

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting March 1, 2016 – 6:00 PM

I. CALL MEETING OF THE PARKS, BEACHES & RECREATION COMMISSION TO ORDER – 6:00 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Walt Howald, Chair
Marie Marston, Vice Chair
Tom Anderson
Ron Cole
Roy Englebrecht
Kathy Hamilton
Laird Hayes

Staff: Carol Jacobs, Assistant City Manager
Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director
Mike Pisani, Municipal Operations Director - Maintenance
Marie Lindeman, Administrative Support Specialist
Teri Craig, Administrative Support Specialist

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR – None

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the February 2, 2016 meeting.

Recommendation: Waive reading of subject minutes, approve and order filed.

B. Parks & Operations Division Activity Report.

Recommendation: Receive/file Activity Report.

C. Recreation & Senior Services Activity Report

Recommendation: Receive/file Activity Report of past and upcoming projects and events.

Motion by Commissioner Englebrecht, second by Commissioner Cole, to accept Consent Calendar Items No. IV-A – IV-C. Motion carries unanimously.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Dog Enforcement along the Santa Ana River

Recommendation: Recommend to the City Council the adoption of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Orange, the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner and the City of Newport Beach for Sharing Responsibilities along the Santa Ana River to enforce dog regulations at the mouth of the river.

Assistant City Manager Jacobs provided a PowerPoint presentation addressing dog enforcement background at Santa Ana River, opportunities for community input, and outreach, signage, location of county and city lines, ownership, jurisdiction and related rules of specific areas in terms of allowing dogs, issues of concern, existing conditions and current dredging in the area. She noted the attendance of representatives from the Police Department and City and County Animal Control staff available to answer questions from the Commission.

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Anderson, Lieutenant Fischbacher reported that currently, there are three enforcement officers and that the department is looking for a fourth. He added that enforcement depends on the number of calls received and opportunities through their daily routine. The area is patrolled regularly, once a day, including weekends.

Assistant City Manager Jacobs added that Park Patrol monitors City parks, only and not the beach.

Vice Chair Marston asked how enforcement would change if the MOU were adopted.

Lieutenant Fischbacher reported that enforcement would not necessarily start with a citation process rather a community educational program would begin to allow people to learn the rules and then enforcement would begin. Enforcement would begin by issuing either warning citations or personal service citations and would occur as needed.

Responding to a question regarding the adoption of the MOU, Lieutenant Fischbacher stated he would like to see a partnership with the County, which would include funding and enforcement.

Commissioner Cole commented on the number of dog bites last year and asked if there were any Police reports filed. Lieutenant Fischbacher stated that the area is a County area and that if City Officers respond, as a courtesy, they provide first aid, but that it is up to the County to take a report.

Lieutenant Brian Frick, Orange County Animal Care, confirmed that the Newport Beach Police Department responds initially, and explained the County's process in responding and providing assistance at that location. He reported that bite reports are taken and that dogs have been and are quarantined.

Assistant City Manager Jacobs reported that when the City responds to an incident that it is entered into the Newport Beach PD Dispatch system and the Orange County Animal Care subsequently takes over.

Lieutenant Frick added that the County receives all bite reports for the entire County.

In response to Commissioner Englebrecht's inquiry, Assistant City Manager Jacobs reported that the data provided in the staff report is only from the City and does not include County data.

In reply to Commissioner Anderson's question, Lieutenant Frick explained that incidences of dog bites do not become a misdemeanor, but that the County conducts a Vicious Dog Investigation . He explained the process and possible outcomes.

Commissioner Hayes asked about the number of City and County Animal Control Officers on duty at any one time.

Lieutenant Frick explained that the County works 24/7, 365 days per year. He added that the County oversees six areas and can have from two to six Officers on duty at a time, depending on the situation.

Lieutenant Fischbacher added that the City has one to two on duty seven days a week, but do not work overnight.

Chair Howald opened public comments.

Roger Walker, Newport Beach, reported that initially, this discussion was started by Mayor Dixon after receiving 24 complaints from individuals. He stated that in reality she received only one email and not the number of complaints that she represented. Mr. Walker commented on the number of people supporting and opposing the expansion of Police powers in the City into the County area. He reminded the Commission that they have an obligation, not just to homeowners in the area, but to all residents in Newport Beach, and residents of the County that use that area. He expressed concerns that staff has made a recommendation without taking any testimony from the public and noted the absence of Mayor Dixon.

