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Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

5:30 P.M.
Various Teleconference Locations

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Report on Posting of Agenda – August 13, 2020

1. Ceremonial/Presentations

   None.

2. Written and Oral Communications from the Public and Commissioners

   A. Communications from the public concerning matters which are not on the agenda but for which the Commission has subject matter jurisdiction. The Commission may not act on these matters at this meeting.
3. **Consent Calendar**

   A. **Previously Discussed Items**

      None.

   B. **New Items**

      1. **Approval of Minutes**

         Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the July 21, 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting.

         Staff contact: Administrative Assistant Saleaumua, 456-2489 ext. 349

      2. **Community Services Department Monthly Report**

         Recommended Action: Receive and file a report of activities, events, projects, and programs coordinated by the Community Services Department for the month of July 2020.

         Staff contact: Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo, 456-2489 ext. 350

4. **Old Business**

   A. **Skate Park Update**

      Recommended Action: 1) Receive and file a report regarding the Temporary and Permanent Skate Park; and 2) Review and provide feedback regarding the updated Temporary Skate Park guidelines.

      Staff contact: Community Services Director Bobbett, 456-2489 ext. 225

5. **New Business**

   A. **Poetry Stone for Ellen Reich**

      Recommended Action: Review and approve the installation of a poetry stone honoring former Poet Laureate Ellen Reich.

      Staff contact: Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo, 456-2489 ext. 350

6. **Staff Updates**

7. **Commissioner Reports, Comments and Inquiries**
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**Items in Consent Calendar Section A** have already been considered by the Commission at a previous meeting where the public was invited to comment, after which a decision was made. These items are not subject to public discussion at this meeting because the vote taken at the previous meeting was final. Resolutions concerning decisions made at previous meetings are for the purpose of memorializing the decision to assure the accuracy of the findings, the prior vote, and any conditions imposed.

**Items in Consent Calendar Section B** have not been discussed previously by the Commission. If discussion is desired, an item may be removed from the Consent Calendar for individual consideration. Commissioners may indicate a negative or abstaining vote on any individual item by so declaring prior to the vote on the motion to adopt the entire Consent Calendar. Items excluded from the Consent Calendar will be taken up by the Commission following the action on the Consent Calendar. The Commission first will take up the items for which public speaker requests have been submitted. Public speakers shall follow the rules as set forth under Oral Communication.

**Old Business** items have appeared on previous agendas but have either been continued or tabled to this meeting with no final action having been taken. Public comment shall follow the rules as set forth under Oral Communication.

**Items in New Business** are items which are appearing for the first time for formal action. Public comment shall follow the rules as set forth under Oral Communication.

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I hereby certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. Dated this 13th day of August 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Brittany Saleaumua, Administrative Assistant
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the minutes for the July 21, 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Staff has prepared draft minutes for the July 21, 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS: July 21, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes
The following meeting was held pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chair Guldimann called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT: Chair Suzanne Guldimann; Vice Chair Josh Spiegel; Commissioners Georgia Goldfarb; Judy Villablanca; and Robert Wells

ALSO PRESENT: Jesse Bobbett, Community Services Director; Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Deputy Director; Kate Gallo, Recreation Supervisor; and Brittany Saleaumua, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Villablanca moved, and Commissioner Wells seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on July 16, 2020.

ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

None.

ITEM 2 WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.
ITEM 3  CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Villablanca moved, and Commissioner Wells seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

A. Previously Discussed Items
   None.
B. New Items
   1. Approval of Minutes
      Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the February 18, 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting.
   2. Community Services Department Monthly Report
      Recommended Action: Receive and file a report of activities, events, projects, and programs coordinated by the Community Services Department since February 2020.

ITEM 4  OLD BUSINESS

A. Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award
   Recommended Action: Discuss the nomination process for the Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award.

   Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

   Chair Guldimann recommended Director Riesgo for the Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award. She stated Mr. Bell served as the first president of the Malibu High School Athletic Booster Club and started the Malibu High School Christmas Tree Lot.

   Vice Chair Spiegel recommended Eleanor Reich for the Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award. He stated Mrs. Reich was the Malibu Poet Laureate and was instrumental in enhancing Malibu’s literary arts.

