

MINUTES

CITY OF OXNARD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING Regular Meeting October 22, 2008

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 and Pinkard were present. The Recording Secretary stated that the agenda was posted on Friday 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 – September 24, 2008.
ACTION: Approved. (Cobb/Lemos)

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debbie Estrada, shared her support of Measure O.

Jason Zaragoza, encouraged the community to vote yes on Measure O and provided a website for more information; www.voteyesonmeasureo.com

Angelique DeHaro, commented how after school programs have made an impact in her life and requested the community to support Measure O.

Ernest Stein, welcomed back Gil Ramirez and shared his support of Measure O.

Pat Brown, excused herself from speaking so she could attend the street lighting ceremony on Meta Street and added that she would try to be back before the item regarding a possible park on the drive-in property was heard.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

Moment of silence for the passing of Mr. Sal Godoy.

E. REPORTS

1. **SUBJECT:** Cancellation of the Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting for the months of November and December, 2008.
ACTION: Approved; special meeting scheduled on November 19, 2008. (Pinkard/Barber)

F. PARK MANAGER/SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

1. **SUBJECT:** Report of the Recreation Superintendent
The following items were highlighted in the Recreation Superintendent's Report:
 1. PAL National Boxing Tournament from Terrel Harrison; he also mentioned receiving the Carmen Williamson Award.
 2. Update on Multicultural Festival from Sofia Balderrama.
 3. Update on Digital Film Youth Festival from Julio Alcala.
 4. Update on City Corps was cancelled per Gil Ramirez.
 5. SCMAF Award Announcement from Gil Ramirez.**ACTION:** Commission accepted report.

2. SUBJECT: Report of the Park Manager**1. Update on Hill Street Circle.**

Lori Rice shared with the commission that the old fountain on Hill Street Circle located on Ventura Road and Hill Street was beautified and that part of the process was placing plants in it. Photographs were presented to show how the location appeared before and after beautification.

2. Update on Via Marina Playground.

Ms. Rice stated that the fencing on Via Marina Park Playground was removed and that the park was open to use as of October 21, 2008.

3. Update on Drive-In

Ms. Rice informed the commission that the total cost of purchasing and constructing a park on the 13.688 acres of land would be 15 million dollars. She shared that the Planning Division had informed her that a developer had requested a Housing tract on this property, setting aside 1.77 acres for a community park. The city's cost for this park would be of approximately 2 million dollars; however, the developer most likely will not go forward with the plan per the Planning Division. Ms. Rice commented that a site of .3 acres in downtown (Meta and Sixth Street) might be considered as a park plan area in the next 2 to 3 years.

ACTION: Commission accepted report.

G. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Participation in the Christmas parade was discussed; Commissioner Lemos commented that he will try to request the same vehicles as last year. A possible float for the commission was discussed; however, if that is not available then vehicles will be provided.

The commission along with Mr. Ramirez shared fond memories about Mr. Sal Godoy, and spoke of the great impact he made on the City of Oxnard.

Commissioner Cobb thanked Lori Rice for the graffiti removal program.

Commissioner Pinkard shared his idea of having a walk or hall of fame in the downtown area on B Street. This would consist of individuals that have made great contributions to the City of Oxnard.

MOTION: A motion was made by the commission to form a committee for this new project. All the commissioners agreed to be part of this committee and to further discuss this item in the January 2009 Meeting.

H. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:39 p.m. the Parks and Recreation Commission concurred to adjourn the meeting.

Next special meeting scheduled for November 19, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Gloria M. Postel, Chairman