyn Sullivan.

Others present: Director Deana Dearborn.

**Recreation Facility Inspection- Marinwood Pool**

Harrelson brought the Commissioners into the pool pump room. He explained the pool equipment and fielded questions. Harrelson stated ideally there would be three pool filters installed instead of the two current ones in operation. If a third were to be added the whole pump room would need to be configured. Last year conversation occurred regarding the installation of a UV filter which would help water clarity, but it is a very costly purchase and would most likely require money designated by the Measure A funding. Harrelson commented after he leaves there will be only one person on the maintenance staff who is a Certified Pool Operator. DeMarta commented Luke Fretwell the Recreation Supervisor has also looked into receiving the certification. Dearborn asked if everything in the pump room is up to code. Harrelson replied yes. Perry suggested the exterior of the pool pump room be painted.

Harrelson reported the brown areas on the grass are due to the removal of invasive grasses.

Perry asked about the possibility of building a lap pool. Harrelson replied with money it could be done. There is enough room for a lap pool to be built.

Perry asked if Harrelson had any opinion on solar power panels at the pool. Harrelson replied it would be great if the solar project went through, but unfortunately it looks as if that is not going to happen. Call stated she is disappointed that the solar project was not approved, but hope it will be placed back on the agenda. She asked Harrelson about the condition of the roof. Harrelson replied the roof should have 10-15 years left before replacement. Perry noticed the two pop-up tents placed in the tot pool area and stated shade are needed in the area.

Perry asked Harrelson to show the Commissioners the water stains that Nestel referred to in his correspondence with the Board. Harrelson replied it is not of concern. The staining is due to the beams being exposed to the elements. The beams need to be resealed, there is no mold evident.

Harrelson reminded the Commission that if the tot pool were updated it would need to comply with ADA standards which is providing a zero entry structure. Additionally if that were to occur the pool filters would be updating to accommodate the change in the water flow.

Harrelson stated the pool bathroom facilities need to be updated. The lighting is awful and it would be beneficial to have some sort of heat. DeMarta commented patrons have always complained about the bathroom facilities. They are extremely cold, lacking in proper lighting, and the sinks are not ideal. Harrelson commented during the renovation process staff requested indoor showers, heat and dry deck materials for flooring; they were ignored.

**Public Comment**

No comments.

**Minutes of August 26, 2014 Commission Meeting**

Call commented she would like the minutes to reflect her statements about the excess litter around the maintenance shed, and that the crew should set a good example for the community by tidying up the area.

**Review of draft Board Minutes of September 9, 2014**

Barnello stated the minutes were incorrect in regards to Hansell's comments, it should read, "...and no individual commission member has any right to insist on her own individual priority...I would especially be appalled if any Commission member who was volunteering their time, who would feel as if their experience during a meeting is so unpleasant, would potentially step down because of actions of a Commission member".

Call asked if the solar project is being brought back to the table. Dearborn replied she is very disappointed to hear that the project may be placed on a future agenda. She is opposed to this specific project. The project proposed was conceptual and Jonathon Whelan has not answered many questions. Call stated maybe the proposal was presented prematurely and asked if Dearborn would feel more comfortable helping shape the solar project. Dearborn replied there is a proper way for the CSD to install solar, but it will take money. She does not believe the projected solar savings will be what they are saying. Perry commented this is a Board decision, and requested that Call and Dearborn speak after the meeting.

**Pedestrian Pathway Maintenance**

### **8/17/14 email from Commissioner Barnello**

Perry commented Horne, Roach, Hansell and herself received emails from Barnello regarding the pedestrian pathway she had concerns about.

Call asked just what exactly is this request, is there anyone that could clean the paths. Harrelson said its onto the bid, the contractors responsibility.

Harrelson commented he had spoken with the landscape maintenance contractor about another one (path) they have to deal with because nobody knows it was there.