MOTION Commissioner Villablanca moved, and Commissioner Goldfarb seconded a motion to recommend John Bell and Eleanor Reich for the 2020 Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award to the City Council. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.
ITEM 5  NEW BUSINESS

A. Master Facility Use Agreement with Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

Recommended Action: 1) Review the current community use of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District facilities related to the Master Facility Use Agreement between the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and the City; and 2) Recommend future community use of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District facilities to the City Council.

Recreation Supervisor Gallo presented the staff report.

In response to Commissioner Villablanca, Recreation Supervisor Gallo stated the City provided a facility use schedule to Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District each quarter, and fees were adjusted based on use.

Community Services Director Bobbett stated facility use fees related to youth programming would increase under the new agreement. He stated the rates under the current agreement varied depending on the type of program.

Commissioner Villablanca stated the importance of park development on City-owned vacant properties. She stated properties could be used for new athletic fields, an aquatics facility, or other recreational amenities.

Vice Chair Spiegel expressed disappointment regarding the poor conditions and increasing costs for Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District fields and facilities.

Chair Guldimann stated the Council should be aware of the Commission’s frustration with the poor condition of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District fields and facilities. She stated the fees related to the new Facility Use Agreement were not ideal, but the City should continue City programs at Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District facilities.

Community Services Director Bobbett stated the Commission’s comments would be included in the Council staff report.

CONSENSUS

By consensus, the Commission recommended the City to continue the Master Facility Use Agreement with Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and agreed to the increased cost related to facility use.
ITEM 6  STAFF UPDATES

Community Services Director Bobbett provided an update regarding Malibu Bluffs Park, the Michael Landon Center, Temporary Skate Park, and Charmlee Wilderness Park.

Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo provided an update regarding Legacy Park Project and Community Services Department programming.

ITEM 7  COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES

In response to Vice Chair Spiegel, Community Services Director Bobbett stated he would provide the Commission with an update on the Trancas Canyon Park restrooms at an upcoming meeting.

In response to Commissioner Villablanca, Community Services Director Bobbett provided an update on the Locking Bin Lid Ordinance, Permanent Skate Park, and Commission Assignments.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION  At 6:56 p.m., Commissioner Villablanca moved, and Vice Chair Spiegel seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Malibu on August 18, 2020.

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SUZANNE GULDIMANN, Chair

ATTEST:

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BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Administrative Assistant
To: Chair Guldimann and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

Prepared by: Brittany Saleaumua, Administrative Assistant

Reviewed by: Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Deputy Director

Approved by: Jesse Bobbett, Community Services Director

Date prepared: July 30, 2020  Meeting date: August 18, 2020

Subject: Community Services Department Monthly Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file a report of activities, events, projects, and programs coordinated by the Community Services Department during July 2020.

DISCUSSION: During July 2020, the following activities, events, projects, and programs were coordinated by the Community Services Department:

RECREATION

Aquatics: The Malibu Community Pool reopened on July 11 following the completion of deck repairs and the installation of a carbon dioxide filtration system by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. The Lap Swim program resumed on a reservation-only system, which can accommodate approximately 200 participants weekly. The Seawolves Swim Team and Adult Masters Conditioning, coordinated with the Malibu Aquatics Foundation, resumed on July 13. The Seawolves Swim Team had 18 participants, and the Adult Masters Conditioning resumed with 9 participants. Due to physical distancing requirements, the Seawolves Swim Team was limited to children ages 12 and older.

Day Camps: Surf Camp began on July 6 at Surfrider Beach. Due to Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Department guidelines, the camp was offered to residents only and had a maximum capacity of 12 participants. Day Camps scheduled at Malibu Bluffs Park were cancelled due to the temporary closure if the park that began July 11.

Seniors: Staff continued wellness calls to over 100 Malibu seniors. The digital Senior Center Newsletter was also distributed by email and included information regarding
senior support services, local animal adoptions, recipes, word searches, and virtual recreation programs.

**Parks and Recreation Month:** During the month of July, staff utilized various social media platforms and the City website to highlight Community Services Department’s programs, parks, inclusion, cultural arts projects, and environmental projects as a part of *Parks and Recreation Month*. *Parks and Recreation Month* is a nationwide campaign by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) to raise awareness for and appreciation of the valuable contributions that parks and recreation programs make to communities across America.

**PARK MAINTENANCE**

**Charmlee Wilderness Park:** Maintenance staff installed an electrical timer for the restroom lights to make the building more energy efficient.