Chair Howald noted that the Commission is very interested in addressing this issue and reported that the law currently is "No dogs off leash". The Commission is not here to change the law, but to consider enforcement of the law that already exists.

Brian Horne, Newport Beach, spoke about this issue being emotionally charged. He addressed the number of dogs/dog owners in the City and the number of residents in the subject area. He stated that 1/10th of 1% are attempting to restrict 5,000 registered dog owners and could not imagine that the City would allow them to set policy. He addressed parking and reported there is a limited amount of dogs that can even get to subject beach. Mr. Horne commented on the government representing the majority and urged the City to do the right thing and deny the MOU.

Tony Lopez, Newport Beach, disagreed with staff's comments regarding the subject area and patrons moving to County areas when enforcement is present. He stated that dogs are on County land as the point of going there is to allow dogs to swim. He clarified that the area referred to by staff is an ingress/egress area for access to the beach. Mr. Lopez added that he has been visiting the area for fifteen years and not

once, has he witnessed a dog fight. He urged the Commission to leave matters as they are and distinguish between theory and practice.

Joe Balzer, Newport Beach, noted that residents from surrounding cities use the area and commented on his use and experience there, adding that he has never seen a problem in the area. He indicated that it is best to leave the situation as it is and felt that in this case, it seems that it is an edict in search of a problem that doesn't exist.

Jim Mosher, Newport Beach, commented on the genesis of this issue and his attendance at the City's Water Quality Committee. He reported that this matter was discussed at a recent meeting in terms of a potential health problem related to dogs in the area, prior to Mayor Dixon suggesting that the City should consider the item. He addressed his research on the topic and commented on a difficulty in the interaction between people and dogs and dog waste on the sand. Mr. Mosher added that it would be helpful to know what the County's policy is, on the subject, and suggested the Commission may want to consider if there is any recreational value to humans.

Mike Hilford, Newport Beach, compared this matter to the fire rings issue in terms of it being an effort by a few to limit the behavior of the majority. He added that he sees this as a parking issue and has nothing to do with dogs. Mr. Hilford reported that he has been in the area many times and that dogs are well-behaved and they enjoy the park as much as their owners. He spoke against increases in regulations and noted the need for a dog park. He encouraged the Commission to keep the status quo.

George Leslie, Newport Beach, commented on his use of the area and stated he has never seen dog waste on the beach. He noted that the majority of people visiting the beach are local residents who are responsible and want to protect the beach. Additionally, people self-police themselves in terms of picking up dog waste and urged the Commission to maintain the status quo.

Mike Voorhees, Newport Beach, agreed with the previous speaker and suggested the Commission visit the area to see for themselves. He urged the Commission to maintain the status quo.

James Decicos, Ontario, commented on his use of nearby dog beaches and noted that dogs that are on-leash may be more aggressive than those off-leash. He urged the Commission to take comments provided tonight into consideration and maintain the status quo. He commented on the beach being handicap accessible.

Sharon Ray, Newport Beach, commented positively on Dog Beach and noted she has never seen any problems in the area. She addressed the increasing problems with coyotes and urged the Commission to not limit or take away residents' resources.

Burr Bunan, Newport Beach, commented on the number of complaints received regarding Dog Beach in a year and ten months and believed that most of those complaints were made by one person. He questioned the City's consideration of this

issue adding that most residents believe the situation is perfect, the way it is. He encouraged the Commission to maintain the status quo.

Josh Yokam, Newport Beach, spoke in opposition of the item and commented on the recreational value of the area. He noted he has not witnessed problems in the area and felt that moving forward with enforcement of dogs on County land sets a dangerous precedent. He commented on dog owners' responsibilities and felt that the City should enforce its own rules before taking on additional responsibilities. He believed that this is a County issue and that the City should stay out of it.

Dave Mercier, Santa Ana, stated he is a professional engineer focusing on water quality and commented on the best use for the area. He indicated that this is the perfect place for the Dog Beach because it is not the right part of the beach for people. He added that most dog owners are responsible and encouraged the Commission to maintain the status quo.

Tamra Godfrey, Huntington Beach, spoke about the sense of community relative to Dog Beach and its importance, and urged the Commission to respect that and maintain the status quo.