Barnello commented she is concerned about another fence catching on fire from the debris that is right up against the fence; she had taken her ruler and measured the height of the debris, which was about 4 inches. Barnello added foxtails are another issue that should be addressed and does not feel the RFP is being met.

Dearborn commented she helped draft the RFP and the contractor should be removing the debris after their work. The question remains if the debris Barnello is concerned about is the result of the natural life cycle of the plants or the result of the contractor's maintenance.

Harrelson and Perry agreed the contractor should be removing the debris they create. Perry asked the Commissioners if they would like to move forward with inspecting this issue further. Call responded it is a staff issue, not a Commission issue; the majority of the Commissioners agreed.

Dearborn commented she appreciated what Barnello has done for this community and does not appreciate the tone from the staff; the walkthroughs were rushed and it did not seem like staff was listening to comments. Roach should have responded to or acknowledge Barnello's email. This is a community service organization; staff should recognize information and concern from any community member and respond. Perry stated she agreed with Dearborn; Barnello has great energy and commitment to the community, but Dearborn was not in attendance at the end of the August meeting or involved in the email correspondence. Perry added that Barnello has ignored her requests to work within the Commission. Barnello wrote urgent emails to the staff and Board members instead of going through the Commission. Perry continued so theoretically any resident can write to staff about their concerns. If she would like to see an item on the agenda it should be sent to the Commission Chair and District Manager. If the topic does not make it onto the agenda it will be addressed in the Q&A section of the meeting. Barnello stated, which I did. Perry stated each Commissioner will have differences of opinion on matters, but the majority should determine the course of action. Perry asked Barnello not to fixate on details and micromanage staff, but rather offer strategic guidance and support. Paoli stated she agrees with Dearborn and Perry, and requested Barnello bring her concerns to the Commission. Barnello stated she was asked to be detail orientated in regards to gathering information about the Parks Department. Perry responded she is not speaking in regards to the information gathering; she is speaking to the emailed correspondence. Dreikosen commented Barnello is being attacked a bit, and it seems there was miscommunication with the Fire Chief. The majority should speak in regards to matters and Perry was appropriate in ending the August meeting. Dreikosen added that everyone on the Commission is here for the greater good of this community. Unfortunately we are working with limited resources and there have to be priorities, but it is essential to respectfully listen to others. Barnello commented all she wanted to do was read her email; there should not have been any discussion afterwards. Call stated it is important to have goodwill towards others and felt Barnello should have waited for her correspondence be properly placed on the upcoming agenda. Barnello said you didn't see the email request that I made asking that this item be put on a future agenda for discussion, that was my request and Mr. Horne and Izabela both said no.

### **Park and Recreation activities reports**

DeMarta reported the camp revenues far exceeded the expectation. The amount of in-house specialty camps doubled, prices were raised a small amount and had great attendance all while keeping the quality high. DeMarta stated the growth in the Recreation programming to attribute to the strong relationships that are formed with the families who attend the programs rather than the prices of our programs. Dearborn asked if the department offers scholarships. DeMarta replied yes, as well as payment plans with no additional fees or interest costs. Paoli stated she would love to sponsor a scholarship with the funding from the Rob Paoli Memorial Fund. Dreikosen commented he appreciated DeMarta's acknowledgement regarding relationships with the community and not obsessing over the bottom line. DeMarta stated he is very happy to see the dramatic increase in revenue over the past eight years. Perry thanked Harrelson for his detailed informational letter regarding Park maintenance.

### **Q&A discussion with staff re: items not otherwise covered on the agenda**

Perry distributed the Marinwood CSD Code of Conduct and Ethics for Commission Members. She stated with the upcoming election it is best to be reminded of Commissioners responsibilities.

Call requested the District throw Harrelson a retirement party. DeMarta agreed. The Commissioners stated they truly appreciated all the work Harrelson has done for this community.

### **Community Center Signage**

Tabled.

The meeting concluded at 8:55PM.

The date of the next Park and Recreation Commission meeting is September 23, 2014 at 7:00at the Marinwood Pool.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Sullivan