Trail crews continued erosion control and brush clearance along the main park trails in addition to brush clearance along the public roadways, picnic tables, and the buildings.

**Las Flores Park:** Thirty yards of mulch was installed in the gardens along Rambla Pacifico to improve nutrient absorption, soil biology, and to decrease soil compaction and weed infestation.

**Legacy Park:** Removed a faulty sump pump from the Irrigation Pump Station, and ordered replacement equipment.

One hundred yards of mulch was installed in several ornamental landscape planters to improve nutrient absorption, soil biology, and to decrease soil compaction and weed infestation.

**Malibu Bluffs Park:** Power washed picnic tables and playground equipment throughout the park.

Installed locks and chains to the Temporary Skate Park equipment to prevent unauthorized use of the facility during the temporary closure. Placed barricades, delineators, and caution tape with closure signs at all park access points and parking lot.

Start repair of the Snack Shack near the ball fields. Preliminary demolition work was completed to determine the extent of the repair work needed. Staff is in the process of determining the next steps for completed the repairs.

Seven trash and recycling containers, and three picnic tables were assembled for the Temporary Skate Park.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Receive and file a report regarding the Temporary and Permanent Skate Park; and 2) Review and provide feedback regarding the updated Temporary Skate Park guidelines.

DISCUSSION: On July 3, 2020, the City opened the Temporary Skate Park (TSP) under with Covid-19 guidelines from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health in place. The guidelines included a limited capacity of twelve skaters (one skater per 1,000 square feet of skating area) at one time, an hourly reservation system allowing up to six reservation spaces, six walk-up spaces, and routine sanitizing by staff. Spectator requirements included wearing a mask or face covering and six feet of physical distancing from persons not in their household. Skaters are not required to wear masks while skating in a skate park.

Shortly after the opening, the City began experiencing issues with participants using the TSP, including individuals refusing to wear a mask or face covering when not actively skating, unauthorized users jumping the fence and refusing to leave when asked by staff, and congregating in groups. Additionally, several members of the public were confrontational with staff, resulting in several calls to the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.

On July 11, 2020, the TSP was temporarily closed to protect the health and safety of visitors and staff, and as of the date of this report, remains closed. The TSP is expected to reopen after the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health resumes its reopening process. Since the closure, staff has updated the guidelines for the TSP, which will be implemented once it reopens. The updated guidelines will provide
participants, spectators, and staff with clearer and more manageable guidelines, including:

- **Hours of Operation**
  - Monday through Friday, 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
  - Closed on Saturdays and Sundays until fall

- **Open by reservation only, no walk-ups**
  - Reservations will be increased from one hour to two-hour sessions
  - 12 reservations available per reservation period
  - Skaters will only be allowed to make one reservation every other day

- **Staffing**
  - One part-time City staff member on-site during operating hours
  - One private security guard on-site during operating hours through December 2020
  - One full-time staff member at the Michael Landon Center
  - Consistent staff members, so skaters, parents, and spectators become familiar with staff each time they visit the skate park
  - Skate park-specific training geared towards positive interaction with skaters, parents, and spectators

- **Code of Conduct**
  - Expectations outlined for skaters and consequences for those who fail to follow rules and guidelines, including suspension of TSP privileges
  - Attendees must accept the Code of Conduct terms when making a reservation
  - Posted at TSP entrance

- **Additional signage and social media outreach to educate the public regarding Covid-19 guidelines and skate park rules**

- **Physically distanced temporary shade canopies on the outside of the skate park to deter parents and groups from gathering**

- **Implementation of a Peer Skater Program, which will utilize local skaters to assist staff with educating new skaters regarding TSP rules and etiquette**

On August 7, 2020, the Administrative and Finance Subcommittee reviewed the cost estimates related to staff the Skate Park, including the private security guard, at the above-listed levels. The subcommittee recommended approval for the additional funding, which will be reviewed by the Council at the Regular meeting on August 24, 2020.
Permanent Skate Park
Due to the current Covid-19 Pandemic, staff worked with California Skateparks to develop a virtual design process for the Permanent Skate Park (PSP). The design process is expected to begin on September 2, 2020, and will include:

- Two Virtual Design Meetings
  - Four one-hour sessions for each meeting
  - 20 participants per session
  - Participants will sign up for one of the four sessions
  - Each will have up to two minutes to provide feedback

- Online Community Survey
  - Allows for feedback from the public following the first design meeting
  - Feedback will be presented at the second design meeting and incorporated into the design, as appropriate

- Design Review
  - Parks and Recreation Commission
  - Public Works Commission
  - Planning Commission
  - City Council

The design process is expected to take approximately five to six months, with anticipated completion in early 2021. Once complete, the construction process for the PSP will begin as soon as a funding source is secured.

