



TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SAN PASCUAL STABLES SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the San Pascual Stables Subcommittee was called to order by Committee Chair Rosen on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at 6:35 p.m., in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr., Council Chamber, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Committee Member Daniel Kreinbring*, Committee Member Stephen Peters, Vice-Chair Kay Findley, and Chair Ron Rosen.
*Committee Member Daniel Kreinbring arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Absent: Committee Member Deborah Howell-Ardila.

Other Officials and Staff

Present: Councilmember/City Council Liaison Richard D. Schneider, M.D., Mayor Pro Tem/City Council Liaison Michael A. Cacciotti*, Community Services Director/Staff Liaison Sheila Pautsch, and Management Assistant/Recording Secretary Natalie Sanchez.
*Mayor Pro Tem/City Council Liaison Michael A. Cacciotti arrived at 7:10 p.m.

2. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR FINDLEY, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KREINBRING, CARRIED 4-0, to approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2016 San Pascual Stables Subcommittee Regular Meeting, as amended.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Diane St. Clair, South Pasadena resident, expressed gratitude to the Stables' trainers Caroline and David Sterckx, noting that due to their efforts and skills her daughter is now a champion rider at the children's jumper Grand Prix level; indicated support for the current operator of the San Pascual Stables, noting the care for horses is top notch.

Renato Corzo, General Partner, Corbell Partnership (Current Operator of the San Pascual Stables), noted that Corbell Partnership has invested over \$500,000 to restore the facility and to enhance equestrian activities in South Pasadena; pointed out that due to its successful outreach efforts the summer camp program has increased as more children are being introduced to the equestrian sport; advised that the facility is often donated to assist disabled children from Mustard Seed Ranch with their rehabilitation.

Sophie St. Clair, South Pasadena resident, spoke on her experiences training with Caroline and David Sterckx at the Stables; noted that with their assistance she may continue working towards her dream to go to the Olympics.

4. PRESENTATIONS

None.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

5. HISTORICAL REVIEW OF THE ANCILLARY BUILDING AT THE SAN PASCUAL STABLES

Director Pautsch summarized the discussion regarding the ancillary building at the San Pascual Stables that took place at the Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC) meeting on June 16, 2016; noting CHC requested more background on the ancillary building because it may be more appropriate to restore rather than demolish the building.

In response to Vice-Chair Findley, Director Pautsch stated that the Committee could add this to the list of agreement deal points: "Determine who will be responsible for paying the direct cost to restore the ancillary building." The Committee did not take any action as it would be premature since the CHC has not made a formal decision whether to restore or demolish the building.

6. REVIEW AGREEMENT DEAL POINTS

Director Pautsch provided a list of deal points for the new agreement as discussed at the Subcommittee Meeting on June 14, 2016. The Subcommittee reviewed the list and did not have any revisions or new deal points to add at this time.

7. COMMUNITY SURVEY

Per the Committee's direction, Director Pautsch provided a draft of the community survey for review; noted that the survey consists of questions pertaining to boarding, classes, camps and programs, customer service, and safety practice at the Stables.

Committee Member Kreinbring suggested adding the following questions to the survey: "Did you find there to be adequate parking and striping in the parking lot? Is there proper access to the trail? If you are a boarder, do you believe that your horse is provided full-services (i.e. feed, bedding, etc.)?"

Over the course of discussion, the Committee agreed to send staff possible questions to include in the community survey, as well as incorporate Committee Member Kreinbring's aforementioned suggestions.

By consensus, the Committee requested staff to bring a revised community survey to the next Subcommittee meeting.

8. REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR SAN PASCUAL STABLES EQUESTRIAN CONSULTANT

Director Pautsch provided a draft of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the San Pascual Stables equestrian consultant for review. In response to Vice-Chair Findley's inquiry, Director Pautsch stated that she would request funding for the equestrian consultant at a future City Council meeting; explained that the consultant's services will be billed on an hourly rate, therefore the requested funding will be based on the consultant's estimated amount of time to be used by the Subcommittee.

Discussion ensued relative to proposed changes to the RFQ, which included: 1) deleting the second paragraph under Background; 2) adding the month/year that the current concession agreement will end; and 3) adding verbiage to the first sentence under Areas of Focus that "the City and Subcommittee intends to enter into a contract with a consultant that can potentially assist with the following."

Director Pautsch provided and entered into the record an email from Nora Henry, Arcadia resident, who provided a list of potential consultants for the Committee's consideration; noted the list consisted of professionals in the equestrian field, but not actual equestrian consultants.

Chair Rosen opened the Public Comment period.

Amy Hess, equestrian trainer at Hess Equine, stated that during the recent fires, she was required to relocate 15 horses and choose the San Pascual Stables; asserted that the horses were exposed to inadequate and inhumane bedding; voiced disappointment that she was charged over \$2,000 for only three days of boarding; noted that at her regular boarding facility, it does not charge for boarding horses during emergencies.

There being no others desiring to speak on this item, the Public Comment period was closed.

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KREINBRING, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER PETERS, CARRIED 4-0, to request that staff revise the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the San Pascual Stables Equestrian Consultant, to incorporate the Committee's proposed changes, as well as any other suggestions submitted to staff within a week from today's meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti provided a status update on the Arroyo Seco Golf Course Lease Subcommittee; noted that the Subcommittee recently toured the Arcadia Golf Course, whose facility and operations are similar to the Arroyo Seco Golf Course; discussed FootGolf, a new sport that combines soccer and golf, which is offered at the Arcadia Golf Course; shared that construction timeline for the South Pasadena Dog Park will start next month and should finish sometime this year.

In response to Chair Rosen’s inquiry, Pautsch explained that the Committee agreed to defer touring nearby stables until the consultant has been selected and may attend.

10. COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

Committee Member Kreinbring stated in his capacity as a member of the Animal Commission, residents have expressed concerns regarding vector control.


11. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Director Pautsch reminded the Committee to review the RFQ for the San Pascual Stables equestrian consultant, and provide changes to her within a week of today’s meeting.

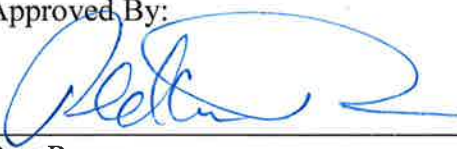
ADJOURNMENT

The Subcommittee adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Natalie Sanchez
Recording Secretary

Approved By:


Ron Rosen
San Pascual Stables Subcommittee Chair