

**CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**A G E N D A**

**November 21, 2016**

**City of Imperial Beach Council Chambers  
825 Imperial Beach Boulevard  
Imperial Beach, CA 91932**

**REGULAR MEETING – 4:30 p.m.**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER.**
- 2. ROLL CALL.**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS.** - Each person wishing to address the Parks and Recreation Committee regarding items not on the posted agenda may do so at this time. In accordance with State law, the Parks and Recreation Committee may not take action on an item not scheduled on the agenda. If appropriate, the item will be referred to City staff or placed on a future agenda.
- 5. REPORTS.**
  - A. MINUTES.**

Recommendation: Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2016.
  - B. 4WALLS INTERNATIONAL UPDATE ON 10<sup>TH</sup> & IRIS PROJECT AND IMPERIAL BEACH PLACEMAKING DISCUSSION**

That the Parks & Recreation Committee receives the report from 4Walls International on the 10<sup>th</sup> & Iris project, discusses placemaking & long term visioning in Imperial Beach.
- 6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS.**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT.**

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/s/  
Sunem Carballo,  
Deputy City Clerk

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**Item 5.A**

**MINUTES**

**October 17, 2016**

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**REGULAR MEETING – 4:30 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER.**

Chair O'Neal called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL.**

Members present: Stucki, Blinsman, Klosinski  
Members absent: Stephenson  
Chair present: O'Neal  
Alternates present: Salisbury  
Alternates absent: Aguilar, Goforth

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Chair O'Neal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

None.

**5. REPORTS.**

**A. MINUTES.**

**MOTION BY BLINSMAN, SECOND BY STUCKI, TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2016. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**AYES: COMMITTEE MEMBER: O'NEAL, STUCKI, BLINSMAN, KLOSINSKI,  
SALISBURY  
NOES: COMMITTEE MEMBER: NONE  
ABSENT: COMMITTEE MEMBER: STEPHENSON**

**B. UPDATE ON EFFORTS TO CREATE A DOG PARK IN IMPERIAL BEACH;  
DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL  
REGARDING A DOG PARK IN VETERAN'S PARK**

Management Analyst Vea gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the area in Veteran's Park where the dog park is proposed.

Chris Brown commented that to the south of the soccer field was a better area to locate the dog park since that area is already fenced in in 3 places and it's not being utilized otherwise. She did not support the dog park in the proposed area.

Bart and Marcia Bachman proposed having separate areas for big dogs and small dogs to avoid conflict.

Aaron Ruiz, Director for the Boys & Girls Club South County, expressed concerns with children being so close to unleashed dogs; there might be safety and liability issues present. He would like to see other alternatives for a dog park.

Alternate Salisbury commented that, during vacation time and summer, the area can be very crowded with children which posed a safety concern.

Management Analyst Vea stated some people are already letting dogs off the leash in that area and having a dog park there would encourage them to use the enclosed area.

Alternate Salisbury stated there have been incidents where children put their hands through the fence trying to pet the dogs and accidents occur.

Chair O'Neal stated they were looking into having an artistic type of barrier to cover the chain link fence for aesthetic and safety purposes.

In response to Vice Chair Stucki's question, Management Analyst Vea stated they had looked at the area south of the soccer field but there was a concern in having the dog park so close to the residential area.

Chair O'Neal stated the proposed area was chosen so that kids could still have access to the areas south of the soccer field, otherwise the area would never be used.

Member Blinsman did not support having a dog park in the proposed area. He had concerns with people walking their dogs through the gymnasium to get access to the dog park and having it so close to the children would pose a liability. He suggested the area south of the rotunda.

Management Analyst Vea stated the area south of the rotunda will be used as access for the new library and it is also being used for sporting events.

Toni Nagy agreed that the area south of the rotunda would be a better area and suggested separating big dogs from small dogs and having rules and regulations for use of the park.

Management Analyst Vea stated doggie waste bag dispensers will be installed and the department of Public Works would maintain the area. He expressed concern with placing the dog park south of the soccer field because of the proximity to the residential area and the senior housing complex.

Vice Chair Stucki stated the proposed area is too close to the Boys & Girls Club and to all the children participating there. She suggested being creative with the fencing in order to utilize the area south of the soccer field.

