

MINUTES

CITY OF OXNARD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING Regular Meeting July 23, 2008

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:29 p.m. the regular meeting of the Oxnard Parks and Recreation Commission convened in the Council Chambers. Vice Chairman Cobb and commissioners, Garcia, Lemos and Pinkard were present. Chairman Postel and Commissioner Barber were excused. The Recording Secretary stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States. Vice Chairman Cobb presided and called the meeting to order. Staff members present were: Sofia Balderrama, Acting Recreation Superintendent; Richard Arias, Recreation Supervisor; Lori Rice, Parks Manager; Efren Gorre, Youth Development Manager and Hidania Novoa, Recording Secretary.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Approval of minutes – June 25, 2008.
ACTION: Approved with a correction. (Pinkard/Garcia)

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: Recognize State Silver Medalist Team.
DISCUSSION: Richard Arias gave a brief overview on the Oxnard Seaside team and had coaches; John Carrillo, Peter Hernandez and Sarah Hilgenberg introduce their team.
2. SUBJECT: Youth Developer Awards by City Corps.
ACTION: Item continued to September 24, 2008.
3. SUBJECT: Recognize Ms. Alice Ramirez and Frank Gutierrez for their many years of service to the City.
DISCUSSION: Councilmember John C. Zaragoza presented a plaque to Ms. Ramirez for her great work for the past 10 years with the city. And, also a plaque was presented to Mr. Gutierrez for his 40 years of hard work and dedication. Mr. Arias thanked Ms. Ramirez and Mr. Gutierrez for their commitment and dedication throughout all these years. Ms. Ramirez and Mr. Gutierrez thanked everyone for the recognition.
4. SUBJECT: Proclamation for Parks and Recreation Month.
ACTION: Vice Chairman Cobb accepted proclamation.

E. REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Cancellation of the Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting for the month of August.
ACTION: Meeting was cancelled by consensus.
2. SUBJECT: Update on Campus Park.
DISCUSSION: Ralph Alamillo, Project Manager commented that currently the project is in the demolition stages and it is about 60% completed. He shared that he had received direction from Council to proceed with the demolition of the pool, which is expected to be

completed within the next three weeks. Mr. Alamillo also mentioned that the contractor is still recycling about 80% of the material, and expects to have the site clean and done within the next four to six weeks.

3. **SUBJECT:** Update on College Park Phase 1B Plans and Specifications.
DISCUSSION: Mr. Alamillo stated that he had received direction to proceed with putting out to bid Phase 1B, which consists of two dog parks, two volleyball courts and two parking lots. It also includes a perimeter road that ties in the entrance of Raider Way and wraps around the north end of the current basketball courts and ties in to the dog park for access. Mr. Alamillo anticipates starting with the construction by this fall and be completed by the beginning of next year.

F. PARK MANAGER/SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

1. **SUBJECT:** Report of the Recreation Superintendent
The following items were highlighted in the Recreation Superintendent's Report:
 1. Update on Dallas Cowboys in Oxnard from Richard Arias.
 2. Update on Strawberry Fields Triathlon in Oxnard from Sofia Balderrama.
 3. Update on Dr. Murphy's Auto Museum from Sofia Balderrama
 4. Update on City Corps from Efren Gorre.**ACTION:** Commission accepted report.
2. **SUBJECT:** Report of the Park Manager
 1. Update on Via Marina Playground.
Lori Rice stated that the construction of the playground at Via Marina Park is scheduled to start in mid-October and will consist of two play areas; one for 2-5 year olds and another one for 5-12 year olds. It will be located on the same site as the old one.
 2. Update on Vineyard Tree Planting Project.
Ms. Rice stated that the median and tree crew had completed an improvement project that consisted of planting 14 Bradford Pear Trees on the south side of Vineyard and east of Ventura Road, she shared pictures of the completed project. Ms. Rice also mentioned that the construction of the Oxnard Beach Park Playground has begun and is expected to be completed in the beginning of November. The pirate themed playground will be the biggest and best in the city. It will consist of two play areas; one for 2-5 year olds and another one for 5-12 year olds.
ACTION: Commission accepted report.

G. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Pinkard requested confirmation on the next scheduled meeting; Mrs. Balderrama confirmed that the next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2008. He also congratulated and thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for their work.

Commissioner Lemos shared that he enjoyed the Strawberry Fields Triathlon and commended Yolanda Piña for her hard work. He's looking forward to the Dallas Cowboys Camp and thanked Mr. Arias and staff for their great work.

Commissioner Garcia commended Denise Chavez from City Corps for her work at the Strawberry Fields Triathlon. He also thanked staff in general.

Vice Chairman Cobb thanked Mr. Arias for presenting the Oxnard Seaside team and congratulated Ms. Ramirez and Mr. Gutierrez for their recognition. He shared positive feedback received from the Strawberry Fields Triathlon and thanked Yolanda Piña, Martin Vasquez and Jessica Amaro for their outstanding work. He also congratulated the Oxnard Bulls.

H. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:43 p.m. the Parks and Recreation Commission concurred to adjourn the meeting.

Next regular meeting scheduled for September 24, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Gloria M. Postel, Chairman