The Commission is asked to receive and file the report regarding both projects and provide feedback to staff.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Temporary Skate Park Code of Conduct
The Malibu Community Services Department offers recreational programs, activities, services, events, and park facilities for the Malibu community. The Skate Park Code of Conduct ("Code of Conduct") provides guidelines to help maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all participants, parents, volunteers, and City staff. Participants are expected to adhere to the standards noted in this Code of Conduct at all times and conduct themselves appropriately while utilizing the Skate Park.

The Skate Park is a space for participants of all ages. Children 12 years of age and under must be supervised by a parent or guardian while using the Skate Park. Participants must wear a helmet and skate pads at all times while inside the Skate Park, and equipment may not be shared between participants. Participants are only allowed to skate inside of the Skate Park and may not skate in areas surrounding the Skate Park, including the Drop-Off/Pick-Up, Parking Area, or Malibu Bluffs Park.

**Standards of Conduct**

All Skate Park participants and parents are expected to:

- Be respectful and courteous to other participants and parents
- Follow all Skate Park and City of Malibu rules
- Understand that modifications may be made to Skate Park operating hours and reservations
- Comply with direction from staff and abide by established grievance procedures, if a violation is committed
- Be respectful of City facilities, equipment, and property
- Be considerate of neighboring properties

**Violations**

City staff reserves the right to remove any participant from the Skate Park and Malibu Bluffs Park who violate the Code of Conduct. Participants who violate the Code of Conduct will be subject to the consequences, including but not limited to:

- Actions or behavior that negatively impacts or denies other participants and parents the ability to safely and respectfully enjoy the Skate Park
- Verbal threats or physical altercations with other participants, parents, or City staff
- Refusal to obey Skate Park rules or direction from City staff
• Destruction or vandalism of equipment or property belonging to the City or the private property adjacent to the Skate Park
• Trespassing anytime during hours when the Skate Park is closed
• Trespassing on any portion of the private property adjacent to the Skate Park
• Loud, inappropriate, or offensive behavior or language
• Harassment, discrimination, or bullying of any kind, including, but not limited to age, race, national origin, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or political affiliation
• Rude or discourteous behavior toward participants, parents, or City staff
• Any activity that negatively affects the health or safety of participants, volunteers, or City Staff
• Violations of City, County, State, or Federal law while on City property
• Possession or use alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or non-prescribed controlled substances while on City property
• Inappropriate and/or revealing attire

Consequences of Violating the Code of Conduct
The City reserves the right to remove and suspend any participant who violates the Code of Conduct. Suspensions may include revocation of privileges to use the Skate Park.

Violations of the Code of Conduct will be addressed in the following manner:

1st Offense: Verbal Warning
2nd Offense: One Day Suspension
3rd Offense: Up to One Month Suspension
Final Offense: Long-Term or Permanent Suspension

City staff will document all violations. Beginning with the 2nd offense, the participant and their parent/guardian if under 18 years of age will be required to meet with the Community Services Director or their designee to discuss the violation and, if applicable, any corrective action deemed necessary by the City before the participant’s Skate Park privileges will be reinstated. A written notice will also be provided to the participant documenting the suspension and corrective action taken.
Further violations may result in a long-term or permanent suspension of the participant's Skate Park privileges.

**Immediate Suspension**
Notwithstanding the above, participants may receive an immediate suspension and suspension of privileges if the violation is serious in nature, as determined by the Community Services Director or their designee. Such violations include, but are not limited to:

- Violations related to the safety or well-being of participants, volunteers, City staff, other persons, or City property
- Violations placing other participants, parents, City staff, other persons, or City property in imminent danger
- Violations involving law enforcement personnel

City staff will document the suspension. The participant will be required to meet with the Community Services Director or their designee to discuss the suspension and, if applicable, any corrective action deemed necessary by the City before the participant's Skate Park privileges are reinstated. If the participant is under the age of 18, the participant's parent or guardian must also attend the meeting. At the discretion of the Community Services Director or their designee, a written long-term or permanent suspension will be given to the participant explaining the violation and the length of the suspension. Failure to meet with the Community Services Director or their designee will be grounds for a permanent suspension.

