



**Minutes
Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission
City of Pacifica**

REGULAR MEETING – 7 PM

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

VIA Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86059467842>

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Abbott: called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Recreation Specialist Shirley Li read the COVID notice and Zoom criteria.

I PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Kellogg: led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Chair Abbott, Commissioners: Benton Shoemaker, Heywood, Kellogg, and Nicolari

Commissioners Excused: Commissioner Lusson

Staff Present: Director Michael Perez, Parks Superintendent Gino Assereto, Maintenance Worker II Michael Pham, Recreation Specialist Rebecca Collier, and Recreation Specialist Shirley Li

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Abbott called for a motion to approve the minutes. **A motion was made by Commissioner Nicolari, seconded by Commissioner Benton Shoemaker, motion carried 5-0.**

IV ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Chair Abbott called for any requests to adjust the agenda of the 08/24/2022 meeting. The Parks, Beaches, and Recreation (PB&R) Commission adopted the agenda with no adjustments made.

V SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A. Introduction of new Pacifica Poet Laureate Toni Mirosevich

- New Poet Laureate Toni Mirosevich introduced herself and spoke of her background. She read her poem Pink Harvest.

Chair Abbott: Thanked, Poet Laureate Mirosevich for her reading, and asked Commissioners for any other welcomes by a raise of hands.

Commissioner Benton Shoemaker: Commented, how thrilled she was that they have a new Poet Laureate and would be a great addition due to her great understanding of Pacifica and having been here for over thirty years. Welcomed Poet Laureate and excited to see what happens in this next year.

Chair Abbott: Commented, welcome again and will be in touch to having her at future City events.

in the existing policy.

Commissioner Kellogg: Commented, he could go either way. If someone could influence him, he could lean in either direction. In parks and grass, he could see the limitations. Asked, what about on beaches, was that a possibility?

Director Perez: Answered, in response to Commissioner Benton Shoemaker, the building at the end of the parking lot below Frontierland Park is a restroom and did not believe it would be good to have a jump house party next to the restroom in the parking lot. Not sure if they would rent that area out, and if it was kept to the parking lot.

Maintenance Worker II Pham: Reiterated, what Director Perez had mentioned regarding the restroom. Commented that it is a PG&E access point and handicapped parking, and it would be a safety concern with a large group of children in the parking lot.

Chair Abbott: Thanked, for all the research and additional expertise and knowledge of Frontierland Park. She was surprised to see that many municipalities did allow jump houses and did understand the staffing constraints. It was interesting that jump houses were allowed in San Pedro Valley Park and did not seem to be closely monitored. Wondered if we would want to try a pilot program at Frontierland Park and see if there would be any interest in that one park location. It seemed like what a lot of cities did was require, if you were renting out the picnic area, for example Redwood City, was that the equipment be hand trucked in. There were a lot of parameters, such as the certificates of insurance which required either a one- or two-million-dollar policy that would free up the city from any liability related to the use of jump houses. Although many of the cities said yes, it seemed to be limited to one or two parks.

Commissioner Heywood: Commented, Commissioner Kellogg mentioned the beach, but if there were high winds at the beach, the inflatable jump houses would fly and would be a bad idea.

Maintenance Worker II Pham: Commented, about the pilot program, could they set a parameter and limit which company the City could rent the equipment from, so staff would know their products, safety parameters, size, type of generators, and what they were providing. Is that something that would be agreeable? As well as the placement.

Commissioner Kellogg: Commented, there would be a criterion of what would be accepted if jump houses were allowed.

Chair Abbott: Commented, this was a lot of research done, and some cities did specify a vendor list. One city did not want to endorse any vendors, although it seemed common to have vendor lists, which would be, realistically, endorsing a single provider. Thought it would be a good idea to have a pre-vetted list to select from, of companies that people know and provide the insurance required.

Director Perez: Commented, San Bruno was one that must use an approved vendor. He did not know how many vendors were on the list, but he could find out from the Manager there. They did not ask that specific question about approved vendors, but pretty sure more than one city had a list and some of those were from the whole State but getting approved vendors could happen. We would have to specify the location and if it was acceptable at the park. It would not make a lot of sense if it was not next to the large picnic area, but do not know if that was a good place for it or if there was a good place for it right there. The grass sloped down from that corner, and a flat grass area down by the lower part

jump houses there. Having a flat open area would be nice and agreed Imperial Park or Skyridge Park would be ideal in the future if there were restrooms. The problem was the location, access to electrical or not, but location was the biggest deal. That would be something they could look into and bring back to the PB&R Commission and possibly look at in the Spring.

