

## MINUTES

CITY OF OXNARD  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
Regular Meeting  
April 22, 2009

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

At 5:33 p.m. the regular meeting of the Oxnard Parks and Recreation Commission convened in the Council Chambers. Chairman Postel and Commissioners Cobb, Garcia, Barber, Pinkard and Voss were present. Commissioner Lemos was excused. 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 – March 25, 2009.  
ACTION: Approved. (Voss/Garcia)

### **C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR**

1. SUBJECT: May is Older Americans Month. (S. Miller)  
DISCUSSION: Susan Miller and Marisue Eastlake presented the Proclamation; "May is Older Americans Month."
2. SUBJECT: May is Bike to Work Week. (G.Ramirez)  
DISCUSSION: Gil Ramirez presented the Proclamation; "May is Bike to Work Week."
3. SUBJECT: Santa Clara Fundraiser Bake Sale for Senior Nutrition Program. (S. Miller)  
DISCUSSION: Susan Miller presented certificates of recognition to Santa Clara Elementary School students for their generosity and fundraising efforts in support of the City of Oxnard's Senior Nutrition Program.

### **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:
  - a. Jr. High Grad Night Update from Gil Ramirez.
  - b. Senior Expo from Susan Miller.
  - c. Summer Registration Guide and Registration from Gil Ramirez.
  - d. Community Cinema from Terrel Harrison.
  - e. City Corps from Efren Gorre.ACTION: Commission accepted report.
2. SUBJECT: Report of the Park Manager
  - f. Dog Park Update from Lori Rice.  
Ms. Lori Rice announced that the Grand Opening of the dog park located in College Park is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.  
Senior Police Officer Luis A. McArthur spoke on behalf of the Oxnard Police Department to consider naming the new dog park in College Park in honor of Rudy, the K-9 that was killed in the line of duty on April 19, 2002.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss item in May 2009 meeting. (Cobb/Approved by consensus)

g. Arbor Day Update from Lori Rice.

Ms. Rice shared that Arbor Day will be held at Community Center Park East on Saturday, April 23, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

h. Discuss Park Amenity List from Lori Rice.

Ms. Rice stated that the new version will be finalized and available on May 1, 2009 at the Parks and Recreation office and possibly in the Library.

ACTION: Commission accepted reports with recommendations.

## **G. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Ms. Lori Rice inquired about possible sites the commission would like to visit on the June Tour Meeting. Mr. Gil Ramirez suggested presenting potential sites for the tour meeting on May's Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss item in May 2009 meeting. (Approved by consensus)

Vice Chairman Cobb thanked Trish Honigsberg for her help and involvement with Our Lady of Guadalupe and Santa Clara Schools regarding Earth Day, and thanked his wife for all her help. He also thanked Yolanda Piña for putting together the Parks and Recreation Commissioner's picture frame. Vice Chairman Cobb inquired about the shrubs and weeds not being maintained on Highway 1. Also, suggested discussing the item regarding the previously requested plaque to be placed on Southwinds Park in memory of Coach Moises Albillar. Mr. Ramirez shared that he had met with representatives of Coach Albillar and forwarded the information to City Attorney for review. If the information is received by the next meeting, then the item may be added and discussed then.

Commissioner Garcia thanked City Corps, Recreation staff and sponsors for the success of the Easter Egg event.

Commissioner Voss thanked Dean Yamamoto and his crew for their help and support with the RiverPark Neighborhood Council Clean up held last Saturday. He also followed up on items discussed in the last Parks and Recreation meeting; the City Credit Card and Business Plan. Consequently, he provided Mr. Ramirez with information regarding his previous projects relating to the Business Plan and City Credit Card for copying and its distribution to the commission. He recommended creating a sub committee to start working on the projects.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss the soccer field business plan and the proposed city official credit card for the May 2009 agenda. (Voss/Garcia)

Chairman Postel shared with the commission and staff a thank you letter received from City Impact for the autographed Dallas Cowboys Commemorative Football. She shared a concern with Ms. Rice regarding the playground in the Christa McAuliffe Park. Ms. Rice stated that the playground meets all the safety guidelines and that each area is separated by age groups.

Chairman Postel commended Mr. Ramirez for his excellent presentation regarding the South Oxnard Revitalization, and stated that one suggestion brought up by the public was a need of a park by the Fifth Street Intersection. Ms. Rice commented that a pocket park was approved to be open in the Meta District area.

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:12 p.m. the Parks and Recreation Commission concurred to adjourn the meeting.

Next regular meeting scheduled for May 27, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

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Dirk Voss, Secretary

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Gloria M. Postel, Chairman