**Appeal Process**
Participants have the right to appeal a suspension to the City Manager or their designee within 14 days of the decision. Participants must submit the appeal in writing by e-mail or mail to the City Manager:

- **E-Mail:** Reva Feldman
  - City of Malibu
  - RFeldman@malibucity.org
- **Mail:**
  - Attn: City Manager
  - 23825 Stuart Ranch Road
  - Malibu, CA 90265

After the appeal is reviewed, the City Manager will contact the participant and their parent or guardian to discuss the suspension. The participant will not be allowed to return to the Skate Park until the investigation and appeal process is completed.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Review and approve the installation of a poetry stone honoring former Poet Laureate Ellen Reich.

DISCUSSION: In March 2017, the Council appointed the City’s first Poet Laureate Ricardo Means Ybarra and established the Malibu Poet Laureate Committee (Committee). Since its establishment, the Committee has been instrumental in the development and growth of literary arts programming, including free poetry workshops, events, and community partnerships.

In 2018, the Parks and Recreation Commission and Cultural Arts Commission approved the placement of two poetry stones at Legacy Park. The stones highlight the importance of poetry and literary arts to Malibu. One stone honors Mr. Ybarra as the first Poet Laureate and contains a portion of his poem, America. The second stone displays the poem Thank You by Mandy Mulligan, a graduate of Juan Cabrillo Elementary School, who participated in the City’s Arts in Education program.

The City’s second Poet Laureate, Ellen Reich, held the position for one year, before passing away in May 2020. Mrs. Reich’s teachings and commitment to Malibu made a lasting impression on the community. She taught Creative Writing and Poetry for Emeritus College at the Malibu Senior Center for many years before becoming Poet Laureate. She was also the recipient of multiple poetry awards, a published author, and a recognized visual artist.

In recognition of Mrs. Reich, the Committee has requested the installation of a new poetry stone. Two locations were recommended by the Committee, Legacy Park, and City Hall. The original poetry stones were placed near the Legacy Park Amphitheatre,
and Mrs. Reich’s poetry stone could be placed opposite of Mr. Ybarra’s in the same location. The location would also further the purpose of installing the original stones at Legacy Park, which was to enhance the park’s role as a place for art and creativity. The second recommended location is the lower level of City Hall, outside the main entrance of the Senior Center. This location was selected due to Mrs. Reich’s involvement with the Senior Center and Emeritus College writing programs (Attachment 2 and 3).

Earlier this year, a stone was selected by Mrs. Reich and the Committee (Attachment 4). Mrs. Reich’s stone is crafted from Belgian black limestone, weighs 290 pounds, and has dimensions of 30 inches tall, by 18 inches wide, by 6 inches deep.

At the Regular meeting on July 28, 2020, the Cultural Arts Commission approved the poetry stone design and Legacy Park Amphitheater location. The Parks and Recreation Commission is asked to review the proposed poetry stone design and location. If approved, Staff will move forward with purchasing the stone and installing it as soon as possible.

ATTACHMENTS:
1) Poetry Stone Locations
2) Poetry Stone Location Photos
3) Poetry Stone Photo
4) "Interruption of Bird" by Ellen Reich
Legacy Park Poetry Stone Potential Locations

- Ellen Reich Proposed Location of Poetry Stone
- Ricardo Means Ybarra Poetry Stone
- Mandy Mulligan Student Poetry Stone
City Hall Poetry Stone Potential Location
Poet Laureate Stone – Proposed Location at Legacy Park

Amphitheater opposing side with Ybarra’s stone
Poet Laureate Stone – Proposed Location at Malibu City Hall, Senior Center

Walkway to Senior Center Entrance
Poet Laureate Poetry Stone
The Belgian black limestone weighs 290 pounds and is 30 inches tall by 18 inches wide, with a depth of roughly 6 inches. It has both polished and natural surfaces, which gives it a slightly irregular shape, but still rectangular.
Poet Laureate Ellen Reich

Interruption of Bird

take one feather floating
toward the surface of the earth

the bird unaware of her loss
sings

her timing precise like rests in music
for without phrasing there is no passion

the bird-song a gentle entry
to ancient conversation