

MINUTES

CITY OF OXNARD
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Regular Meeting
September 24, 2008

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:37 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 Thursday at 5:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States led by Lori Rice. Chairman Postel presided and called the meeting to order. Staff members present were: Efren Gorre, Acting Recreation Superintendent; Richard Arias, Recreation Supervisor; Lori Rice, Parks Manager and Hidania Novoa, Recording Secretary.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Approval of minutes – July 23, 2008.
ACTION: Approved. (Garcia/Lemos)

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ernest Stein, thanked everyone for the great work at the Dallas Cowboys Training Camp and also requested the Commission's input for the autographed Dallas Cowboys footballs raffle.

Pat Brown, shared the need of a park in the drive-in property near the 5 Points Intersection.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: City Corps Youth Developer Award.
DISCUSSION: Efren Gorre presented a Youth Developer Award to Mike Muro for advancing the introduction of Youth to the World of Work and its Standards and Responsibilities. Mr. Muro thanked the commission and staff for the award and shared how much he has enjoyed working with the City Corps youth.
2. SUBJECT: Recognition of National Champions of 2008 for American Youth Soccer Organization Region 304, Boys U14.
DISCUSSION: Chairman Postel presented the commendation to the organization. The team players and coaches were then introduced and thanked the commission for the award.

E. REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Oxnard Housing Authority's Neighborhood Network Grant report. Gil Guevara, Resident Service Coordinator.
DISCUSSION: Gil Guevara presented a Computer-Based Video and Music Production Project created by Barrio Productions, an Oxnard Housing Authority component. Mr. Guevara shared that unfortunately OHA did not receive the Barrio Productions state grant this year, but is looking for other resources to continue such a great program.

2. **SUBJECT:** Report on the State and National Police Activities League (PAL) Boxing Tournaments. Terrel Harrison, PAL Co-Director.
DISCUSSION: Terrel Harrison presented a wrap up video of the 2008 Cal PAL State Boxing Tournament and a PAL commercial created by EJ Jackson. Mr. Harrison shared that the 2008 National Boxing Tournament is coming up and mentioned that unfortunately it will be the last year hosted here in Oxnard as it will be moving on to San Antonio, Texas.

F. PARK MANAGER/SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

1. **SUBJECT:** Report of the Recreation Superintendent
The following items were highlighted in the Recreation Superintendent's Report:
 1. Recap on Summer Programs from Terrel Harrison, Diane LaDouceur & Greg Barnes.
 2. Upcoming Events from Greg Barnes.
 3. Update on Senior Programs from Efren Gorre.
 4. Update on City Corps from Efren Gorre.**ACTION:** Commission accepted report.
2. **SUBJECT:** Report of the Park Manager
 1. Update on Via Marina Playground.
Lori Rice shared that the Via Marina Playground is scheduled to open in mid-October. The playground will have a military theme and will consist of two play areas; one for 2-5 year olds and another one for 5-12 year olds.
 2. Update on Oxnard Beach Park Playground Grand Opening.
Ms. Rice shared that the Oxnard Beach Park Playground Grand Opening will be on October 7, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. It is located on 1601 South Harbor Boulevard, Oxnard.
ACTION: Commission accepted report.

G. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Chairman Postel shared that two years ago a committee was put together for the distribution of the autographed Dallas Cowboys footballs and would like to do the same this year. The committee will consist of the following individuals: Commissioner Pinkard, Commissioner Garcia and Richard Arias.

Commissioner Barber requested that an item be included on next month's agenda regarding the feasibility of a park facility on the old drive-in theatre property. The Commission concurred on placing the item on the October's agenda. Commissioner Barber also announced that the Oxnard Sunrise Rotary Club is having a Casino night on November 1st, 2008 at the PAL from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This event is to raise funds for the Oxnard Police Department Canine Unit.

Commissioner Garcia thanked the staff in general and congratulated everyone for organizing the events.

Chairman Postel thanked all staff for their hard work and shared how wonderful she feels about the City of Oxnard.

H. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:39 p.m. the Parks and Recreation Commission concurred to adjourn the meeting.

Next regular meeting scheduled for October 22, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Gloria M. Postel, Chairman