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Council Memorandum

July 21, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor Hall and Members of City Council
From: Gary Barberio, Deputy City Manager, Community Services
Paz Gomez, Deputy City Manager, Public Works
Via: Geoff Patnoe, Assistant City Manager *GP*
Re: **Additional Materials Related to Staff Report Item No. 7 – Americans with Disabilities Act Beach Access Feasibility Study and Trail Connectivity to Tamarack State Beach Feasibility Study**

This memorandum provides additional information and a correction to the staff report for the July 21, 2020 City Council Meeting Item No. 7 – Americans with Disabilities Act Beach Access Feasibility Study and Trail Connectivity to Tamarack State Beach Feasibility Study.

The staff report indicates that the Traffic and Mobility Commission voted unanimously to support staff's recommendation to approve the studies. This statement should be revised to indicate that the Traffic and Mobility Commission voted unanimously (7-0) to approve staff's recommendation of the ADA Beach Access and Feasibility Study and approved staff's recommendation of the Trail Connectivity to Tamarack State Beach Feasibility Study by a vote of 5-2. Additional information is provided in the minutes of the Traffic and Mobility Commission meeting held on Feb. 3, 2020 (Attachment A).

Minutes of the Beach Preservation Commission meeting held on Feb. 4, 2020 and the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on Feb. 24, 2020 are provided as Attachments B and C, respectively.

Attachments: A. Minutes of the Traffic and Mobility Commission Meeting, Feb. 3, 2020
B. Minutes of the Beach Preservation Commission Meeting, Feb. 4, 2020
C. Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, Feb. 24, 2020

cc: Scott Chadwick, City Manager
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TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY COMMISSION

Minutes

Attachment A

Council Chambers
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008

Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, 5:02 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Gocan called the Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Gocan, Johnson, Hunter, Penseyres, Fowler, Linke and Perez.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Vice-Chair Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to approve the minutes for Jan. 6, 2020.

Motion carried: 5/0/2 (Abstained: Gocan and Hunter)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

- Lela Panagides, a Carlsbad resident, requested staff to study the possibility of getting a left turn signal light going from Tamarack Avenue to College Boulevard.
- Sophia Gocan, Josie Mitchell, Isabel Owens and Sophia Owens (Valley Girls 2.0 Robotics team), from Valley Middle School, presented a comprehensive study about safety on the sidewalks in various cities and proposed an installation of sensors on the sidewalks to detect any danger situation.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

1. POLICE MONTHLY REPORT – (Staff contact: Lieutenant Christie Calderwood, Police Department) – Cancelled

2. EL CAMINO REAL AND COLLEGE BOULEVARD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS – (Staff Contact: Brandon Miles, Public Works).

Staff Recommendation: Approve staff recommendations

Associate Engineer Miles described the improvements for bicycle and pedestrian access with upgrades to the curb ramps and crosswalks at the intersection of El Camino Real and College Boulevard.

- Commissioner Linke inquired about the segment on El Camino Real that it is one of the segments that is deficient on the Level of Service (LOS) and how this project will impact the LOS. Will the new design be able to accommodate the high volume of cars on the intersection? He also asked if an intersection analysis has been done on the intersection of El Camino Real and College Boulevard.
- City Traffic Engineer Kim explained that the use of a right turn overlap will compensate for the high volume of cars eastbound turning right.

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- Associate Engineer Miles explained that the project was designed with the vision of the extension of College Boulevard southbound.
- Commission Hunter expressed his concern of improving pedestrian service without a documented need to address a specific issue, especially if it comes at degrading service to auto users.
- Commissioner Fowler supports the project and understands the need to make the intersection safe for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Commissioner Penseyres recommended adding R4-4 "Begin Right Turn Lane Yield to Bikes" sign, based on the California MUTCD. Green paint before and after the merge area would provide clearer guidance for bicyclists and motorists in the "weaving" area.
- Commissioner Perez inquired if there is an estimated date for the extension of College Boulevard project.
- City Traffic Engineer Kim replied that the item about the extension of College Boulevard will come to the T&MC next month.
- Commissioner Linke recommended staff conduct an intersection LOS analysis on El Camino Real and College Boulevard
- Commissioner Linke would like the minutes to show that the city should continue to conduct intersection LOS. He stated that staff should identify a solution to address the deficiencies on ECR instead of proposing an exemption on the segment.

