

CORONADO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Special Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2024
3:30 p.m.

Note: The order in which items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed in the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Andrew Corley, Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: (5) Russ Allen, Andrew Corley, Andy Koczon, Nellie Ritter, Darrell Sarich

STUDENT REP:

EXCUSED: (1) Sophia Hodges

ABSENT:

STAFF: (3) Tim Farmer, Sherry McGlaughlin, Jonathan Brouillard

2. AGENDA CHANGES:

NONE

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Approval of the minutes from the March 26, 2024, Regular Meeting:

A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Commissioner Koczon and seconded by Commissioner Allen.

The motion carried with the following results:

Yes (5) Allen, Corley, Koczon, Ritter, Sarich

4. COMMUNICATIONS – ORAL:

Dan Hunting opposes any significant changes in the park and wants the playing fields kept as-is.

Jim Collora opposes any significant changes to the park and is strongly against any design that does not include a skinned infield.

Richard Tolles would like to see improvements made to the irrigation system and bathroom but opposes any other significant changes.

Randy Mauer appreciates the openness of the park and does not want people to lose their ability to enjoy nature.

5. ACTION ITEMS:

Note: Commissioner Sarich has recused himself due to a conflict of interest.

- a. Receive the presentation regarding the Cays Park Master Plan Preferred Design Option and provide direction to City Council on the Preferred Plan design and theme.

Tony Winney, Assistant City Manager, introduced Glen Schmidt of Schmidt Design Group. Mr. Schmidt provided a brief recap of the process leading up to today, followed by a presentation of the Preferred Plan Design and Theme.

Commissioner Ritter said she would like to ensure the basketball courts are lit at night; Mr. Schmidt confirmed that there will be lights on the courts.

Commissioner Ritter inquired as to whether the design would be affected if a skinned infield was added; Mr. Schmidt replied that it would affect the functionality of the soccer fields.

Commissioner Ritter asked how long each phase of construction would be; Mr. Schmidt responded anywhere between 10-13 months.

Commissioner Ritter voiced her concern about potential light pollution; Mr. Schmidt responded that the deck up-lighting lights are quarter sized and wouldn't make a difference when it comes to light pollution.

Commissioner Koczon would like to see a study done regarding how much use the skinned softball field gets.

Commissioner Koczon wants to ensure that the gates around the dog park would be enough protection for the community; Mr. Schmidt confirmed that there will be multiple entrances and double gates.

Commissioner Koczon expressed his concern about the shade structures becoming soiled and recommended a maintenance schedule.

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Kathy Bryan voiced her support for an enclosed dog park, wants to see increased police presence during soccer tournaments, and an additional bathroom added closer to the pickleball and tennis courts.

Bridget Stoll inquired as to how involved the pickleball instructors were in the design process and suggested adding a viewing corridor to increase sight lines during pickleball tournaments.

Asha Deveraux requested to have more natural elements in the playground instead of turf and plastic.

Liza Butler commented that the park needs to be more inclusive and safer for youth, seniors, dogs, and the dog park users.

Tina Christensen voiced her support for the plan as presented.

Commissioner Allen commended the design group and appreciated the process. He voiced his support for the design but would like to see a skinned infield if possible.

Commissioner Koczon inquired as to the possibility of separating the dog park into sections for large and small dogs; Mr. Schmidt replied that that would decrease the size of the dog park, which the community has voiced strong opposition to.

Commissioner Ritter understands the viewing area for pickleball and tennis is between the two court areas, but would like additional viewing if possible and would like to add a small bathroom closer to the courts, possibly a trailered bathroom similar to Spreckel's Park.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ritter to accept the Preferred Plan Design Option as presented with the following comments: looking into the possibility of adding an additional bathroom closer to the courts; seconded by Commissioner Allen.

The motion carried with the following results:

Yes (4) Allen, Corley, Koczon, Ritter

Recused (1) Sarich

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- a. Tim Farmer, Director of Recreation & Golf Services, provided the following updates:

- i. Cortney Wright, Recreation Coordinator, has moved from her position in the Facility Rentals division to the John D. Spreckels Center; Tessa Graff, Recreation Coordinator, will now be overseeing Facility Rentals.
- ii. Becky Jackman, Aquatics Supervisor, will be retiring in June, Karina Craig will be taking over as Aquatics Supervisor. Karina introduced herself to the committee and provided a brief overview of her background.
- iii. For most current updates on all current projects including Cays Park Master Plan, Aquatics Center construction, and Recreation Fee Study, visit ProjectCoronado.com.
- iv. Remediation of the John D. Spreckels Center is ongoing, re-opening tentatively scheduled for June.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

NONE

8. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

NONE

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Jonathan Brouillard, Management Assistant

Andrew Corley, Commission Chair