Chair Abbott: Asked, did that sound good with everyone in the other direction where we would like to have the Public Works Department and PB&R staff look into? She did not agree with needing to have electrical power for people, would prefer a generator and not a gas driven fossil fuel generator.

Commissioner Heywood: Asked, what was an electric generator?

Director Perez: Answered, they had plug ins, not sure they would call it a generator, but the equipment that went with the jump house, a lot of them were plugged in, and that was what inflates it.

Commissioner Heywood: Commented, so the thing that inflated it, it was like a floor dryer. It had to be plugged in, it needed power from somewhere, so you either would need to plug that in an outlet somewhere, which the City would have to pay for, for people to use it, which he did not believe is kosher, unless they charged them for it, which would be fine, or you use a generator, but there was no such thing as an electric generator.

Director Perez: Commented, thank you for the correction.

Chair Abbott: Commented, there was one model in the research and that was something to explore and agreed that it made sense that it would need a power source and not sure if there was a solar model yet. She appreciated all the great research and information and sounds like they would possibly have another round of ideas, and what it may look like for a single location at Frontierland Park.

VIII ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

A. Priority Parks Projects Survey Results Discussion

- Charles de Villiers of the Design Team at NCE, the City's consultant, joined the Commission meeting to share the survey results of the Priority Parks Projects.

Chair Abbott: Commented, thank you for sharing the results. That was really good feedback you collected, and she enjoyed hearing the synopsis of it. Asked, what was generally the next step now that the proposed plan has been provided to the public and they have received feedback? Would there be a new set of proposals?

Charles de Villiers: Answered, they were currently working on adjustments to the schematics, and still at a schematic level, changes and adjustments being made to the design, like the ones seen earlier, and would propose another schematic.

Chair Abbott: Commented, she thought it was interesting and tied to some things she thought of, such as some people in the bigger parks did like going there to be out in nature. Seemed like we have heard that for Imperial Park and Skyridge Park, although they were large, people were not looking for more structures to play on, but to be able to enjoy sitting, benches, picnic tables, and particularly with the great view at Imperial Park. She was glad to hear it was confirmed that sometimes parks being quiet were good places and did not need the structures. Thought it was also interesting that those who wanted to

Commissioner Benton Shoemaker: Asked, was it possible to add landscaping and trees? In the surveys, people talked about trees, and it was discussed at the last meeting. Was it possible to add that to the next round of plans, or did it need to go through another process?

Maintenance Worker II Pham: Responded, in reference to Brighton Park, it was a one way in and out, and very narrow. The area was very limited considering the play equipment, area where children can move, where parents are, and had picnic tables. The green space allowed would be very limited to where Public Works Department staff could operate their equipment and being able to move in and out. That area was very limited to what Public Works Department maintenance staff could do for that area. A conversation on green space for areas should be a park-by-park basis, but that was his input for Brighton Park specifically.

Commissioner Benton Shoemaker: Replied, at their last meeting when they spoke with the landscape architect, they spoke about trees over the picnic table benches on the sides, not in the middle of the play area, and the architect seemed to think that was a possibility. As temperatures rise, shade would be more important. At the dog park in Sanchez, people have been asking for more trees because people wanted to sit under shade, and it was something discussed at the last meeting. Agreed that it should be a park-by-park basis, in looking what would enhance the parks in terms of both landscaping and trees. It would be great to see what was being proposed and if they could provide input in that.

Director Perez: Commented, park-by-park was appropriate, but the scope of the consultant's work had not included a robust landscaping. They were working a lot on some concepts, but all the information from all the meetings would be considered and part of the discussion. When the final design was finished, the cost would have to be considered and how much they could afford. There may be ways to leveraging money they have that was budgeted for playgrounds, and perhaps there could be funding for trees, or landscaping. Eventually, when designs were finalized, and they started receiving bids for the projects, they could make more decisions based on that funding. All feedback received was valuable and would be part of the process.

Commissioner Benton Shoemaker: Responded, thank you Director Perez.

Commissioner Nicolari: Asked, as they considered all options from equipment, dog bag dispensers, to trees, have they looked at annual maintenance cost? Was that part factored into the decisions they were making?

Chair Abbott: Replied, the equipment needed to be maintained constantly, and as they aged, they had a higher cost due to repeated replacement, so there would be initial benefits by having new equipment and believed some of the parks were selected to update aging equipment. Since the Public Works Department maintained parks daily, adding dog bag stations would not increase their workload significantly.

Chair Abbott: Commented, these projects were all one-time capital money versus ongoing maintenance expense.

Director Perez: Replied, correct, there were no additional funds for ongoing maintenance.