Tiffany Wong, Irvine, spoke in support of leaving Dog Beach as it currently exists. She stated she has never experienced problems or seen violations there and commented on users of the area shopping locally, paying for parking and saving Police resources. She urged the Commission to leave the Dog Beach, as is.

Mya Malocevich, Huntington Beach, commented on her use of Dog Beach and on the curfew causing every dog owner to be violators by taking their dogs off leash. She noted that signs contradict the stated laws and that the boundary is not well-defined. She reported there are natural barriers, which is why the area is ideal as a Dog Beach. She added that the area is an urban runoff area and not suitable for people to swim in, but great for dogs. She commented on the importance of Dog Beach and urged the Commission to keep it, as is.

Scott Harlin, Irvine, commented on his use of Dog Beach and noted that most dog owners are responsible for themselves and others. He reported that he and his wife pay for parking and contribute to the economy of the area by shopping locally. He stressed the importance of keeping Dog Beach as it currently exists and noted that the community would like the area to be an "official" Dog Beach.

Elizabeth, Huntington Beach, stressed the importance of socializing dogs and commented positively on her experience at Dog Beach. She noted that most dog owners are responsible and look out for each other and urged the Commission to leave the place alone.

Till Bolak, Irvine, commented positively on her experience at Dog Beach and noted that dog people care about each other, their animals and their community.

Tim Hamilton, Newport Beach, reported that the City of San Diego allows dogs on beaches, both on and off-leash. He felt that discussing this matter seems to be a waste of time and especially asking valuable Police Officers to punish residents who are “just having a good time with their dogs”. He questioned the data presented, and wondered why Mayor Dixon did not attend this meeting and encouraged the Commission to not overreact based on the comments of a few. He suggested that the Commission consider growing Dog Beach.

Carrie, Costa Mesa, felt that Dog Beach should not be shut just because parking is bad. He presented solutions such as shortening parking meter times or increasing parking fees. He spoke in support of enforcing existing laws rather than extending the area to County land. He added that dog owners police their own and urged the Commission to address the real problems as narrowly as possible, before shutting down a City gem such as Dog Beach.

Lindsey Leer, Newport Beach, commented on the importance of pets and of Dog Beach. She reported that dogs become aggressive when they are on leash and urged the Commission to maintain the status quo. She added that the beach provides a sense of community and commented on the noticing time allowed for this matter adding that 48 hours is not enough time to allow residents the opportunity to attend meetings.

Karen Miller, Newport Beach, commented on her experience at Dog Beach noting that she has never seen any violations or problems. She reported that parking is a problem at any beach and urged the Commission to keep Dog Beach, as is.

Kevin Burke, Newport Beach, referenced the issues raised in the staff report and suggested that before considering the recommendations, the Commission should consider preventative measure as possible solutions. He addressed the lack of appropriate signage in the area and spoke in support of Dog Beach.

Carl Ballard, Newport Beach, thanked City staff for their work and noted that Dog Beach is not a beach, but a sandbar. He noted that dogs love the area and that dog owners self-police. He acknowledged a parking shortage and stressed that the issue is that someone needs to move forward on making the area an official dog beach. Mr. Ballard encouraged the Commission to consider residents’ comments and make the area another dog park.

Angel, Costa Mesa, spoke regarding her experience with Dog Beach and noted it provides a good sense of community. She reported that she has never witnessed any problems and that dog owners are responsible. She urged the Commission to keep Dog Beach that way it is.

Sean Moran, Costa Mesa, commented on his experience with various dog beaches and noted the benefits of the Newport Beach area. He noted a sense of community with dog owners and hoped the Commission considers extending Dog Beach.

Vivian Hyman, Newport Beach, noted that dogs are harder to control when they are off leash and felt that they should be fenced in. She reported that she does not use Dog Beach because of the water quality and commented on the need for leash laws in order to protect people. She stated that everyone who visits Dog Beach and lets their dog off leash, is breaking the law and those who are present and providing comments want to continue to break the law. She spoke about being afraid to keep her garage open for fear of loose dogs and stated she should be able to feel safe in her own neighborhood.

Rebecca Kirchner, Newport Beach, reported that her dog was recently attacked at the Costa Mesa Dog Park and commented on dogs being more aggressive when they are on leash. She stated that the issue is not fencing or leashes, but a matter of training. She reported that most dog owners take good care of their dogs and train them well. She stated she has never had problems with Dog Beach and stated she doesn't want a few bad experiences to take away from those who enjoy the area. Additionally, she spoke about a coyote problem and attacks on children and urged the Commission to take that under consideration as well.

