

MINUTES
CITY OF OXNARD
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
City Council Chambers
305 W. Third Street
Regular Meeting
September 27, 2006
5:30 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

At 5:34 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, Bowman, Cobb, Garcia, Lemos and Pinkard were present. 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 July 28, 2006 meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Approval.

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ernest Stein would like to donate nine Cowboy autograph footballs and eight chess sets to the City. This item will be put on the next Parks and Recreation Commission agenda.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

SUBJECT: Recognition of Dallas Cowboys Camp Volunteers. Mr. Arias, Recreation Supervisor presented certificates to the Ventura County Probation Department, they donated 562 hours volunteer hours. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program donated 408 hours. There were a total of 191 volunteers plus City Corps for the three week program.

E. NEW BUSINESS

With general consensus, agenda items were re-arranged.

SUBJECT: Swearing in of new Commission Bedford L. Pinkard. City Clerk, Daniel Martinez, swore in Commissioner Bedford L. Pinkard.

SUBJECT: Update on Public Works Reorganization Plan. Mr. Ken Ortega, Public Works Director. Mr. Ortega gave an overview of the reorganization of the department. Public Works is the biggest department in the City of Oxnard. Mr. Ortega's goal is to re-establish the department. The department is divided into departments, branches and then divisions. Utility Services Manager/Assistant Public Works Director is Mr. Mark Norris. Mr. Norris oversees the Environment Resources Division and Water Resources. The Administrative Service Manger is vacant. This position will be in charge of operations support, business services and executive support.

The Design and Construction Services Manager/City Manger is Mr. Lou Balderrama. Mr. Balderrama oversees the survey, traffic engineering, capital project management and the transportation and transit. The Maintenance Services Manager/Deputy Public Works Director is Mr. Michael Henderson. Mr. Henderson oversees parks maintenance, fleet services, streets maintenance and facilities manager. They are using the existing human resources, enhancing the level of customer service by implementing the pilot call center, the graffiti action program (coming soon), and the parks master plan.

The goal and objectives are: Reestablish the Public Works Department by 1) creating a more traditional and industry standard organizational structure, 2) improving departmental lines of communication, 3) establishing a reasonable span of control, 4) conducting reclassifications/consolidations and reassignments, 5) enhancing internal and external customer service, 6) engage in long term planning, and 7) improve interagency working relationships. After a few questions from the Commission, Mr. Ortega was excused.

SUBJECT: Update on Police Activity League (PAL) State Boxing Tournament. Mr. Terrel Harrison, Recreation Supervisor and Senior Officer, Ken Klopman and Co-Director of the PAL Program informed the Commission that this is the fourth year that the Police Activity League (PAL) has hosted the event. It was a three day tournament. They had about 250 boxers from California, Nevada, Oregon and Arizona. David Garcia from Oxnard won the belt for the State Championship for 15-16 years olds. Javier Garcia won the belt for the 13-14 years olds and Carlos Cisneros won the belt for the 11-12 years olds. These three boxers were coached by Mr. Robert Garcia from La Colonia Boxing Gym. Randy Hicks won the belt from the Police Activity League. They are also hosing the 32nd Annual National PAL Boxing Championships, October 2-7, 2006. They are expecting 400-500 boxers from California, Nevada, Arizona and Oregon. The number of boxers will increase due to well recognized boxers in the City of Oxnard and also the champions will be selected for the 2008 USA Olympic Qualifier. Some of the boxing celebrities and World Champions who will be coming to the event are: Mr. Fernando Vargas, Robert Garcia, Sugar Shane Mosley, James Toney, Jennifer Alcorn, Michael Carbajal, Danny "Li'l Red" Lopez, Lucia Rijker, Tony "the Tiger" Lopez, Carlos Palomino and referee Joe Cortez. They also are going to have African drummers & dancers, Polynesian dancers, Mariachi and folklorico dancers.

SUBJECT: Report of the Recreation Superintendent. Ms. Rene Rakestraw, Camp Director informed the Commission it was a very successful summer. The ages were 8-12 years old, each week they sold out and they served 595 campers. They had five to ten activities every week, they went to different filed trips like Magic Mountain, the Reagan Museum, the Carnegie Museum, roller skating and many more. They also had two barbecues. Next summer they are hoping to increase the campers to 75-100 per week. They are also thinking about opening camp for ages 13-17 years old. After a few questions from the Commission Ms. Rakestraw was excused.

Update on the Dallas Cowboys Training Camp and Cheerleaders Clinic. Mr. Richard Arias, Recreation Supervisor informed the Commission that they had zero graffiti due the dedication of all volunteers, City Corps and staff. The Recreation Department hosted the Punt Pass and Kick local competition. They had 191 volunteers not including City Corps. Mr. Ramirez informed the Commission that the Cheerleader Clinic had over 200 participants. Mr. Ramirez thanked the staff for a very successful camp.

Mr. Greg Barnes informed the Commission about the on-line registration. The web site has been updated with the Recreation activities. Coming soon is on-line registration for all the Recreation classes. Customers will be able to register 24-hours a day and pay by credit card. The system should be available in January 2007.

Youth sports sportsmanship report. Mr. Arias informed the Commission that due to some violence in other cities the City of Oxnard Recreation Department has come up with a mission statement. The Recreation Department's goal is to provide quality recreational youth sports programs in an environment that encourages learning, participation, sportsmanship and fun. Recreation and Community Services will provide a positive introduction to youth sports emphasizing learning sportsmanship in equal opportunity on all the Recreation sports leagues. The staff had a mandatory coach orientation meeting to introduce the new program. All coaches were finger printed. All teams are going to be rated for sportsmanship.

City Corps report. Mr. Gorre informed the Commission on the recent activities and outcomes on City Corps. They participated in the relay for life in Oxnard, Newbury Park, Camarillo, the multi cultural festival, walk for obesity, the Fiestas Patrias, assisted with a police fund raiser, the employee picnic and several other projects. City Corps was invited by the Police Department in Santa Inez for a presentation. The Commission congratulated Mr. Gorre and City Corps for a well job done.

F. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Bowman would like staff to inform the Commission on how to form a foundation. Commissioner Bowman also would like to investigate the possibilities of utilizing some sections of local parks for a dog park.

Commissioner Barber congratulated the City of Oxnard Police Department and staff for a well job done on the Fiestas Patrias event.

Commissioner Pinkard is looking forward to participate in the Parks and Recreation Commission.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular meeting will be on October 25, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

Leana Bowman, Secretary