Brenda Schlidt suggested moving the dog park south of the soccer field but not backing it up all the way to the resident's fence and having a double gated fence so children would not get hurt. She stated it's more dangerous now since people are just letting their dogs run loose.

Mark Camozzi is in favor of the dog park in the proposed area. He brought attention to the sidewalk slope stating it was dangerous and he has witnessed accidents between children and skateboarders.

Chair O'Neal urged residents to let city staff know if they see anything unusual or any problem behavior going on at the parks. He also stated he would be willing to consider another area for the dog park.

Member Blinsman supported having a dog park at Veteran's Park in an area other than the proposed area.

Consensus of the Parks and Recreation Committee to find a different location for the dog park other than the proposed area adjacent to the Boys & Girls Club.

Member Blinsman stated he would support placing a dog park at the east corner, south of the soccer field.

Chair O'Neal stated if the dog park was placed in that area it would not be pushed all the way back to the residential fence.

Evette Whitmyer suggested moving the soccer field south and placing the dog park adjacent to Elm Street.

**MOTION BY STUCKI, SECOND BY BLINSMAN, TO FORWARD A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO PLACE A DOG PARK AT THE EAST CORNER OF VETERAN'S PARK, SOUTH OF THE SOCCER FIELD, AND PRESENT A PROPOSED PROJECT TO CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL AND A FUNDING APPROPRIATION. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**AYES: MEMBERS: SALISBURY, KLOSINSKI, BLINSMAN, STUCKI, O'NEAL**  
**NOES: MEMBERS: NONE**  
**ABSENT: MEMBERS: STEPHENSON**

Management Analyst Vea stated the item will be placed on a future City Council agenda.

Chair O'Neal thanked everyone for their participation and directed staff to collect e-mail information for the residents who would like to be notified when the item goes to City Council.

**6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS.**

Vice Chair Stucki announced she will be meeting with the Sweetwater School District Building Superintendent for a tour and to discuss the swimming pool.

**7. ADJOURNMENT.**

Chair O'Neal adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

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Tim O'Neal,  
Chair

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Sunem Carballo,  
Deputy City Clerk



**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT  
CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH**

**TO:** MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** ANDY HALL, CITY MANAGER *AH*  
**MEETING DATE:** NOVEMBER 21, 2016  
**ORIGINATING DEPT.:** CITY ADMINISTRATION *Ed*  
**SUBJECT:** 4WALLS INTERNATIONAL UPDATE ON 10<sup>TH</sup> & IRIS PROJECT  
AND IMPERIAL BEACH PLACEMAKING DISCUSSION

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

At the June 20, 2016 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 4Walls International presented the 10<sup>th</sup> & Iris project including funding partners and next steps. Now that the community input process and funding efforts has been completed for 10<sup>th</sup> & Iris and plans are underway to move forward with implementation, 4Walls International would like to present the results of their outreach.

They would also like to discuss placemaking in Imperial Beach. They are asking for the Parks and Recreation Committee's guidance on long term visioning and how to best ensure all their placemaking projects in Imperial Beach, on private and public property, are interconnected.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

4Walls International is grant driven and at this time there is no fiscal impact expected to the City's General Fund.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Parks & Recreation Committee receive the report from 4Walls International on the 10<sup>th</sup> & Iris project, discuss placemaking & long term visioning in Imperial Beach.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

At the June 20, 2016 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 4Walls International presented two projects focusing on the lots located on Seacoast Drive and at 10<sup>th</sup> & Iris. It was explained that the projects are a comprehensive strategy for eliminating urban blight, increasing fitness and well-being, getting kids outdoors and reducing child obesity rates, providing sustainable job skills and creating more public art. 4Walls International is working with local residents and artists to turn the empty lot at 10th and Iris into a public community asset that is loved by neighbors, adds value to the community and is built with recycled materials from Oneanta Elementary School's waste stream. The project includes a memorial wall and historical timeline, mural, six place-based art-installations, concrete walkways, a flagpole and natural native plant landscaping.

