

MINUTES
CITY OF OXNARD
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
City Council Chambers
305 W. Third Street
Regular Meeting
September 26, 2007- 5:30 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chairman Postel. Vice-Chairman Cobb, Commissioners Garcia, Barber, Lemos and Pinkard were present. Staff members present were: Gil Ramirez, Recreation Superintendent; Lori Rice, Parks Manager; Greg Barnes, Recreation Coordinator; Martha Nateras, Recording Secretary and Office Assistant, Martin Vasquez.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Approval of minutes-July 25, 2007
RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes as presented.
ACTION: Minutes approved.
(Motion –B. Pinkard, Second – J. Barber)

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ernest Stein invited everyone to attend the Cancer Walk on December 29 & 30th, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at Oxnard High School.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

SUBJECT: Roy Chambers, of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), was named a finalist for the 2007 Spirit of Service Awards. A plaque was given to Mr. Chambers for his volunteerism in RSVP. Mr. Chambers has volunteered 20 hours a week, every week since 1991.

SUBJECT: Mr. Mark McCampbell, USTA National Director and Coach of the Oxnard Tennis Center, informed the Commission that the Oxnard Tennis Center has eight fully lighted championship tennis courts. Over 1,000 members utilize the facilities on a monthly basis. The Oxnard Tennis Center offers adult and senior leagues, group lessons and a junior program. The Oxnard Tennis Center has been selected as a National Area Training Center by the United States Tennis Association.

E. REPORTS

SUBJECT: Update on the State & National Boxing Tournaments.
DISCUSSION: Terrel Harrison, Co-Director of the Police Activities League (PAL) Program informed the Commission on the State Boxing Championship Tournament. Last year PAL hosted 261 participants which was a record high for the State Boxing Tournament. Over 5,000 people were in attendance for the two day event.

Senior Officer Klopman, Co-Director for PAL, said they expect over 400 boxers in this year's State Boxing Tournament.

Jason Zaragoza, City Recreation Leader, informed the Commission that PAL has created a new web site especially for the State and National Boxing Tournaments.

Elven Jackson, City Recreation Leader, created a new commercial for the State & National Boxing Tournaments.

ACTION: Commission accepted report

SUBJECT: Update on old Oxnard High School.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ken Ortega, Public Works Director informed the Commission on site opportunities and challenges on the 33 acre (net) site. The zoning will be changed from school to park zoning. The site condition assessment has numerous buildings that have been red-tagged. The site has unreinforced structures, vermin infestation, water damage, wood rot, termite infestation, extensive fire and smoke damage and an antiquated electrical system. The next steps are the removal of lead paint and asbestos remediation work, which is currently underway. Demolition work and site clearing, grubbing, and grading plan (including cost estimates) should be completed soon. Once it has been cleared, the area has a lot of potential to accommodate about fifteen sports fields, including youth soccer fields, softball fields, basketball courts and a recreation building. The recommended phasing plan is to work in different phases. Phase I is the removal of asbestos abatement work. The work commenced in August, 2007 and the estimated completion date is the end of November 2007. Phase II is site demolition work. The City Council provided direction to the Public Works Director regarding limits of site clearing, grubbing, and grading work in April 2007. The available funding is \$970,000. Recently, City Council provided direction to Public Works Director regarding preparation of various site alternatives for the former Oxnard High School site (Campus Fields) in April 2007.

SPEAKER: Mr. Steve Fleischer, Wilson Neighborhood Chairman. Mr. Fleischer expressed concerns regarding the old Oxnard High School site. The neighborhood has not been invited to any public hearings and is concerned about fencing, parking and the swimming pool.

RECOMMENDATION: Update the Parks and Recreation Commission and the public involved on progress on the development of the old Oxnard High School (Campus Fields) Project.

ACTION: Approved (Barber/Cobb) Ayes: Chairman Postel, Commissioners Garcia, Lemos and Pinkard.

SUBJECT: Update on Online Registration.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Greg Barnes, Recreation Coordinator, informed the Commission that the online registration opened on August 15, 2007, and has been very successful. The department now accepts credit cards and has taken over 529 registrations online over a five week period.

SUBJECT: Selection of up to three Commissioners for the Youth Enrichment Program selection process.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Sofia Balderrama, Management Analyst III asked the Commission to appoint up to three Commissioners to serve on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Youth Enrichment Program Citizens Ad Hoc Committee. The task of the committee is to assist the City in awarding CDBG grant funding to community based organizations who serve at risk youth from very low and low moderate income families. Specifically, members will read proposals submitted, listen to a brief presentation of the agencies project, and develop a list of selected projects and recommended funding for City Council's review and final approval.

ACTION: Three commissioners were appointed to serve on the CDBG Youth Enrichment Program Ad Hoc Committee: (Chairman Postel, Vice-Chairman Cobb and Commissioner Garcia).

SUBJECT: Special meetings for the months of November and December.

ACTION: Regular meetings were cancelled (Garcia/Pinkard). A special meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12th, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

F. PARK MANAGER/SUPERNTENDENT'S REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Report of the Recreation Superintendent.

The following items were highlighted in the Recreation Superintendent's Report:

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| 1. End of Summer Report | 5. Holiday Events |
| 2. Fall Sports/Classes | 6. Multicultural Festival |
| 3. RSPV and Bone Builders' | 7. City Corps |
| 4. Recap on 10 th Annual Independent Film Festival | |

ACTION: Commission accepted report.

2. SUBJECT: Report of the Park Manager

1. Update on Garden City Acres Park
2. Extension to Southwest Community Park.

ACTION: Commission accepted report.

Ms. Rice informed the Commission that Parks and Facilities had made some improvements in the Community Center West Park, Marina West Park, on Oleander Street, on Patricia Street and Sea Air Park. A new solar irrigated system was installed on Fisherman's Warf, upgraded the water

system, and upgraded the softball area on the corner of the old Oxnard High School on Second Street and H Street.

G. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Vice-Chairman Cobb reminded the public to drive safely around Fremont School and 5th Street.

The Commissioners thanked the staff for doing a great job.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Next regular meeting scheduled for October 24, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

Gloria M. Postel, Chairman

Note: These "action minutes" and brevity is desirable. Details regarding issues contained herein are available on the tape recording covering these minutes.