Motion by Commissioner Hunter, seconded by Commissioner Linke, to support staff recommendation of improvements to the intersection of El Camino Real and College Boulevard, CIP Project No. 6071.

Motion carried: 7/0

3. AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT BEACH ACCESS FEASIBILITY STUDY– (Staff Contact: Nathan Schmidt, Public Works) – Approve Staff recommendations

Transportation Planning and Mobility Manager Schmidt is asking the T&MC to approve the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Beach Access Feasibility Study and the Trails Connectivity to Tamarack State Beach Feasibility Study.

- Commissioner Perez recommended a barrier/protection along the edge lines of the pathway along ECR to prevent the bicyclist from hitting a pedestrian or getting slammed on incoming traffic.
- Commissioner Linke inquired if City Council has a priority list on projects to develop within the city.
- Deputy City Manager Gomez explained that until a year ago we did not have a scoring matrix within the city, however, last year staff institute a scoring matrix that was presented to the City Council. If there are specific projects that City Council wants to prioritize they vote on it and staff move forward.
- Commissioner Fowler asked about if a lawsuit was the motive to improve the Beach Accessibility.
- Transportation Planning and Mobility Manager Schmidt explained that we had no lawsuit involved in the process of improving beach accessibility.
- Commissioner Penseyres inquired if there are plans to improve the trail beyond the cut-cover tunnel that connects to the neighborhood.

- Transportation Planning and Mobility Manager Schmidt answered that now there are no plans to improve the trail connectivity but the Sustainable Mobility Plan could potentially address the issue and work on better access to the neighborhood.
- Vice-Chair Johnson inquired if this project requires Coastal Commission approval.
- Transportation Planning and Mobility Manager Schmidt said yes, they are working with the Coastal Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Hunter, seconded by Commissioner Perez to approve staff recommendation of the ADA Beach Access Feasibility Study - CIP 6065

Motion carried: 7/0

Motion by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Penseyres to approve staff recommendation on Trail Connectivity to Tamarack State Beach Feasibility Study - CIP 4063

Motion carried: 5/2 – (No: Johnson and Linke)

- Commissioner Linke would like the minutes to show that he is not opposed to the project, but he is voting ‘No’ to show that in his opinion this project should be the lowest priority among the three, due to the lack of a projected usage study or public outreach.

4. ELECT A NEW TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR – (Staff Contact: Doug Bilse, Public Works)

Staff Recommendation: Elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair

Motion by Commissioner Hunter, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to elect Vice-Chair Johnson to be the Chair and Commission Fowler to be the Vice-Chair.

Motion was retracted by Commissioner Hunter

Motion by Chair Gocan, seconded by Vice-Chair Johnson, to extend the Chair and Vice-Chair term to June 30, 2020.

Motion approved: 6/0/1 (Abstained: Fowler)

CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER COMMENTS:

City Traffic Engineer Report – Attachment A

TRAFFIC & MOBILITY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Perez would like to get information from the Police Department about an occurrence on January 17, 2020, of a car following two students of HOPE Elementary School.

City Traffic Engineer Kim will get in touch with Lt. Calderwood and send an email to all commissioners with the requested information.

Commissioner Linke inquired about the resident request on a left turn signal light going from Tamarack Avenue to College Boulevard.

Commissioner Linke informed the commissioners and staff that he will not be present at T&MC March 2, 2020 meeting but he would like to submit written inputs to the items on the Agenda.

Commissioner Hunter reported, on behalf of Lt. Calderwood, on some police activities on the month of January. Motorcycle officers working on the weekend and City Council approved parking enforcement on Carlsbad Village.

Vice-Chair Johnson requested staff to investigate the different speed limits on Avenida Encinas from Cannon Road to Poinsettia Lane.

Commissioner Penseyres suggested that the Motorcycle Officers should focused on drivers using cellular phones that are not hands free.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Gocan adjourned the Traffic & Mobility Commission Meeting on Feb. 3, 2020, at 7:15 p.m.

Eliane Paiva

Eliane Paiva, Minutes Clerk

MINUTES

MEETING OF: BEACH PRESERVATION COMMISSION
DATE OF MEETING: February 4, 2020
TIME OF MEETING: 4:00 p.m.
PLACE OF MEETING: City Council Chambers
 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present Members: Chairperson Petrucci, Commission Members Briggs, Prietto, Steindlberger and O'Malley
Absent Members: Commissioner Colby
Guests: None
City/State Staff: Kyle Lancaster, Tim Selke, Michael Tully, and Adriana Alvarez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting of December 3, 2019 were approved (5-0-0-1).

