

MINUTES

CITY OF OXNARD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING Regular Meeting January 28, 2009

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. Chairman Postel and Commissioners Cobb, Garcia, Barber, Lemos, Pinkard and Voss 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: Gil Ramirez, Recreation Superintendent; Richard Arias, Recreation Supervisor; Lori Rice, Parks Manager and Hidania Novoa, Recording Secretary.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Approval of minutes – November 19, 2008.
ACTION: Approved. (Cobb/Postel)

C. SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONERS

City Clerk sworn in and administered Oath of Office to the following Parks and Recreation Commissioners: Gloria Postel, Edgar Leroy Cobb, Armando Garcia, John Barber, Paul Lemos, Bedford Pinkard and Dirk Voss.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Moment of silence for the passing of Joe Peña. Commissioner Pinkard commented that Mr. Peña was employed by the City of Oxnard for over 20 years as a Parks Superintendent and informed the public about his services.

E. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: Recognition of McDonalds Restaurant.
DISCUSSION: Diane LaDouceur and Mayra Ceja presented a plaque to Michelle Laguna, McDonalds Manager of Oxnard Boulevard location, in appreciation of her support. Ms. Laguna thanked for the recognition and shared she enjoyed working with the community.
2. SUBJECT: Recognition of Cruisers Car Club.
DISCUSSION: Terrel Harrison recognized Cruisers Car Club for raising money and donating toys. Mark and Debbie Estrada accepted the plaque and thanked for the recognition.
3. SUBJECT: Recognition by Assemblymember Pedro Nava, California State Legislature.
DISCUSSION: Representative John Mann presented a certificate of recognition to Recreation and Community Services.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Election of Officers for the 2009 P&R Commission: Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary.
ACTION: Commission concurred for the officers to remain the same. Gloria Postel, Chairman; Edgar Leroy Cobb, Vice-Chairman. (Garcia/Voss) Commission selected Dirk Voss as Secretary. (Garcia/Cobb)

G. REPORTS

1. **SUBJECT:** Update on Breakfast with Santa.
DISCUSSION: Sofia Balderrama shared background facts of the program and stated that it began in 1999 as a community outreach effort. She mentioned various partners of this program. Gil Ramirez and Yolanda Piña thanked all staff for their time and great work.

H. PARK MANAGER/SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

1. **SUBJECT:** Report of the Recreation Superintendent
The following items were highlighted in the Recreation Superintendent's Report:
 1. Holiday Wrap-Up from Terrel Harrison. A video was presented.
 2. New Winter/Spring Guide from Diane LaDouceur.
 3. Dog Gone Crazy Classes from Diane LaDouceur. Dog Trainer, Kristy Reed presented live dog tricks.
 4. Fitness Classes from Diane LaDouceur.
 5. Valentine's Day "Parents Time Out" from Mayra Ceja.
 6. Car Fit and Bone Builders from Marisue Eastlake and Dave Pendleton.
 7. Rotary Tournament from Richard Arias.
 8. City Corps from Efren Gorre. A video was presented.**ACTION:** Commission accepted report.
2. **SUBJECT:** Report of the Park Manager
 - a. Update on Gonzales Road Median Improvements.
Ralph Alamillo stated that the Gonzales Median Landscaping Project was completed. This project consisted of various improvements from C Street to Ventura Road; skinned palm trees, added lights, shrubs and synthetic turf. He added that Campus Park Demolition project was completed as well and 80% of the material was recycled. Also, he mentioned that the PAL Gymnasium renovation had recently started, and will consist of adding heat, efficient lighting, ceiling, windows, new bleachers and replacement of flooring. Mr. Alamillo also shared that College Park Phase 1B was 60% completed.
 - b. Update on Basketball Courts Resurfacing Project.
Mr. Alamillo shared the total number of completed resurfaced courts; 20.5 Basketball Courts, 16 Tennis Courts, and 4 Volleyball Courts.
ACTION: Commission accepted report.

I. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Pinkard informed everyone that the youth programs to receive the eleven autographed Dallas Cowboys Footballs were selected. The following were chosen to receive one football: City Impact, Rotary Club of Oxnard Sunrise, The Coalition to End Family Violence, Oxnard High School, Hueneme High School, Channel Island High School, Pacifica High School, Rio Mesa High School, Santa Clara High School and Police Activities League. PAL will be given two footballs. The footballs will be presented to the entities during the Parks and Recreation February meeting.

Commissioner Cobb reminded everyone to treat our parks with respect. Also, thanked the Graffiti Division for their prompt response.

Chairman Postel inquired about arranging a tour for the commission to visit all the City of Oxnard's improvements and changes. Gil Ramirez stated that staff will contact commissioners to schedule a meeting date and suggested a date towards daylight savings time. Chairman Postel also inquired about meeting with City Council after the tour. Mr. Ramirez suggested on bringing up the idea during a Special Workshop that City Council will have to receive feed back from the public. This workshop is scheduled to be on February 23-24, 2009. Mr. Ramirez will share the location of this event after it is determined.

Commissioner Voss reminded the public that on weekends Code Compliance Officers serve as Park Rangers throughout the city and are available by calling the non-emergency Police phone number (805) 385-7600.

Commissioner Garcia thanked everyone that contributed to the Santa Float.

J. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:12 p.m. the Parks and Recreation Commission concurred to adjourn the meeting.

Next regular meeting scheduled for February 25, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Dirk Voss, Secretary