

MINUTES

CITY OF OXNARD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING Special Meeting December 8, 2010

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:34 p.m. the special meeting of the Oxnard Parks and Recreation Commission convened in the Council Chambers. Chairman Postel and Commissioners Cobb, Garcia, Barber, Lemos, Pinkard and Sumersille were present. The Recording Secretary stated that the agenda was posted on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States. Chairman Postel presided and called the meeting to order. Staff members present were: Efren Gorre, Youth Development Manager; Richard Arias, Recreation Supervisor; Lori Rice, Parks Manager and Hidania Novoa, Recording Secretary.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Approval of minutes – October 27, 2010.
ACTION: Approved. (Garcia/Barber)

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: Guest from the North Pole. (Y. Piña and G. Barnes)
DISCUSSION: Santa Claus and elves invited the public to the upcoming holiday events.
2. SUBJECT: Recognize Ralph "Skip" Sanchez for being on the Senior Softball Hall of Fame. (R. Arias)
DISCUSSION: Commission recognized Mr. Sanchez for his senior softball achievements.
3. SUBJECT: Recognize Mark Pumford for the Youth Developer Award. (E. Gorre)
DISCUSSION: Efren Gorre presented an award to Mr. Pumford for his involvement with City Corps.

E. REPORTS

F. PARK MANAGER/SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Report of the Park Manager.
The following items were highlighted in the Recreation Superintendent's Report:
 - a. Presentation on the History of Durley Park from Mark Turek. Slide Show was presented.
 - b. Update on Community Center East Park Renovation from Mark Turek and Ralph Alamillo. Presented Slide Show.
RECOMMENDATION: Commission recommended Parks to consider family restrooms on future projects when funding is available. (Approved by consensus)
2. SUBJECT: Report of the Recreation Superintendent.
 - c. Del Sol/PAL Stadium Renovation from Officer Luis McArthur. Presented slide show and recognized volunteers.
 - d. PAL Boxing Events Update from Terrel Harrison. Video was presented.
 - e. Winter Sports Update from Richard Arias.
 - f. Update on City Corps Projects from Efren Gorre. Slide show was presented.
ACTION: Commission accepted report.

G. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Discussion on Tamale Festival: Commissioner Barber inquired about the history of the Tamale Festival. Ernest Stein stated that the festival was created in 2008 with the purpose of promoting local businesses and to assist in raising funds for local charities. He shared that his goal is to make the Tamale Festival an official city event. Commissioner Summersille inquired about the protocol for an event to become an official city event.

RECOMMENDATION: Commission requested information to be provided at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting in January 2011, regarding process for an event to become an official city event.

Commissioner Summersille thanked Councilmembers Maulhardt and Herrera for their service to the city of Oxnard, and congratulated new councilmembers; Tim Flynn and Carmen Ramirez. Also, inquired about the city of Oxnard's compliance with the gender equity ordinance. Richard Arias stated that the city of Oxnard has always been in compliance with the gender equality ordinance.

Commissioner Lemos inquired about the funding available for the upgrade of snack bars. Lori Rice provided a brief update to the commission and stated that a progress timeline will be prepared and provided at a future meeting.

Commissioner Garcia commended Recreation, PAL and City Corps for their ongoing hard work.

Vice Chair Cobb congratulated Terrel Harrison on the PAL Boxing event and added that the restroom at Beck Park needed repairs.

Commissioner Barber commented that this year was the first time that the tractor club was allowed to participate in the holiday parade, requested for them to be placed ahead in the future and inquired about the limitation of how many could participate. Efren Gorre stated that information will be provided. Commissioner Barber also inquired about mobile food vendors being allowed on public parks. Lori Rice stated that mobile food vendors are allowed temporarily on the parking lot to service, but not to station on the premises.

Commissioner Pinkard shared information and history pertaining to the City of Oxnard.

Chair Postel thanked the city staff for the hard work and congratulated the newly elected city council.

H. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:31 p.m. the Parks and Recreation Commission concurred to adjourn the meeting.

Next regular meeting scheduled for January 26, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Gloria M. Postel, Chairman