

City Council

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Councilmember Wayne Powell said he wanted the Chamber to provide a prioritized list of items it needed to fund and justify those needs by showing their benefit to the City and its business community. “It’s a bit hard to do that here...I really want to also see that correlation between how it will promote business and how it benefits the City as well,” Powell said.

The Chamber will meet with the Finance Subcommittee to prioritize its funding request and provide a clear definition of objectives under the development of city businesses.

Exercise Equipment Ban

The Council voted unanimously to ban the use of personal exercise equipment in local parks and fields, citing safety concerns and a need to enforce its existing ban on unlicensed personal trainers. Although personal trainers can get a license from the City to operate in parks and fields, many skirt the law by claiming to be friends with their clients, rather than paid trainers. City Attorney Robert Wadden said the Park Ranger requested the law be enacted so it would be easier for him to target unlicensed personal trainers. Parks and Recreation Director Richard Gill characterized the law also as a safety issue.

Banned items will include resistance ring straps, exercise mats and balls, cones, weights, hurdles, discuses, javelins and weight sleds.

Gill said he has personally seen somebody walking through a park pulling a snow sled loaded with cinder blocks, but said he has not seen anybody throwing javelins.

Councilmember Richard Montgomery said he doesn’t consider the government getting involved in health and safety issues an invasion of his rights. “We’re doing the right thing and I don’t want to see anything happen because we didn’t do the right thing,” he said.

Environmental Task Force

Environmental Programs Manager Sona Kalapura asked the City to adopt a resolution in support of the International Day of Climate Action on October 24, a symbolic event intended to raise awareness about climate issues. The event is known as “350,” in reference to the goal of many environmentalists to reduce carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere to 350 parts per million.

The South Bay Climate Action Group (CAG) is comprised of 22 local environmental non-profits and will organize the event for Manhattan Beach. There will be a half-hour rally on the north side of the pier and participants will then join to form a “human tide line” in order to demonstrate where the sea level will be in the future if greenhouse gas reductions aren’t made. “We definitely will need the Mayor and Council members there to support the event to give your support of

this 350 goal,” Kalapura said.

Kalapura told the Council that as the Environmental Task Force approaches its one-year anniversary, representatives from a Japanese trade organization have reached out to the City for information about its Environmental Task Force and green initiatives. “When they heard about our program and how we are reaching out to the public, they saw that as something they wanted to implement,” Kalapura said.

Sand Dune Park

Community Development Director Richard Thompson gave the Council an update on Sand Dune Park, which Parks and Recreation Department Director Gill closed for maintenance reasons and to give neighbors a break. Thompson gave no date as to when the dune will reopen. When it does, he said the City would “provide a team effort” to enforce park hours and regulations, adding a second attendant and assign a Community Service Officer and Park Ranger to the park during peak hours.

Mark Kemple, who lives near the dune on 30th Street, expressed dismay that the City may reopen the park before solving traffic problems in the area. He felt that measures like increased staff and police presence in the area fail to address the root problems of vehicle traffic and parking. “It’s like a band-

aid, these measures, and applied why, so that some athletes can drive to this neighborhood without the appropriate streets to get the free workout?” Kemple said. “...When things go wrong our children will need far more than that band-aid.”

The Parking and Public Improvements Commission will hold a public hearing regarding Sand Dune Park on Thursday, September 24 in the Council Chambers.

Strand Bench Colors

The Council voted unanimously to approve the colors for two benches that private parties want to donate to the City for placement on the strand. Gill explained to Council members how they previously approved benches with a “soft hue” to be donated. “It was because of a little trouble we got into in the past, where one of the benches was a black marble which was fairly morbid and offensive to some people walking by it,” Gill said.

Gill presented the proposed colors, green and blue, saying that he wanted direction from the Council because the colors were not of a soft hue, but more medium in tone. Resident Paul Gross said the colors don’t fit within guidelines established by the Council. “When you get the public knowing about this, what they uniformly say is the show is the ocean, it’s not the strand or any other fixtures or anything around it,” Gross said. “That just facilitates it.”

Stacy Dukes, the artist for the benches, said the proposed colors would eventually lighten in tone due to the sun’s ultraviolet rays. The bench itself will be made from 100 percent recyclable material and contain a soy-based adhesive.

One of the donors, Cheryl Wolcott, said her family has been working with the artist since spring, and asked the City to approve the benches. “This has been a long ordeal for our family and it’s been a trying ordeal,” Wolcott said. “I don’t think it takes away at all from the ocean or the sky colors.”



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	1138 Highland	The Kettle
	1200 Highland	Bank of America
	225 S. Sepulveda	MB Office Plaza
	1100 Tennyson	Bally’s
	3619 Highland	Harry O’s
	316 Rosecrans	El Tarasco
	235 Sepulveda	Sea Horse Inn/Sion’s Mexican
	1101 Manhattan Ave. @ 11th St.	Ercole’s
	1139 Artesia Blvd.	Kinko’s/Fat Burger
	125 Sepulveda @ Duncan Pl.	Panda Express
	1003 Sepulveda	Post Office
	2010 Sepulveda	Rubio’s
	2401 Sepulveda	The Castle
	Rosecrans East of Sepulveda	Fry’s
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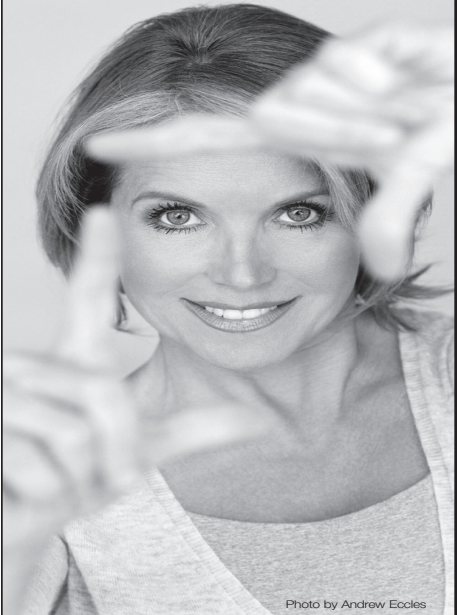



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