Ian Smith, Long Beach, stated he lives within walking distance to Long Beach Dog Park but chooses to drive to Newport Beach to go to Dog Beach. He addressed parking and commented on children and dogs that misbehave. He reported that he has never experienced trouble and commented on the friends he has met at Dog Beach. He noted that the majority of dog owners are responsible and take care of each other and noted that if it works, it should not be fixed. He added that Dog Beach, works.

Pierre Berlino, Newport Beach, spoke in favor of the MOU and the ability to use Dog Beach, legally.

Diana Brooks, Newport Beach, commented on her experience at Dog Beach and spoke in opposition to the MOU. She stressed that it is time to stop over-regulating and urged the Commission to keep Dog Beach, as is.

Chair Howald reported there is an existing law that prohibits dogs on the beach. He noted that the Commission is not considering regulating, but rather to recommend to City Council, that the City enter into an enforcement agreement with the County so that the City is regulating and enforcing the existing law.

Director Detweiler clarified that County laws would apply as they exist, currently. To change those rules, the City would work with the County to do so. The community is asking for the rules to be changed to allow for dogs to be off leash.

David Gramoff, Newport Beach, clarified that the MOU would serve to enforce existing laws. He expressed concerns with dog waste and provided photos of same. He urged the Commission to help residents respect the law.

Summer Bailey, Newport Beach, commented on dog restrictions in other areas of the City and on the joy of having dogs at Dog Beach. She urged the Commission to

maintain the status quo and not change things. If the Commission considers making changes, she asked that it consider expanding Dog Beach.

Stacy, Newport Beach, reported there is dog poop on every street in the City. She stated that the MOU is not going to fix that. She spoke in support of having the dogs as free as possible and requested clarification of the issue. She addressed limited resources, coyote issues and urged the Commission to maintain the status quo.

Andy Torres, Newport Beach, commented positively on his experience at Dog Beach.

Dick Lewis, Newport Beach, spoke regarding Dog Beach promoting a sense of community. He questioned whether it is the City's job to enforce County code and commented on the area being a de facto Dog Beach. He stated it is not the City's job to address or enforce the County code and urged the Commission to maintain the status quo.

Tom Hartman, Newport Beach, noted money the City has spent on a new park in Newport Harbor and on the new Civic Center and commented on the need and increased demand for a facility for dogs. He suggested that instead of fighting, the City should consider and work for residents to figure out a solution. He commented on the use of the Civic Center Dog Park noting that it is not a good place to socialize. He questioned how the City is trying to meet residents' needs.

Catherine Ballard, Newport Beach, noted she has never had a problem at Dog Beach and suggested increased education and signage. Additionally, she spoke regarding Police resources being used to solve crimes rather than go after people who just want to play with their dogs.

Gary Reisner, Newport Beach, noted the area is an urban runoff area and that dog owners using Dog Beach are very good at self-policing and picking up after their dogs. He spoke in opposition to the MOU and stated he does not want to see his tax dollars used to enforce County property and that this is not a problem that needs to be fixed. He noted this is an issue of enforcement and urged the Commission to maintain the status quo.

Bob Waterman, Newport Beach, commented on the lack of parking and spoke in support of keeping Dog Beach as it currently exists. He reported that the City is growing exponentially.

Michelle, Costa Mesa, commented on parking problems throughout the City and spoke about her experience at Dog Beach. She addressed the need for signage if the rules are to be changed and urged the Commission to maintain the status quo.

Deeann Christine, Newport Beach, addressed her experience at Dog Beach and noted that people pay for parking, thereby, providing parking revenue to the City. She reported that the Commission is currently seeking locations for a second dog park in the City and reported that the primary location being considered is Sunset Ridge Park, which has worse parking conditions than Dog Beach. She noted that it has

become a community amenity and it cannot be destroyed without putting significant pressure on other parts of the City. She added that any human-designed dog park is secondary to what nature has provided. She urged the Commission to deny the MOU and to recognize the will of the community.

Terri, Costa Mesa, addressed her experience at Dog Beach and reported that it is a regional issue. She stated that dogs need exercise and that it cannot occur, properly, when they are on a leash. She urged the Commission to leave Dog Beach, alone.

Marla Renaletti, Seal Beach, stated she considers the area as her back yard and spoke positively regarding Dog Beach. She stated that it is a good place for people and dogs and noted that everything has an assumption of risk. She urged the Commission to maintain Dog Beach and recommend to Council to consider leash laws.

John Pederson, Newport Beach, referenced a water-quality report where no water-quality issues were found in relation to Dog Beach. He expressed concerns with the accuracy of the staff report and the data provided by Animal Control. He stated the report states there is no fiscal impact, but Mr. Pederson alleged that there is and commented on it being a policy failure. He addressed growth in the dog population and the lack of off-leash facilities in the City. He added that it is unreasonable that the qualified access to Dog Beach is now under threat and pointed out that the County doesn't even know their own rules with respect to the area. He stated that the staff report indicates that dogs are not allowed but showed a sign that indicates that dogs should be on a leash. He urged the Commission to deny the MOU.

Kimberly Jameson, Newport Beach, reported she violates the law by going to Dog Beach and letting her dog run free. She wondered about enforcement and whether it is practical. She addressed a staff survey where 80% of respondents opposed an MOU and wondered how the City will reconcile its own data collection if it decides to go forward with the MOU. She added there is not enough of a problem to spend tax dollars towards this issue when it could be better spent elsewhere.

Mike Glenn, Newport Beach, took issue with the staff report, referenced the survey and questioned its validity, stating there were 210 votes cast by 187 people. The survey site admitted that it was wrong. He noted that the City is aware that the survey is flawed, but still included it in the agenda packet. Additionally, he reported that only one email was received and that the writer lives in Huntington Beach and stated that although Mayor Dixon claimed to have received dozens of emails about this issue; only one email was generated from a person seeking relief from parking. He noted that many residents wrote in support of Dog Beach and took issue with language of the area being "adjacent" when it is one mile by .75 miles long. He reported there have only been twelve tickets in the entire area; not just beach area, and questioned use of that statistic, adding that it is very misleading. Finally, he stated he feels bad that the person proposing this item did not bother to show up to the meeting, today.

Chair Howald closed public comments.

Commissioner Englebrecht commented that this issue makes him think of the removal of the fire rings issue by the Commission and Council and hoped that the Commission will not make the same mistake when it comes to this issue, as it did with the issue of fire rings and that it should recommend to Council to put the MOU aside. He acknowledged residents' comments and stated that it is County land and should remain County land. He added that if the County does not want to enforce its laws because they lack personnel, so be it. He urged Commission colleagues to deny the MOU.

Commissioner Anderson reported that he had visited the Dog Beach recently and spoke with visitors and County employees. He stated that County employee discussed dredging the area and Commissioner Anderson stated he doesn't know how long that the Dog Beach will remain a "beach". Of the ten people that he spoke with, almost all of them were unaware that it was illegal to have their dogs off leash. Most were from neighboring cities rather than from Newport Beach, but most commented positively on the amenity. He reported that signage is poor and that he did not see any doggie bags available to pick up dog waste. Commissioner Anderson went on to say that the City is pro-dog and while there is no "official" dog beach, he would like the Commission to consider doing something about it. He added that it's all about enforcement but not enough personnel to enforce. Additionally, he indicated he does not understand why the City would want to enforce the County's laws when it cannot even enforce its own laws with its own people, and, that the City does not receive any reimbursement from the County. Therefore, Commissioner Anderson stated he will not support the MOU at this time but would support the consideration of an official dog beach in the City in the future.

Vice Chair Marston noted that use of the area keeps growing and noted she has witnessed loose dogs and dog waste in the area. She reported that the issue being considered is an MOU and is taking on more land to enforce, when the City is not enforcing the land it already has. She stated she does not see the point of the MOU when the City and County are not enforcing it today. She pointed out that there are people who want to use the beach, but are bothered by dogs that approach them and would like to see a solution that will support both sides. She added that she has never seen an officer on the beach, the many times she has visited it.

Lieutenant Fischbacher reported that officers are there and are doing enforcement, albeit not with 100% compliance.

Chair Howald asked if the Police Department would need additional personnel if they were to take on the enforcement of the County property to adequately enforce existing laws.

