

## MINUTES

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

### **A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA**

At 5:31 p.m. the regular meeting of the Oxnard Parks and Recreation Commission convened in the Council Chambers. Commissioners Cobb, Barber, Garcia and Pinkard were present. Chairman Postel and commissioner Lemos were excused. The Recording Secretary stated that the agenda was posted on Friday 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: 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 – December 12, 2007  
ACTION: Approved with a correction on Mr. Ernest Stein's last name per Vice Chairman Cobb. (Barber/Garcia)

### **C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Diane LaDouceur, Recreation Coordinator thanked the Parks and Facilities Department for all their help with the new preschool at Durley Park. Particularly she thanked Dave Mesa and staff for building and expanding the facility and Jose Perez for providing the water for the water play activities this summer. She also expressed her gratitude to the Parks and Facilities Department for promptly removing the graffiti after the preschool had been vandalized. Her staff presented a poster created by the preschool showing their appreciation to the department. Ms. LaDouceur continued by giving an overview on the various preschool classes.

### **D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR**

### **E. REPORTS**

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

1. SUBJECT: Report of the Recreation Superintendent  
The following items were highlighted in the Recreation Superintendent's Report:
  1. District VIII Awards from Gil Ramirez.
  2. CPRS Conference on February 26-29, 2008
  3. Wii Demonstration from Efren Gorre.
  4. Senior Health Screening Expo February 19, 2008
  5. City Corps from Efren Gorre.ACTION: Commission accepted report.

2. SUBJECT: Report of the Park Manager

1. Update on Phase 1A at College Park

DISCUSSION: Lori Rice updated the commission on the various phases of College Park, including Phase 1A, which consists of three basketball courts and a play area along with a parking lot. This phase is expected to be completed by the end of February 2008. Phase 1B is currently in the design process for a dog park and is anticipated to be finished in fall of 2008. And, Phase 1C is scheduled to be completed in 2011, which will consist of five synthetic turf soccer fields.

Ms. Rice also shared that they are in the process on setting a date to celebrate the Grand Opening of Southwest Community Park Extension located at the corner of Patterson Road and Fifth Street. Also, she thanked Facilities staff for the recent improvements made in the meeting room in back of the Council Chambers.

ACTION: Commission accepted report.

## **G. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Commissioner Pinkard inquired about the status on the rearrangement of Parks and Recreation with Public Works Department. Lori Rice stated that Parks and Facilities Maintenance as well as the Garage were recently separated from Public Works; therefore, those divisions report directly to Michael Henderson, Maintenance Services Superintendent, and he reports to Karen Burnham, Assistant City Manager. She added that Parks and Recreation work very closely, but are two separate divisions.

Commissioner Garcia congratulated Richard Arias and staff on the Challenger Flag Football program held at the Community Center West Park, and shared that he had received positive feedback from various cities on the event. He also mentioned that the Senior Citizens Dance Group in Ventura was closing due to lack of funding, and suggested to open one in the City of Oxnard. Finally, he thanked the Recreation Division and City Corps for their hard work.

Vice Chairman Cobb thanked various organizations and the Parks and Recreation Division for providing the resources and offering various sports activities to the youth. He then reminded everyone to drive safely.

Gil Ramirez thanked Greg Barnes and Diego Zuñiga for putting together the graphics along with the presentations for the meeting.

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:56 p.m. the Parks and Recreation Commission concurred to adjourn the meeting.

Next regular meeting scheduled for February 27, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

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Gloria M. Postel, Chairman