1. SR # 0220-1 ADA BEACH ACCESS FEASIBILITY STUDY AND TRAIL CONNECTIVITY TO TAMARACK STATE BEACH FEASIBILITY STUDY

Kyle Lancaster, parks and recreation director, gave an overview of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Beach Access Feasibility Study and the Trail Connectivity to Tamarack State Beach Feasibility Study. On July 24, 2018, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement for the preparation of both feasibility studies. The studies evaluate alternatives to construct ADA accessible pedestrian walkways and ramps to provide a connection from Carlsbad Boulevard to the beach, as well as the potential for a trail connection from the North Shore Agua Hedionda Lagoon Trail to Tamarack State Beach. The ADA Beach Access Feasibility Study evaluated five alternatives using criteria established by the project team. The project team goals were to develop up to two preferred alternatives for ADA beach access. The two preferred alternatives selected for this purpose are located north of Pine Avenue, and adjacent to Tamarack Avenue. The Trail Connectivity to Tamarack State Beach Feasibility Study evaluated the feasibility of constructing a tunnel or undercrossing to connect the North Shore Agua Hedionda Lagoon to Tamarack State Beach. Staff is scheduled to present informational reports regarding the feasibility studies to the Parks & Recreation Commission on Feb. 24, 2020, and to the City Council on March 17, 2020.

Commissioner Prietto asked if the State was funding any of the ADA improvements and what are the challenges the city faces.

Commissioner Steindlberger asked if the State has been part of the process since the beginning of the project, and what kind of devices have been looked to get to the beach with a walker. She also inquired if the other beach accesses throughout the city have been considered for ADA improvements.

Commissioner Briggs inquired about the construction material that is being considered for the ADA access ramp.

Chair Petrucci requested "no dogs allowed" signs be added on the new potential ADA ramp.

2. SR # 0220-2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Committee nominated and re-appointed Commissioner Petrucci as the Chair and nominated and appointed Commissioner Briggs as the new Vice-Chair.

3. SR# 0220-3 ELECTION OF AD-HOC COMMITTEE FOR PLANNING AND COORDINATING A NORTHERN BEACH CLEAN-UP EVENT

The Commission nominated and appointed Commissioners Prietto, Briggs and Steindlberger as the Ad-Hoc committee for this purpose.

4. SR# 0220-4 STATE OF CA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Michael Tully, parks planner, presented the State of California Department of Parks & Recreation Activities Report on behalf of Lisa Urbach, north sector superintendent, San Diego Coast District. The work continues on

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the Encinitas Beach Resort and it is expected to be completed by the end of 2020. The dredging project at the Batiquitos Lagoon has been completed, however grading of South Ponto Beach is still ongoing and beach remains closed. The grading is expected to be completed by February 7, 2020. The State of California Department of Parks & Recreation have been working with scientists at Scripps Institute of Oceanography on flood preparedness in the Tamarack State Beach parking lot, through coastal data gathering. An Earth day event will be held on April 18, 2020 from 9am-1pm at the Tomato Fields on Manzano Dr, please visit www.calparks.org/earthday for more information on volunteer opportunities. A project agreement to restore the historic adobe wall at the State of California Department of Parks & Recreation's San Diego Coast District north sector office, should be in place by July 1, 2020 and construction will likely begin by Fall 2020. The South Carlsbad State Beach campground store is under new management and the contract should be finalized by May 2020. The store is expected to open by Summer 2020.

Kyle Lancaster, parks & recreation director, gave an update on the State of California Parks & Recreation Department Request for Proposals (RFP), issued on Jan. 9, 2020 for fitness and recreation concession at the Carlsbad and South Carlsbad State Beaches. Public comment was received at the Jan. 14, 2020 City Council meeting and the City Council approved a minute motion for an item on the RFP to be brought forward for exploration. On Jan. 21, 2020 the State of California Department of Parks & Recreation issued a cancellation of the RFP and a few days later the City of Carlsbad Parks & Recreation Department staff communicated with State of California Department of Parks & Recreation staff. On the Jan. 28, 2020, the City Council directed parks & recreation department staff to proceed with preparing a bid, should the RFP be re-issued. The City Council also gave authorization to engage in discussions with the State of California Parks & Recreation Department staff for other options on the subject concessions.