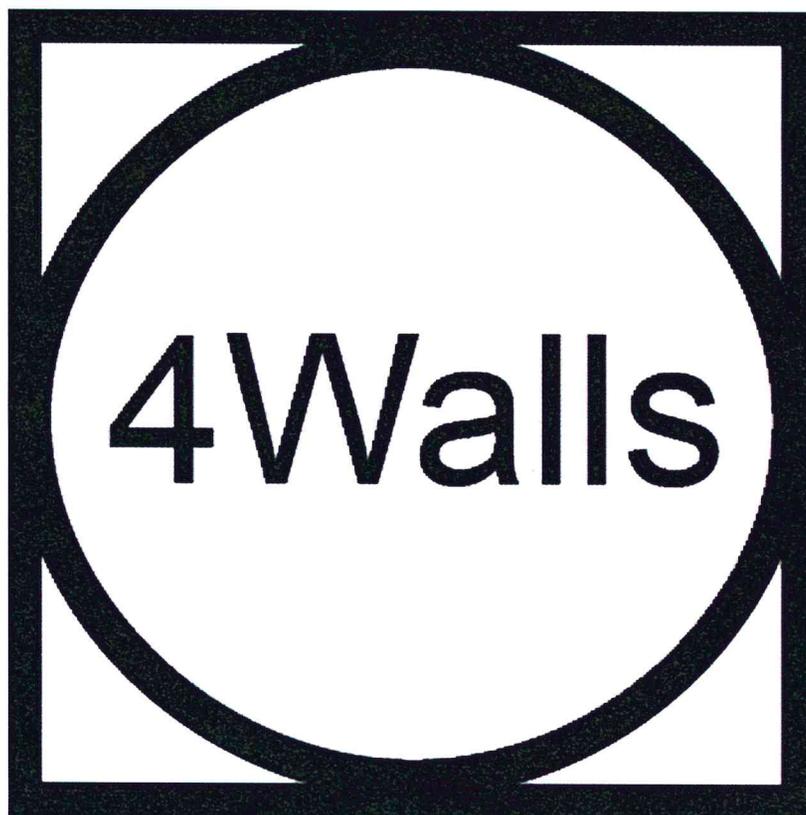
4Walls International is looking to continue placemaking in Imperial Beach, with an eye on private and public properties and would like to discuss long term visioning for Imperial Beach.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:**

Not a project as defined by CEQA.

Attachments:

1. 06-20-16 Imperial Beach Placemaking Presentation



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# The Imperial Beach People's Parks Project

Seacoast Ave



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10<sup>th</sup> and Iris



# This is a comprehensive strategy for...

Eliminating urban blight

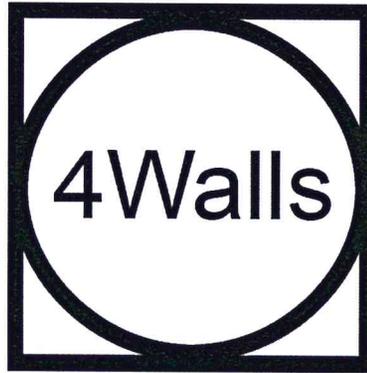
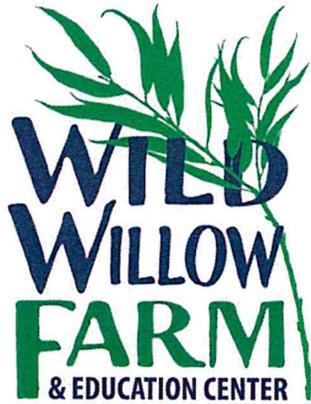
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Getting kids outdoors

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Providing sustainable job skills for IB youth

Creating a lot more ART



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POMEGRANATE CENTER



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# Resources Applied For

Funding Source	Location	Requested Amount
IB Beautiful	Seacoast Ave	\$10,000
SDG&E Charitable Giving	Seacoast Ave	\$25,000
Opening the Outdoors	10 <sup>th</sup> and Iris	\$60,000
Kaiser	Both	\$13,000

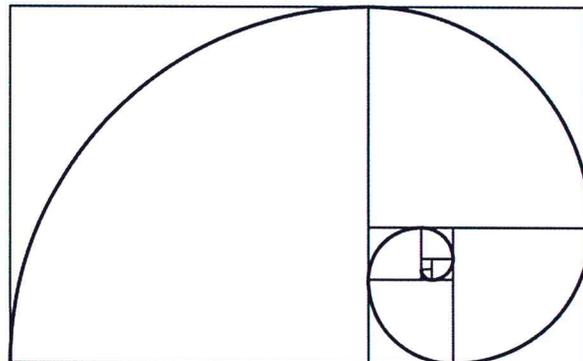
\*We will most likely need to raise an additional \$5-10k in materials costs for Seacoast Ave.