Chair Abbott: Commented, the surveys indicated not much equipment or different equipment would be appreciated at Imperial Park, and that could be

Director Perez: Replied, yes, first come, first serve. PB&R did not oversee them, and they were only responsible for painting the lines on the courts. This could be seen as a pilot program and see how they were utilized. Not sure about the access to Oceana due to trouble making the courts available with their staffing, and unsure if that has been rectified. For future conversations, they would investigate finding more places to put in pickleball courts.

Commissioner Nicolari: gave updates on the following:

- Attended the Pacific Beach Coalition meeting. The screening of the Edge of the Wild movie on 8/26/22 was a sell-out and was a successful marketing effort to get all tickets sold.
- The next big event was Coastal Clean Up Day on Saturday, September 17th and at multiple beaches.
- Made aware of another effort happening which involved monitoring the flow of San Pedro Creek at its mouth with the objective of seeing how healthy it was for steel head migration. Something the California Department of Fish and Wildlife had initiated, and there was a training session for volunteers on August 19th. Several local organizations such as Rockaway Ocean Conservation stewards were assisting with the effort, took measurements and pictures under the supervision of Fish and Wildlife personnel. Aimed at looking at the invasive vegetation blocking the mouth of the creek as well as other factors impacting the health and blocking the migration of the steel head. He could provide more details if people would like to be a part of it.

Commissioner Heywood: provided a report of the following:

- Attended the World Dog Surfing Championship held on Saturday, August 6th. Although it was a great event, believed there should be a conversation about how the event was organized. It was chaotic, and only four extra restrooms were brought in for the thousands of people attended. There were no handwashing stations, and parking was chaotic as well. There should be discussion about how permits were approved, as well as asking the organizer how they would improve future events.
- The lack of drainage at the showers of Parking Lot B and people were standing in each other's water when showering off after surfing.
- For the Public Works Department, consider installing a structure to safely hold surfboards up after rinsing them instead of leaving them on the deck.

Superintendent Assereto: Replied, Public Works Department staff were looking for a way to make the drainage work but there were constraints with the building and pump station. Continued to assess on the best and easiest way for the drainage to work. As for a hitching post for the surfboards, certainly open to whatever the Public Works Department staff could help with, and if there was a design that was vandal-proof, he would welcome suggestions and has some ideas to put the surfboards up so they would not fall.

X REPORTS FROM STAFF

Director Perez: Thanked, everyone and appreciated all the conversation and input. He gave updates on the following:

- Regarding the World Dog Surfing Championship, it has been three years

- Thanked the Commission as well for all their support and efforts.

Chair Abbott: Asked, would Director Perez talk about the Hawaii Eco Divers, which was not a City event, however it was something Supervisor Shriver has discussed with the organizers. It would be a full day permitted event from 8:30am-5:00pm on September 18th at Pacifica State Beach, with a follow-up event on September 24th and 25th on ocean safety and surfing awareness. That sounded like something they've been talking about, and although it was not a City sponsored event, it tied in with a lot of what they had talked about regarding beach safety.

Director Perez: Replied, correct, they were very interested in beach safety. The discussions of this and the surf apnea course, they have hosted them at the Council Chambers in the past and at Oceana Pool, where Supervisor Shriver had met the main contact from that group who taught the course. They have done at least three of them, where they had a rental of the facility and they had approached PB&R to do a Beach Safety Day. He had explained to Chair Abbott that the City was interested in it but did not have the capacity to hold the special event they had wanted to hold in the Summer, due to uncertainties with COVID-19, and September seemed to be a better fit for the organization. They have been told the event could be permitted but PB&R could not staff it or provide any other resources at this time. As soon as information was shared about the event, it would be promoted by the City through social media and others even though it was not a City sponsored event. More information would be shared with the Commission after connecting with Supervisor Shriver, who was heading the event.

Chair Abbott: Commented, great that it was tied in with their conversations and the Commission was aware of it.

Director Perez: Replied, with Hawaii Eco Divers, staff made them aware of any contacts who should be involved with them, and the organization was happy to get that information.

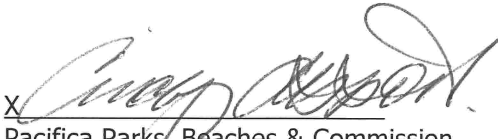
Chair Abbott: Commented, thank you. It would be an interesting step to take.

XI ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Abbott: asked for motion to Adjourn.

By a show of hands, Motion Carried 5-0.

Next Regular Meeting: 10/26/2022

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Pacifica Parks, Beaches & Commission
Chair Cindy Abbott

Respectfully submitted by,
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