

MINUTES
CITY OF OXNARD
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
City Council Chambers
305 W. Third Street
Regular Meeting
January 25, 2006
5:30 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

At 5:32 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, Barber, Cobb, Garcia, and Lemos were present. Commissioners Bowman and Guerrero were excused. Staff members present were: Recreation Superintendent, Gil Ramirez, Recreation Coordinator, Recreation Supervisor, Richard Arias, Gregory Barnes and Recording Secretary, Martha M. Nateras, Facilities Superintendent, Michael Henderson was absent.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SUBJECT: Approval of minutes from the December 7, 2005 meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Approval

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

SUBJECT: Special Pin Award Employees Presentation to Adamelia Esparza, Richard Arias, John Godina, Martha Nateras and Gil Ramirez. Mr. Ramirez introduced Rachel Shaw, Director of Human Resources Department. Ms. Shaw informed the Commission that the City of Oxnard celebrated the Service Pin Ceremony on January 10, 2006. Ms. Esparza has been with the City five years, Mr. Arias ten years, Mr. Godina fifteen years, Ms. Nateras twenty years and Mr. Ramirez thirty years. The Recreation and Community Services has served the City of Oxnard 80 years of service.

E. NEW BUSINESS

With general consensus, agenda items were re-arranged.

SUBJECT: Update report on the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Mr. Ramirez introduced Mr. Bill Gasparovic, RSVP Coordinator. Mr. Gasparovic presented a power point presentation on the RSVP. RSVP currently has approximately 600 volunteers with many skills and talents working at various agencies. Some of the examples the volunteers work in is the information center, aid the sick in our hospital, preparing mailings: folding, stuffing, sealing, labeling and sorting and many other activities. If you are 55 and older and interested in community volunteerism, there are many ways that the RSVP can benefit you at no cost to you and the agency you wish to volunteer at. Some of the benefits are: free insurance, travel/mileage reimbursement and a special annual pin recognition awards ceremony. After a few questions from the Commission Mr. Gasparovic was excused.

SUBJECT: Report of the Recreation Superintendent. Mr. Ramirez presented a power point presentation on the upcoming classes: Mr. Ramirez introduced some of the teachers: Mr. Ed Gadford, ballroom instructor, Rachele Ford, yoga instructor and Linda Yen, jazzercise instructor. After a few questions from the Commission all instructors were excused. Mr. Ramirez informed the Commission on the 2006 Special Events. In February the CPRS District VIII Awards and Installation Banquet, the Police Activity League (PAL) fundraiser, the 37th Annual girls Invitational Basketball Tournament, the PAL International Boxing Show, in London, England. In March the 58th Annual Rotary Youth Basketball Tournament, the USA Boxing Championship in Colorado, the Senior Softball Qualifier, the CPRS Conference in Ontario, the Oxnard Strawberry Golf Classic and the Strawberry Fields Triathlon. In April the California State Leadership Conference in Sacramento, the Oxnard Union High School District Mariachi Festival, the National Volunteer Week Celebration. In May the Bike to Work Month and the California Strawberry Festival. In June - June is the Employment Month, the Summer Lunch program (through August) the Philipino Flag Raising Ceremony, the Fiestas Filipinas and the Junior High Grad Night. In July the National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, DC, the Heritage Square Summer concert series, the 9th Annual 4th of July Fireworks by the Sea, the Oxnard City Golf Championships, the Salsa Festival, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Volunteer Recognition Pin BBQ Events. In August the Dallas Cowboys and the PAL State Boxing Championships. In September the Youth and Film Festival. In October the Multicultural Festival and the PAL National Boxing Championships. In November the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Oxnard PAL, the Annual Turkey One-pitch Softball Tournament, the "Toys No Fees" Softball Tournament. In December the Tree Lighting Ceremony, the Holiday Parade, the RSVP Open House the 41st Annual Parade of Lights, the Christmas Tree Lane, the Santa's Float Tour, Breakfast with Santa and the Annual Oxnard PAL Holiday party of kids 17 & under (Toys for Tots).

Mr. Ramirez introduced the new Recreation Coordinator Mr. Gregory Barnes and informed the Commission that Ms. Yolanda Pina was a nominee for Employee of the Quarter. Ms. Pina is in charge of the South Oxnard Center, the Breakfast with Santa and the Multicultural Festival. The Commission congratulated Ms. Pina.

Mr. Ramirez introduced Mr. Efren Gorre, City Corps Manager. Mr. Gorre informed the Commission on future project for the City Corps Department. City Corps have been working on upgrading the traffic lights in downtown, reinforcement of new trash container project, participating in the Martin Luther King, Jr. march. Over 100 kids are involved in different activities and projects. City Corps is the only city that participates on daily operation projects for the past 10 years. The Commission congratulated Mr. Gorre and staff for a well job done.

F. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Barber invited everyone to participate on the new South Oxnard Library development.

The Commission thanked the department for the information on the events.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. Next regular meeting will be on February 22, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

Leana Bowman, Secretary