# Guiding Values

- Imperial Beach is a special place to be
- Nature is amazing
- Inclusion of diverse stakeholders
- Community driven
- Aesthetically beautiful
- Innovative and Initiative
- Activate local youth
- Repurpose trash and other discarded items

# Steps In Community Engagement Process

- Initiating group formed
- Steering Committee Formed
- Community Meeting
- Design Meeting
- Community Meeting
- Early Successes - Site and Material Preparation workshops
- Build



# Coming Up: Planning Phase

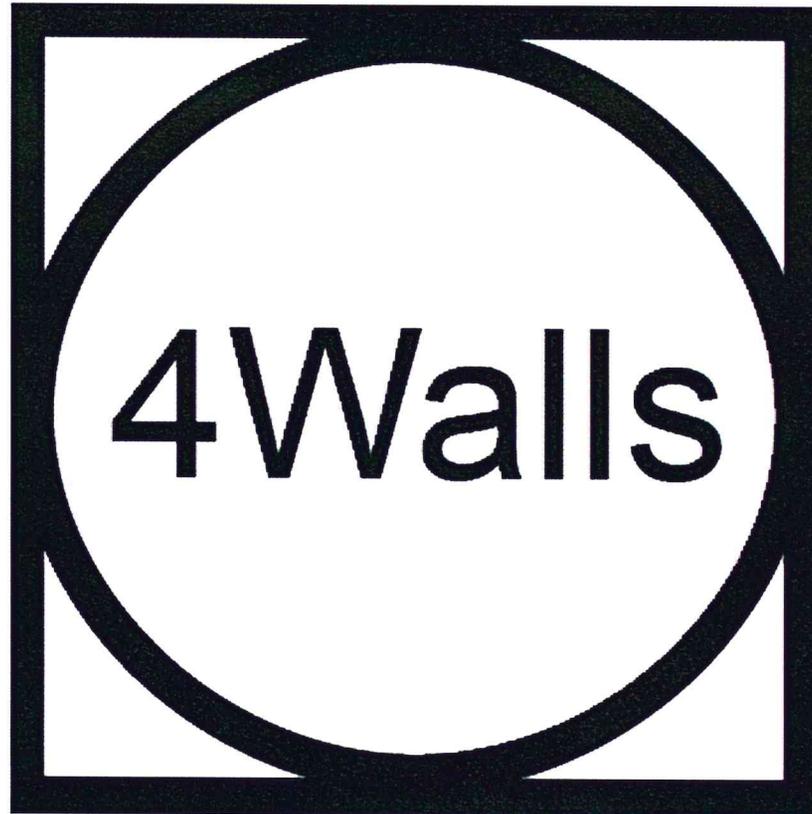
- Creating flyers
- Writing meeting minutes
- Taking pictures of the sites
- Providing food at meetings
- Canvassing the community
- Writing press releases
- Welcoming meeting attendees
- Providing translation or childcare during meetings

# Must-Do's

- Transform 2 empty lots into community gathering places
- Build Gathering Places with community input and leadership
- Attract 300 participants
- Engage 100 youth volunteers
- Engage 80 adult volunteers
- 7 Youth Apprentices from Mar Vista High School successfully complete the program
- Repurpose 750 plastic bottles
- 5 tweets and 1 FB post per week during the engagement and building process
- 3 news media articles
- 3 Community Meetings
- 500 square feet of community gardens built

# Next Steps

- Form and brainstorm for Steering/Convening Group
  - Who are good candidates to join?
  - Script for invitations
  - Expectations of members (roles and responsibilities)
  - Who will invite Group members and how?



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