

EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 4, 2005

Council Chambers Conference Room

PRESENT: Chair Sally Feola
Vice Chair Darlene McGrady
Commissioner Debbie Humphreys (arrived 7:15 p.m.)
Commissioner Misty Reiss
Commissioner Shari Nichols

Councilman Sandy McHenry
Assistant City Manager Ken Duran
Sycamore Ranch Operator Lauree Adair

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Feola called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. by leading the flag salute.

AAPPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2005

Chair Feola corrected the minutes on page 2 to "she" instead of "he". Chair Feola made a motion to approve the minutes with that correction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nichols and passed unanimously.

SYCAMORE CANYON EQUESTRIAN CENTER UPDATE

Mrs. Adair distributed the October Occupancy Report with a 96% occupancy. She commented that the rodeo seemed to go okay without any conflicts and they are in the process of cleaning up.

Mr. Duran reported that the City and the Adair's are close to a tentative agreement on the revised lease. He stated that the lease would give the Adair's more operational autonomy including in setting rates, provide for a process to finance future improvements and would be the same length of term as the existing lease. He added that staff will be presenting an update at the next Council meeting and plan on having Council consideration at the October 25th meeting. He added that the boarders and Commissioners would receive notice prior to the meeting.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIR

Commissioner Feola was nominated for Chair and Commissioner McGrady was nominated for Vice Chair. The nominations were approved by a vote of 4-0-1 with Commissioner Humphreys abstaining.

SYCAMORE CREEK TRAIL

Mr. Duran reported that the City awarded the contract for both phases and construction will begin next Monday and is anticipated to take approximately 3 months.

COMMUNITY ARENA RENTAL FEES

Mr. Duran reviewed his staff report on the community arena rental fees and summarized the discussion from the last meeting.

Commissioner Humphreys stated that she felt the fees should remain the same and added that a lot of thought went into establishing the original fees.

Commissioner Reiss stated that she felt that the fees should remain the same.

Vice Chair McGrady reviewed her supplemental report comparing the fees of other facilities. She commented for other facilities local clubs do not pay or pay a reduced fee. She added that originally she felt that local clubs she not be charged but she feels that \$50 is a fair amount.

There was discussion on whether or not Region 7 is a local or regional club. It was stated that a majority of its members are San Dimas residents.

Commissioner McGrady commented that she felt that the Club may have been overcharged for a prior use and the problems they experienced with the set-up. Councilman McHenry suggested that City staff needs to rethink what should be involved in preparation and set-up for rental uses. Mr. Duran agreed that the City needs to develop better procedures for rental prep. There was discussion on the why the City coordinates the restroom rental.

Chair Feola commented that for now the number of rental isn't going to change and she also felt keeping the fees the same was appropriate.

Public member Virginia Nichols commented that she didn't think a \$100 rental fee was unreasonable.

Commissioner Humphreys made a motion to retain the \$100 rental fee but to revise the policy to allow the option for the renter to secure their own restrooms. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reiss.

Virginia Nichols asked if there would be consideration for a lower fee for residents. Commissioner Humphreys responded that is not a part of her motion. Commissioner McGrady added that she does not feel that there is that much City staff time in preparing the arena to justify the fee. The motion carried by a vote of 3-2 with Commissioners McGrady and Nichols voting against. Mr. Duran reminded the Commission that their

recommendation will be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Commission for their November meeting.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Duran reported that he spoke to Brian Sampson from the Inland Valley Humane Society and he agreed to work with the City to review their large animal evacuation plan. Commissioner McGrady commented that the Mounted Assistance has a plan that they would be willing to share. Commissioner Humphreys added that the Sheriff's Posse should be on the list as a resource.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

Virginia Nichols asked why the rodeo does not have a night show. Councilman McHenry commented about the cost of renting lights. There was discussion about the Chamber and Rodeo history and relationship.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner McGrady distributed copies of the Region 7 newsletter.

Commissioner Humphreys reported low hanging tree branches on Baseline and Allen Ave.

Chair Feola spoke to San Dimas Community News about future Hoofbeat articles. She offered to come with an idea and write an article. She also encouraged the Commissioners to be better about attendance at meetings.

Virginia Nichols commented that Region 7 has a dilemma because they need to hold 5 events this year but can only schedule 4. Councilman McHenry suggested working with the Adair's and Rodeo committee to use some of there scheduling opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.