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ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Rothans, Cajka, Nicholson, Manna, Murray and Schoenfeld

Absent: Commissioner Gill

Others Present: Parks and Recreation Director Richard Gill, Recreation Services Manager Mark Leyman, and Recording Secretary Mary Kirchwehm

AGENDA CHANGES

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 27, 2010 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting were approved as written.

CEREMONIAL

None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

COMMISSION ITEMS

Commissioner Nicholson reported that Mayor Richard Montgomery asked Commissioner Nicholson and Commissioner Murray to attend the South Bay Bike Master Plan (SBBMP) meeting. Representatives from most of the beach cities attended. Last March a \$240,000 federal stimulus grant was awarded to fund the creation of a Master Bicycle Plan for the following cities in the South Bay: Gardena; Lawndale; El Segundo; Manhattan Beach; Hermosa Beach; Redondo Beach; and Torrance.

Commissioner Nicholson reported that an overview of the plan was presented by the director of SBBMP including the following:

1. Regional network
2. Integrate existing trails with new ones
3. Propose an integrated plan by August 2011 to all city councils
4. Design input
5. Community support

Commissioner Murray reported that the SBBMP is meeting with numerous staff throughout the participating cities and would like input from various Parks & Recreation commissioners. Commissioner Murray also reported that although this project is separate from the Vitality project, the two will be partnering together so as not to duplicate any efforts.

Commissioner Nicholas distributed an Older Adult Program brochure. The brochure contains program activities as well as Dial-a-Ride information for residents 55 years of age and over.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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Mr. Leyman reported that the Marine sub-committee is very close to presenting a complete plan to the Parks and Recreation Commission for review before being submitted to City Council. Mr. Leyman described a general overview of the design of the wall to be an oval shape with the background created using river rock, marble, granite, or another type of stone. The rear of the wall would stand approximately 5 feet tall and the front of the wall would stand approximately 2 feet tall. The following quotes are to be laser inscribed:

1. Across the top of the wall: *“Let every action, every reaction, every thought and every motion be based on love, care and development of our youth.”*
2. Across the mid section of the wall: A quote from John Wilhite, *“Henry was not just a glass-is-half-full type of person. With Henry, the glass was overflowing with energy and joy of life.”*

3. Across the lower portion of the wall: *“On April 9, 2009, Henry Pearson, Courtney Stewart and Nick Adenhardt were killed by a drunk driver. John Wilhite miraculously survived and recovered. They are an inspiration to us all.”*

The next step to further this project requires information to be obtained by the following:

Engineering/Designer

- Types of Materials
- Text Sizing
- Cost Estimate

Marine Subcommittee

- Develop a committee for future honorees consisting of representatives selected from the Parks & Recreation Commission; possibly a school district representative; possibly a youth group representative; a representative from the Pearson/Wilhite families; and/or a student representative, similar to the current sub-committee
- Future recognition opportunities throughout the Park for future honorees (i.e. brass plaques) and other lessons and inspirations for youth in the community

Director Gill again reported that City Council did not budget funds for this project.

Mr. Leyman presented drawings from Engineering but explained they are not visually clear because they are not three dimensional. Mr. Leyman reported that the next set of drawings from Engineering will be conceptually clearer since they will show more detail, text and how the various suggested materials will be used. Mr. Leyman also suggested that if there are any other requests, he will forward the information to Engineering.

Commissioner Nicholson recommended that a mock-up model of the commemorative wall/walk be made and presented to City Council.

Mr. Leyman stated that the updated drawings and the above requested information from Engineering and the sub-committee must be approved by the Commissioners before proceeding to City Council for their consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 7:54 p.m.