5. COMMISSIONER/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

No future agenda items proposed.

ADJOURNMENT

By proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm. The next meeting of the Beach Preservation Commission will be Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 4:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 92008.

Michael Tully

Park Planner

MINUTES

Minutes of: PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.
Date of Meeting: Feb. 24, 2020
Place of Meeting: Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Luna called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Luna, Commissioners Simons, Thorp, Livingston, Allemann and Pearson.
Absent: Vice Chair Martinez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: On motion by Commissioner Simons and a second by Commissioner Livingston, the minutes of the Jan. 27, 2020 parks & recreation commission meeting were approved.

AYES: Chair Luna, Commissioners Simons, Livingston, Allemann and Pearson.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Thorp

ABSENT: Vice Chair Martinez

PRESENTATIONS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Schlesinger, a Carlsbad resident spoke regarding the Monroe Street Pool facility assessment and the necessity for repairs and improvements.

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Disabilities Act (ADA) Beach Access Feasibility Study and the Trail Connectivity to Tamarack State Beach Feasibility Study. The ADA Beach Access study evaluates the options for construction of ADA accessible pedestrian walkways/ramps to provide a compliant connection from Carlsbad Boulevard to the beach. The Trail Connectivity to Tamarack State Beach study evaluates the options for a trail connection from the North Shore Agua Hedionda Lagoon Trail to Tamarack State Beach. The project team goals were to develop up to two preferred alternatives for ADA beach access. The two preferred walkway/ramp options selected for this access are located (1) adjacent to the intersection of Pine Avenue, and (2) adjacent to the intersection of Tamarack Avenue. The Trail Connectivity to Tamarack State Beach study determined a preferred option of constructing a 'cut and cover tunnel' to connect the North Shore Agua Hedionda Lagoon to Tamarack State Beach. Staff is scheduled to present an informational report regarding the feasibility studies to the City Council on March 17, 2020.

Commissioner Thorp asked if there will be more handicap spots at the north parking lot.

Mr. Lancaster said that the number of handicapped stalls is based on the total number of parking stalls available in the parking lot and we are currently compliant with the number of handicapped parking stalls. It is something that could be considered, however, as the number of handicapped stalls increases, the number of total parking stalls decreases. Staff would need to consult with the State of California Department of Parks & Recreation, as the Ocean Street Sculpture Park parking lot is half owned by the state.

Commissioner Simons asked why the state would not take this responsibility rather than force the city to do so. He also inquired as to whether grants we can apply for to assist with funding.

Mr. Lancaster mentioned the city has proposed this to provide access for our residents and visitors. The state does not have the resources the city does. As part of a one year right of entry permit obtained the last six years straight, the city maintains the Tamarack upper picnic facilities and the coastal bluffs. The city has done that because the state's level of maintenance was not something the city considered sufficient for our residents and visitors. The state has not expressed an ability to fund a portion of these projects, there are some grants that could be reviewed for possible application to these projects.

Commissioner Livingston asked if the cut and cover tunnel would require shutting down Carlsbad Blvd.

Mr. Lancaster explained that the construction specifics have not been realized at this point. In all likely hood there would be a need to address closing one-half of the roadway over certain nights and then the other half other nights.

Commissioner Allemann, as someone who has taken a wheelchair down the existing ramps, stated anything will be an improvement. She would like to see the city and state coordinate to have access mats continue onto the sand, as the ramps reach the beach.

Mr. Lancaster agreed that is the intent.

2. SR # 0220-2 DEPARTMENT REPORT

Recreation Services Manager Mike Pacheco and Parks Services Manager Tim Selke and Parks & Recreation Director Kyle Lancaster reported on recently completed, ongoing and upcoming parks & recreation department programs, events, and park projects.

Mr. Pacheco, Mr. Selke and Mr. Lancaster were available for clarifying questions from the commission.

COMMITTEE/CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

None

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: On motion by Commissioner Simons second by Commissioner Thorp, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m. The next meeting of the parks & recreation commission will be March 16, 2020, Council Chamber at 5:30 p.m.

AYES: Chair Luna, Commissioners Simons, Thorp, Livingston, Allemann and Pearson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Vice Chair Martinez

Respectfully submitted,



Charlene Buckalew
Minutes clerk