

MINUTES  
CITY OF OXNARD  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
City Council Chambers  
305 W. Third Street  
Regular Meeting  
July 26, 2006  
5:30 p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL**

At 5:50 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 Bowman, Cobb, Garcia, Lemos and were present. Commissioner Barber was excused. Staff members present were: Recreation Superintendent, Gil Ramirez and Facilities Superintendent, Recreation Supervisor, Richard Arias, Recreation, Coordinator, Gregory Barnes and Recording Secretary, Martha M. Nateras, Michael Henderson was absent.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**SUBJECT:** Approval of minutes from the June 28, 2006 meeting.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Approval.

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

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR**

**Subject:** Special Presentation to Sal Magallon. The Commission presented a plaque and thanked Mr. Magallon for donating the books to the Preschool Program.

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**SUBJECT:** Cancellation of the Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting for the month of August. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to cancel the meeting, Commissioner Bowman seconded. The meeting was cancelled.

**SUBJECT:** Update on Police Activity League (PAL) State Boxing Tournament. Mr. Gil Ramirez introduced Mr. Terrel Harrison, Recreation Supervisor and Senior Officer, Ken Klopman and Co-Director of the PAL Program. Sr. Officer Klopman informed the Commission that this is the fourth year the PAL Program will be hosting the event. Last year they had about 250 boxers from California, Nevada and Arizona. This year they are expecting 400-500 boxers from California, Nevada, Arizona and Oregon. The number of boxer will increase due to well recognized boxers in the City of Oxnard. Mr. Harrison also informed the Commission that this year the theme will be "Boxing in Paradise". In October the City of Oxnard will be also hosting the National PAL Boxing Tournament. The Commission congratulated Sr. Officer Klopman and Mr. Harrison for a well job done.

**SUBJECT:** Update on Preschool To You. Sofia Balderrama, Management Analyst III introduced some of the teachers: Alejandra Harlin, Maria Ochoa, Estela Larios and Rachel Jimenez. Mrs. Harlin informed the Commission that Preschool To You is free program for families with children 2 ½ to 5 years old. The program is sponsored by the Ventura County First Five and the Recreation & Community Services Department. The Preschool has been in service for the past four years. The program is a mobile unit that takes the services to different neighborhood parks: Sierra Linda Park, Southwinds Park, Marina West Park, Rio Lindo Park, Beck Park, Lemonwood Park and College Estates Park. They had a total of 223 children register by the end of June 2006. The average attendance per park is 15-20 children per park. As of June 2006, thirty-two students graduated from preschool with certificate. On October 2005 the Preschool To You was awarded with the Helen Platinum Award for Excellence in the League of California Cities. The contract with The Ventura County First Five will end on December 2006, but the Recreation Department is searching for new grants to continue with the program.

**SUBJECT:** Report of the Recreation Superintendent. Mr. Ramirez informed the Commission on the Dallas Cowboys Training Camp and Cheerleaders Clinic. The Recreation Department will host the Punt Pass and Kick local competition. They have approximately 150 volunteers. Mr. Ramirez informed the Commission on the senior water exercise low impact aerobics classes offer in the Colonia swimming pool. It is free class for all seniors. City Corps will be involved with the Dallas Cowboys Training Camp and they will have a complete report on the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

**F. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Chairman Postel asked Mr. Ramirez the status on the dog park on Mandalay Bay Park. Mr. Ramirez informed the Commission that Parks and Facilities staff met with the Neighborhood Council in Mandalay Bay and Neighborhood Council decided to keep Mandalay Park as a park only.

Chairman Postel informed staff that the Commission has divided the parks and they will be reporting on a monthly basis the status.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Next regular meeting will be on September 27, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

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Leana Bowman, Secretary