

MINUTES
CITY OF OXNARD
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
City Council Chambers
305 W. Third Street
Special Meeting
November 29, 2006
5:30 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

At 5:33 p.m. the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission convened in the City of Oxnard Council Chambers, 305 W. Third Street. Chairman Postel called the meeting to order. Commissioners Barber, Bowman, Cobb, Garcia and Lemos were present. Commissioner Pinkard was excused. Staff members present were: Recreation Superintendent, Gil Ramirez; Recreation Supervisor, Richard Arias; Recreation Coordinator, Gregory Barnes; and Recording Secretary Martha M. Nateras. Facilities Superintendent Michael Henderson was absent.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SUBJECT: Approval of minutes from the October 26, 2006 meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Approval.

ACTION: Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Lemos seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Award (SCMAF). Dale Summersille, past President of SCMAF, presented the Golden Shield Award to the City of Oxnard Recreation & Community Services for 2006. The Golden Shield Award is the highest award given to an agency from SCMAF. The City also received other awards in the past from SCMAF in 1979, 1990, 1996, 2001 and 2006.

E. NEW BUSINESS

With general consensus, agenda items were re-arranged.

SUBJECT: Annual Report of the Visitors and Convention Bureau. This item will continue on the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

SUBJECT: Update on Police Activity League (PAL) State Boxing Tournament. Mr. Terrel Harrison, Recreation Supervisor and Senior Officer, Ken Klopman and Co-Director of the PAL Program informed the Commission that forty-two states participated, two-hundred coaches and 517 boxers competed. This was the third year that PAL hosted the State Boxing Tournament. A record was set with the attendance of boxers. The Commission congratulated Mr. Harrison, Senior Officer Klopman and staff for a well job done.

SUBJECT: Status of the South Oxnard Library by Robin Middleton, Library Supervisor and Ralph Alamillo, Project Manager from Public Works Department. Ms. Middleton informed the Commission that the construction for the South Oxnard Library has been going on for eighteen months. The construction started on April 13, 2005 and it started with a six-million dollar grant from the state and a four-million dollar contribution from the City. The new library will be very high tech as a self-service library. It will have self check-in and check-out machines, a teen area, five homework rooms where homework assistance will be available, a children's area, access to thirty-one computers, and a Spanish section. Some other services that the library will have are the literacy program, and computer classes. It will have 30,000 new books and audio visual materials. The library will hold 80,000 items. City Corps has been helping transport books to the new library. The grand opening of the library will be in April 2007. The Library Director set up a fundraising goal of \$500,000. That goal was exceeded at \$600,000 by a variety of contributions from the community and city departments. After a few questions, Ms. Middleton and Mr. Alamillo were excused.

SUBJECT: Report of the Recreation Superintendent. Mr. Efrén Gorre, City Corps Manager, informed the Commission on the recent activities and outcomes on City Corps. They participated in the Veteran's Day celebration, the College Park Mobile Satellite City Hall, the showmobile set-up at Cesar Chavez School, the refuse contract assembly of trash cans, the Commission on Human Concerns commodities, the Sister City rummage sale, the wastewater inspection of catch basins, the Southwinds clean-up, clean up of the bleachers in the Old Oxnard High School, and assisted the Ventura County Ballet project. For seven years, City Corps kids have been recording City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings. After a few questions Mr. Gorre was excused.

Mr. Ramirez introduced Ms. Jill Dolan, Parade Coordinator. Ms. Dolan informed the Commission on the 56th Annual Tree Lighting and the Christmas Parade.

Mr. Ramirez introduced Ms. Jocelyn Peterson, Senior Wilson Center Supervisor. Ms. Peterson informed the Commission that they had a senior talent show on October 13th. They had fourteen different entries and had over one hundred in attendance. Since the talent show the groups have been in high demand to perform in different places. The event was such of success that next year they are looking for a bigger place to hold the event.

Mr. Ramirez informed the Commission on upcoming events: the 6th Annual Breakfast with Santa, the Santa Float Tour from December 18-22. On Christmas Eve, December 24th Santa will do a special city grand tour. Mr. Ramirez would like to thank Ryle Lynch-Cole, Greg Barnes, the City Corps kids, and the probation department kids for their dedication on the Santa Claus Float and Mr. Edward de La Rosa for his donation.

Mr. Arias informed the Commission on the first season on the youth sportsmanship program. Twenty-six teams participated in the volleyball sportsmanship program with seventeen of the teams receiving a perfect score in all the games in which they participated. In flag football, twenty-six teams participated with ten teams receiving a perfect score. The program was very successful, and the teams with perfect sportsmanship scores will have a pizza party at Rusty Pizza Parlor, who is supporting the program. The City of Oxnard Recreation Services and the Commission would like to thank Mr. Dan Collier, owner from Rusty Pizza Parlor for his support.

Update on upcoming events. Mr. Ramirez informed the Commission on the upcoming events: the tree lighting at Plaza Park, the Christmas Parade, the breakfast with Santa and the Santa Claus float tours.

F. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Bowman informed the Commission that the letters will be sent to all the non-profit organizations on the fundraising.

The Commissioner wished everyone happy holidays!

G. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. Next regular meeting will be on January 24, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

Leana Bowman, Secretary