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

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

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

REGULAR MEETING – 4:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair O’Neal called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Present: O’Neal
Vice Chair Present: Stucki
Members Present: Blinsman, Stephenson
Members Absent: Klosinski
Alternates Present: Salisbury, Aguilar
Alternates Absent: Goforth
Staff Present: Management Analyst Veal, Deputy City Clerk Carballo

MOTION BY STUCKI, SECOND BY STEPHENSON, TO APPOINT MEMBER SALISBURY TO BE A VOTING MEMBER FOR THIS MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair O’Neal.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. REPORTS

A. MINUTES.

MOTION BY STUCKI SECOND BY STEPHENSON, TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2015. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Member Klosinski entered the chambers at 4:37 p.m.

B. PRESENTATION ON OBTAINING A KABOOM! SCHOLARSHIP BY FRANK CARSON, RECREATION SUPERVISOR FROM THE CITY OF EL CAJON.

Vice Chair Stucki introduced Mr. Carson from the City of El Cajon. He distributed handouts regarding the Kaboom! program and gave a video presentation. Mr. Carson reported on the details of submitting an application, funding partners, recruiting community members, accommodating Kaboom!’s schedule and the construction workforce provided by Kaboom!. He highlighted some of the City’s responsibilities such as providing team leaders, providing proof of land ownership, removal and demo of old playground equipment, soil testing, trash removal and recycling and identifying underground utilities prior to build. He spoke about “design day” and getting feedback from the community and shared “My Dream Playground” drawings done by community children. He provided instructions regarding “build day” giving direction equipment manufacturers, getting sponsors to donate equipment and personnel, having a first aid station,

having a food team, and gave suggestions on community outreach. Lastly, he highlighted other available grants such as Playcore.

C. SKATE PARK TASK FORCE DISCUSSION.

Management Analyst Vea reported on the item. He stated staff has identified certain needs including opening and closing of parks, operation, updates to the park, improving cleanliness by removing alcohol and drugs, and improving neighborhood acceptance by encouraging consideration of surrounding homes. The task force would report back within 60 days.

Veronica Archer spoke in support of the task force. She shared her interest in serving on the task force and mentioned there are other parents that would like to participate. They would like to make the park a better, safer, more utilized asset to the community.

Vice Chair Stucki commented it would be important to have teenagers on the task force since they utilize the park. Mrs. Archer agreed it would be important to involve local kids in taking responsibility for their park. She commented Mike Owens, a local pro skater, was going to be offering lessons and that might help engage more people to participate.

Member Klosinski stated the park is already constantly in use and questioned what the goal of the task force would be. Mrs. Archer stated cleaning up the park as far as kids who aren't using the park for it's intended purpose, foul language, etc.

In response to Member Klosinski's question regarding how to accomplish that, Mrs. Archer stated that was the need for the task force, to have people get together and brainstorm ideas.

Alternate Salisbury suggested having the parents of the teenagers who are in question participate or at least be present to observe some of the behavior.

MOTION BY STEPHENSON, SECOND BY STUCKI TO RESCIND THE EARLIER MOTION TO HAVE ALTERNATE SALISBURY BE A VOTING MEMBER IN MEMBER STUCKI'S ABSENCE. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Member Stucki suggested having age ranges in the task force and having teenagers actively participating in the meetings. Mrs. Archer stated she would try to get in contact with parents of the teenagers at the park.

Aaron Ruiz, Unit Director of the Boys and Girls Club of South County, stated the skate park has been an issue for them as well. He was in support of the task force and suggested they attend the Boys and Girls Club monthly meetings. He commented on the Club's efforts in partnering with law enforcement. Mrs. Archer agreed this needed to be a joint effort and accepted to the monthly meeting invitation.

Chair O'Neal stated there are a handful of kids that are good examples of someone using the skate park responsibly and suggested reaching out to them regarding the task force. Unit Director Ruiz stated he could reach out to them.

MOTION BY KLOSINSKI, SECOND BY BLINSMAN, TO APPOINT THE TASK FORCE AND HAVE THEM REPORT BACK TO THE COMMITTEE IN 60 DAYS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Member Klosinski, Vice Chair Stucki and Management Analyst Vea set a meeting date for September 28, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. to go over content on the Needs Assessment Survey.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Chair O’Neal adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Tim O’Neal
Chairperson

Sunem Carballo
Deputy City Clerk

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