

MINUTES

CITY OF OXNARD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING Regular Meeting October 26, 2011

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:48 p.m. the regular meeting of the Oxnard Parks and Recreation Commission convened in the Council Chambers. Chairman Cobb and Commissioners Lemos, Garcia, Barber, Postel and Summersille were present. Commissioner Pinkard 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 Cobb presided and called the meeting to order. Staff members present were: Efren Gorre, Community Services Manager; Terrel Harrison, Recreation Supervisor; Sofia Balderrama, Management Analyst III and Hidania Novoa, Recording Secretary.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Approval of minutes – September 28, 2011.
ACTION: Approved. (Garcia/Lemos)

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Nash, recommended posting of the Citizen Advisory Boards members' names on the City's website.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: Recognize Oxnard Police Explorers for their participation at the New Orleans Saints Camp. (R. Arias)
ACTION: Item was continued to the next month's commission meeting.

E. REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Cancellation of the Parks and Recreation Commission regular meetings for the months of November and December.
ACTION: Approved; special meeting schedule on November 16, 2011 at 5:30 pm. (Summersille/Postel)
2. SUBJECT: Update on Awakening Minds Changing Paths project. (P. Talbot)
DISCUSSION: Patrick Talbot and Sarah Richardson provided an update of the program and introduced current participants.
3. SUBJECT: Rules and regulations regarding the use of dog leashes on city parks. (Staff)
DISCUSSION: Roger Brooks from Code Compliance explained the rules and regulations pertaining to the use of dog leashes on city parks and answered questions from the commission.

F. PARK MANAGER/SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Report of the Recreation Superintendent.
 - a. Senior Services Bone Builders update from Marisue Eastlake.
 - b. Preschool To You Update from Alejandra Harlin; slide show was presented.
 - c. After School Program Update was continued to a future meeting date.
 - d. Upcoming holiday events from Terrel Harrison.
 - e. Upcoming challenger football super bowl & women's dual series from Terrel Harrison.
 - f. Update on City Corps Projects from Efren Gorre; a slide show was presented.

2. SUBJECT: Report of the Parks Manager.

a. Open space report pertaining to parks from Leo Ovalle. Commission requested a park acreage per person report to be presented on a future meeting.

G. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Sumersille thanked the commission for the study session and shared concerned of the need to educate the public regarding protocol of city projects.

Commissioner Barber directed a question to Efen Gorre regarding unemployed youth and inquired about the city's sponsorship to the Tamale Festival. Mr. Gorre provided information and Ernest Stein answered questions regarding the Tamale Festival.

Commissioner Garcia inquired why the commission was not contacted nor invited by Michael Henderson to the recent public meeting pertaining to parks; he requested to be notified on future park events.

Chair Cobb recommended items pertaining to parks and recreation to be heard before the Parks and Recreation Commission before going to City Council unless they are time sensitive items. Thanked the commission for the great work and requested Yolanda Piña to be present on the next scheduled meeting to provide information on Holiday Parade.

Vice Chair Lemos thanked for the rewarding meeting and shared comments with the commission.

RECOMMENDATION: Commission recommended a study pertaining to the Tamale Festival's validation and sponsorship from the city to be presented in November 16, 2011. (Approved by consensus)

H. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:57 p.m. the Parks and Recreation Commission concurred to adjourn the meeting.

Next special meeting scheduled for November 16, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Edgar Leroy Cobb, Chairman