Lieutenant Fischbacher stated he always needs more officers but did not believe more would be needed to enforce this stretch of County land. Regarding expansion of the Orange County beach being used by dogs off leash, Lieutenant Fischbacher stated he does not see the beach growing in size. He also noted the need to distinguish between enforcement and 100% compliance. He opined there will never be 100% compliance. He added that if the Commission is not satisfied with the

current enforcement levels and would like to see enforcement levels increased, then more staff would be needed. He did not foresee that the Commission or Council would like to see increased enforcement levels. He stated that the County ordinance does not allow dogs on the beach and that is what the City would be asking to enforce.

Discussion followed regarding the lack of consistent enforcement.

Commissioner Cole stated that it is silly to have a law on the books that is not enforced. He spoke against entering into an MOU if the current requirements are not being enforced. He stated that his recommendation would be to not recommend the MOU and to modify the law so that dog owners using the Dog Beach are not law breakers.

Commissioner Hamilton commented on the responsibility of dog owners and asked those in attendance to speak with their friends and ask them to pick up after their dogs. She spoke about being respectful of one another and watching out for each other.

Commissioner Hayes commented on health issues and felt that it also needs to be looked at, adding that responsible dog owners would want to keep their pets away from the urban runoff. He asked about the reason for lack of enforcement.

Lieutenant Fischbacher stated that enforcement is occurring, but officers are not there every moment of every day and will not catch every dog that is off leash.

Commissioner Hayes asked about appropriate barriers and what is acceptable and what is not. He noted that with the dredging, there will be no County area and asked about the area of enforcement.

Lieutenant Fischbacher reported that the Police Department will not change its enforcement profile. The municipal ordinances will apply at the City limit.

Commissioner Hayes commented on the need to follow laws and be mindful of same.

Commissioner Anderson reported that the Commission is an advisory body and it is not often that Council Members attend these meetings. He added that the item will be considered by City Council and that opportunities for more public comment will be given at that time.

Chair Howald asked whether the MOU would help or hurt the Police Department.

Lieutenant Fischbacher stated it would help as it would provide a general enforcement profile in the area.

Lieutenant Brian Frick stated that if the City would accept the MOU, Orange County Animal Care would no longer have any jurisdiction in the area. He added that there is a County ordinance that no one can be inside a flood-control channel. He stressed

that it is not a beach, that it is a flood-control channel and that he could not enforce a dog being off a leash. The MOU would allow for enforcement of laws, on the beach, above the rocks.

Commissioner Hayes stated he does not want to lose sight of the rights of property owners in the area who have been negatively impacted by irresponsible dog owners. He encouraged self-policing and respect for one another.

Motion by Commissioner Cole; second by Commissioner Englebrecht

1. to not recommend the adoption of a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Orange, the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner and the City of Newport Beach for sharing responsibilities along the Santa Ana River;
2. to recommend that the City enter into a conversation regarding signage, dog bag dispensers; a clear delineation of City and County lines; and what would be needed to make it lawful to allow dogs off leash in this area and to make it a more codified amenity for the community.

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

PB&R Commission / staff announcements / Ad Hoc Committee updates or matters which Commissioner Members would like placed on a future agenda for discussion, action or report (non-discussion item).

Director Detweiler reported that the Minions would be at Channel Place Park this Friday for Movies in the Park.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jim Mosher referenced a previous report on the City's effort to cut back on its water use in City parks and referenced a City Water Conservation Report presented to City Council that sheds light on the presentation heard at a previous meeting. He reported that the City only cut back its water use by 13% and that residents are doing most of the cutback. He added that the City is not accomplishing a lot in terms of water conservation.

Chair Howald addressed Mr. Mosher comments that he had made about setting goals and objectives and reported that the Commission has all of its goals listed in the City Charter.

Mr. Mosher commented on the lack of contact information for the Commission.

Kevin Burke reported that he owns the largest dog-walking business in the City and reported that Park Rangers have instructed staff to specifically ticket his employees who use parks and park parking. He noted that it is a growing industry and commented on practices of other cities in terms of walking dogs. He asked for help

noting that the City is a dog-friendly city and asked the Commission to represent that.

Director Detweiler stated that Code Enforcement has been working with Mr. Burke but stated she will follow up with staff regarding the matter. She reported that running businesses on City property is not allowed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:55 PM

Submitted by: *T Craig*
Teri Craig, Admin Assistant

Approved by: *W Howald*
Walt Howald, Chair