

## MINUTES

CITY OF OXNARD  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
Special Meeting  
July 25, 2007

### A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:37 p.m. the special meeting of the Oxnard Parks and Recreation Commission convened in the Council Chambers. Commissioners Cobb, Barber, Garcia, Lemos and Pinkard were present. Chairman Postel was excused. The Recording Secretary stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday at 4:00 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: Gil Ramirez, Recreation Superintendent; Lori Rice, Parks Manager; Richard Arias, Recreation Supervisor; and Hidania Novoa, Recording Secretary.

### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Approval of minutes – June 27, 2007  
ACTION: Approved (Garcia/Lemos).

### C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Guerra, suggested to have one of the tennis courts in Carty Park converted to a T-ball play area.

Lori Rice, Parks Manager commented that funding for court repairs was available and agreed to have one of the tennis courts converted; however, she would first need to schedule a meeting with the Neighborhood Council for their input.

### D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

### E. REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Cancellation of the Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting for the month of August.  
ACTION: Meeting was cancelled (Garcia/Lemos).

2. **SUBJECT:** Update on the Courts 31-1 Project located at Rose Avenue on the East, First Street on the South, Marquita on the West and Del Sol Park on the North, including park and soccer field issues.

**DISCUSSION:** Sal Gonzales stated that it was decided to demolish the Courts 31-1 since it is the oldest Housing Project in the City of Oxnard. The plan is to build two-story units for better use of the land and to accommodate more families in need. There are approximately two thousand families on the waiting list. The open area will also be impacted since Del Sol Park West will be moved to First Street and Rose Avenue and two soccer fields will be added to Del Sol Park East with artificial turf. If funding is received under Proposition 1C, there is a possibility to expand the existing Colonia swimming pool and revitalize the Youth Center as well.

Larry White continued the presentation by adding that home ownership opportunities to low income families and additional affordable rental housing units will be offered following the renovation of the courts. Also planned are more open areas such as passive parks, additional parking and a neighborhood center to continue offering services to the community. Construction is tentatively scheduled to start in March 2008.

Gil Ramirez added that fencing around the proposed soccer fields on Del Sol Park East is necessary to increase the turf's longevity and improve park security. He also expressed his support for the expansion of the Colonia Pool.

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

## **F. PARK MANAGER/SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS**

1. **SUBJECT:** Report of the Recreation Superintendent  
The following items were highlighted in the Recreation Superintendent's Report:

1. PAL State Boxing from Terrel Harrison.
2. Summer Activities from Sandra Wilusz.
3. Youth and Adult Sports from Richard Arias and Gil Ramirez.
4. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from Commissioner Pinkard.
5. Online Registration from Gil Ramirez.
6. City Corps from Efren Gorre.

**ACTION:** Commission accepted report.

## **G. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Commissioner Pinkard expressed his eagerness about the Parks and Recreation 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

Commissioner Barber shared that it was unfortunate that the Salsa Festival and the Parks and Recreation 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was held on the same weekend. He also requested an update on the old Oxnard High School project.

Commissioner Garcia congratulated and thanked City Corps for their hard work.

Commissioner Lemos thanked Gil Ramirez and staff for the great programs and activities.

Vice Chairman Cobb expressed concern about the traffic hazard on Fifth Street along Southwest Park. He also congratulated Mermaids Girls' Softball for winning the National Championship and extended congratulations to various little leagues in Oxnard.

#### **H. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:19 p.m. the Parks and Recreation Commission concurred to adjourn the meeting.

Next regular meeting scheduled for September 26, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

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Gloria M. Postel, Chairman