

**MINUTES
SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL /
PARKS, RECREATION & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 154 South Eighth Street, Grover Beach, California.

FLAG SALUTE The flag salute was led by Council Member Bill Nicolls.

ROLL CALL

City Council: Council Members Glenn Marshall, Bill Nicolls, Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Lee, and Mayor Debbie Peterson were present. Council Member Karen Bright was absent.

Parks, Recreation & Beautification Commissioners: Commissioners Debbie Johnston, Geraldine Roseboro, Ellie Ross, Vice Chair Heidi Boatman, and Chair Dee Santos were present.

City Staff: City Manager Bob Perrault, City Attorney Martin Koczanowicz, Police Chief/Assistant City Manager Jim Copey, Parks & Recreation Program Director Kathy Petker, and Commander Tim Miller were also present.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor opened the floor to any member of the public for comment on any items described in the agenda. No one responded and the Mayor closed the Public Communications segment for this portion of the meeting.

WORKSHOP TOPIC

1. Discussion Regarding Mutual Matters of Interest.

Mayor Peterson read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. For the information of those present, City Manager Perrault provided introductory remarks regarding the purpose of the workshop to discuss matters of interest to both the Council and the Commission and outlined items preliminarily identified for discussion. He noted that, although Council Member Bright was absent from this meeting, she had submitted comments for discussion regarding her interest in having a program developed to recognize individuals for their contributions to the community, such as a memorial plaque placed at the Ramona Garden Park gazebo.

Council and Commission discussion ensued regarding the following topics, with staff members responding to questions, as needed:

- *Park Facility Improvements* - repairs needed at Golden West Park and Ramona Garden Park, and potential options to partner with community groups to construct the improvements or opportunities for grant funding;
- *Staffing Needs* - to be included as part of the upcoming FY 15 Budget discussions;
- *“Community Service Day” or “Clean Sweep” Event* - implementing an annual event that would involve local non-profits groups and schools, and distributing notices to the schools in both English and Spanish;
- *South County People’s Kitchen Food Distribution Program* - impacts to nearby residents of Ramona Garden Park, businesses along West Grand Avenue, and the downtown area; statistical information regarding program clients; potential options to resolve community concerns regarding vagrancy; coordinating efforts with representatives from the People’s Kitchen and the Five Cities Homeless Coalition to address vagrancy issues; informing residents and businesses owners to contact the Police Department regarding this issue;
- *Senior Affordable Housing*;

- *Community Beautification Efforts* - revising the criteria and standards for the Beautification Awards Program, encouraging business owners to improve the aesthetic appeal of storefronts and sidewalk areas along West Grand Avenue; and
- *Public Art* - programs established in other communities.

Mayor Peterson invited comments from those in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter. No public comments were received at this time.

The Council thanked the Commissioners for attending and participating in the workshop.

Action: The information was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Peterson adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

/s/ DEBBIE PETERSON, MAYOR

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ KATHY PETKER
PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Attest:
/s/ DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK
(Approved at CC Mtg 05/05/2014)