

Council Meeting of
September 18, 2012

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Commission and Community Services - Accept and File the 2011-2012 Parks and Recreation Commission Annual Report.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director that the City Council accept and file the Parks and Recreation Commission Annual Report for July 2011 through June 2012.

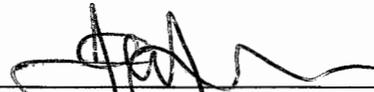
BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Annual Report for July 2011 through June 2012 as prepared by the Parks and Recreation Commission is attached for your information and review. The Commission approved this report at its meeting on August 8, 2011, and moved to request that it be accepted by the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,



Dean Mayeda, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Commission



John Jones
Community Services Director

Noted:



LeRoy Jackson
City Manager

Attachment A: 2011-2012 Annual Report

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City of Torrance
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

ANNUAL REPORT
for July 2011 to June 2012

Chairperson: Hazel Taniguchi
Vice-Chairperson: Dean R. Mayeda
Commissioners:

Robert J. Baxter	Keri Gilbert	Karen Greenberg
Todd R. Hays	Michael Ning	

Following its usual practice, the Parks and Recreation Commission divided its work into three broad categories:

1. Public Hearings and Workshops:

The Commissioners attended City Council Budget Workshops and Hearings expressing their support of the programs and facilities offered by the Community Services Department. The Commissioners reviewed the Community Services input to the 2nd year of the City's two year 2009-2011 as well as the 2011-2013 Operating Budgets.

2. Standing Committees:

The Standing Committees of the Commission include *the Facilities, Grants, Open Space, and Programs Committees*. Over the past year, these committees considered such matters as approval of the 2010 Financial and Narrative Statements for Non-Profit Social Services Agencies, and the approval of Seaside Heroes Park Memorial Wall Honor Program.

3. Research and Review:

Commissioners are registered as members of the California Association of Parks and Recreation Commissioners and receive California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) quarterly publications and discounted rates for the conferences and workshops, general information regarding legislation, etc.

The Commission held a joint meeting with the Cultural Arts Commission to develop philosophies about programming and elements that should be provided to the community.

The Commissioners approved the 2011-12 grants funding for 14 social services agencies and the re-allocation of \$1,000 unused 2010 grant funds, making the total funding of \$21,000 available as recommended by the *Grants Committee*. The Commission also approved the *Financial and Narrative Statements for the 2010 Grant Program for Non-Profit Social Service Agencies* and forwarded the two recommendations to City Council for final approval.

Additional reports reviewed and accepted by the Commission included the *2010-11 Annual Report of the Parks and Recreation Commission*, *Torrance Farmers' Market Annual Report*, the *Madrona Marsh Preserve 2011 Annual Report*, the *Park Rangers Annual Report*, and the *Living Dedication Tree Program 2011 Annual Report*.

The Commission reviewed the Centennial Committee conceptual design plans for the proposed Torrance Centennial Plaza at El Prado Park and approved the signage concept for El Prado Park.

The Commission received and made recommendations to the City Council for acceptance of donations from the Torrance Dog Obedience Club.

The Commissioners participated in the celebration of the 32nd *Annual Turkey Trot Race on Thanksgiving Day 5K Fun Run*.

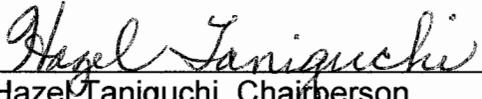
Various Commissioners attended events such as the Centennial kick off event "Lights, Camera, Action", the Cherry Blossom Tree Festival, the Rose Float Association Volunteer Recognition Dinner, the 52nd Annual Aquacade, the ATTIC's 13th Anniversary Pancake Breakfast, the 25th Annual Spring Boutique, Special Olympics Regional Meets and Awards Banquet, 20th Annual Fall Bazaar, Halloween Carnival, Farmers' Markets 14th Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner, Harvest Health Fair, Movies and Concerts in the Park, the Armed Forces Day Parade, and the Ad Hoc Council Committee for Commission Review. In addition, a Commissioner participated on the Youth Council Selection Committee and the Beat the Odds Selection Scholarship Selection Committee, also attending the Beat the Odds Awards Dinner, and many other programs throughout the community. Finally, Commissioners supported the arts through attendance at the *Excellence in Arts Awards*, the *Cultural Arts Center Foundation Gala*, and performances at the Cultural Arts Center and at The Torrance Theatre Company located at 1316 Cabrillo Avenue in Downtown Torrance.

The Commission asked the City Council to proclaim "July is Parks and Recreation Month" in the City of Torrance.

The Commission planned the 55th *Annual Parks and Recreation Awards Dinner*

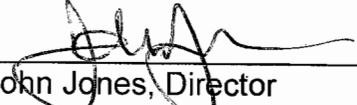
to be held on July 11, 2012 at the Toyota USA Automobile Museum with the theme of *Highlighting our Past and Embracing our Future*. Selected award recipients were: Elmer & Adrian Bleidistel and Debbie Hays as Distinguished Individual Awardees; the *Torrance Bakery* as the Distinguished Organization Awardee; and *Allison Saufua* as the Distinguished Staff Awardee. At the dinner, Chairperson Hazel Taniguchi passed on the gavel and Chairmanship duties to Commissioner Dean Mayeda for the year 2012-13. Elected as the Vice-Chairperson is Commissioner Todd Hays.

Respectfully submitted,



Hazel Taniguchi, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Commission

CONCUR:



John Jones, Director
Community Services Director

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