



**CITY OF EL SEGUNDO  
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 19, 2012, 7:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245**

**CALLED TO ORDER** – The meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Bundy at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Led by Commissioner Motta

**ROLL CALL –**

Commissioner Rob Croxall	-	Absent
Commissioner Bob Motta	-	Present
Commissioner Glynn-Rich	-	Present
Vice Chairperson Debbie Bundy	-	Present
Chairperson Joe Caravello	-	Absent

**ALSO PRESENT –**

Bob Cummings, Recreation and Parks Director  
Meredith Petit, Recreation Supervisor  
Mark Trujillo, Parks Superintendent  
Jackie Day, Administrative Specialist

**PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

1. The Commission Recognized the El Segundo Babe Ruth 13-15 year olds for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Babe Ruth World Series. Charlie Haaker introduced the team, recapped the Southern California Tournament and the World Series, and recognized individual team member awards.
2. The City's Economic Development Analyst, Ted Shove and TopGolf's Chief Development Officer, Randy Starr presented a proposal from TopGolf.  
Discussion ensued between the Commission and TopGolf representatives Randy Starr and Jerrod Wittman. Questions were answered regarding the food and beverage service, the number of bays, and The Lakes golf pros working for TopGolf.  
The Commission directed staff to come back at a future meeting with the following information:
  - Crime statistic analysis
  - Revised rendering of TopGolf facility
  - TopGolf's pricing proposal
  - Clarification on how golfer's can practice and warm-up.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS –**

Members of the public spoke regarding the TopGolf project:

- Concern was expressed that if TopGolf comes in there is a potential loss of a practice venue.
- Speaker was uncomfortable with the TopGolf website "Golf meets neighborhood bar."
- Urged the City to consider other options.

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – Continued**

- Concerned that the beauty and organic nature of The Lakes could be replaced with computer based “gaming system.”
- Concerned that TopGolf will limit kids from roaming.
- Speaker suggested that if TopGolf is about money, consider other money options.
- Concerned about the slippery-slope when private business is allowed to take over Recreation and Parks.
- Concerned about the possibility that the additional business will take seclusion from The Lakes.
- Concerned that TopGolf may bring an undesirable demographic to The Lakes.
- Concern expressed that TopGolf may bring an increase in alcohol related incidents.
- Concerned that golfers will lose the environment that allows for peaceful, quiet concentration.
- Recommended that City raise golf related fees rather than change The Lakes.
- Believes that TopGolf will take away “a piece of nature.”
- Questioned that if TopGolf is so good, why aren’t other cities pursuing them in their communities?
- Speaker visited a TopGolf facility and expressed concerns about the environment, including loud music, absence of high school teams and low handicapped players practicing, minimal instruction, and they did not have Calloway clubs.
- Does not want to see a parking lot replacing grass and trees.
- Concerned that the TopGolf proposal was a sole source.
- Speaker indicated concern about learning about the TopGolf proposal in the Daily Breeze and not from the City.
- Concern expressed that TopGolf is not the best learning model to teach children.
- Concern expressed that the City was in communication with TopGolf before it became public.

### **A. CONSENT CALENDAR –**

- 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the Recreation and Parks Commission Regular Meeting of August 15, 2012.** (Commission Action Required)

MOTIONED by Commissioner Motta and SECONDED by Commissioner Bundy to approve the meeting minutes of August 15, 2012. MOTIONED CARRIED 3 – 0 (Chairperson Caravello and Commissioner Croxall absent).

### **B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

None

### **C. NEW BUSINESS –**

- 1. Consideration and possible action regarding the selection of two Recreation and Parks Commissioners to participate in an exploratory Task Force that will undergo an analysis of the existing fee schedule, pricing policies, and cost-recovery models for the programs and services provided by the Department of Recreation and Parks.** (Fiscal Impact: None)

MOTIONED by Commissioner Motta and SECONDED by Commissioner Glynn-Rich to select Commissioners Motta and Bundy to participate in the exploratory Task Force. MOTION CARRIED 3 – 0. (Chairperson Caravello and Commissioner Croxall absent)

## **D. REPORTS –**

Meredith Petit, Recreation Superintendent

- Written report submitted
- The Space Shuttle Endeavor will be landing this Friday. Sections of Imperial Avenue will be closed.

Mark Trujillo, Parks Superintendent

- Written report submitted
- Babe Ruth's Fall league starts the first week on October on Stevenson Field.

Dan O'Toole, El Segundo TV Manager

- Written report submitted
- El Segundo TV is promoting Nixle, a system used by ESPD that sends alerts to mobile phones.

Bob Cummings, Recreation and Parks Director

- Thanked Ted Shove and Randy Starr for the TopGolf presentation and for the opportunity to ask questions about the project.

## **E. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS –**

Commissioner Croxall: Absent

Commissioner Motta: None

Commissioner Glynn Rich: None

Vice-Chair Bundy: None

Commissioner Caravello: Absent

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT -**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47p.m. until the next Regular Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 17, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA.