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AGENDA
Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission
Regular Meeting
Council Chambers, 305 W Third Street
April 23, 2025
5:30 p.m.

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- b. Public comments on agenda items will be taken following the announcement of the item. After the item is announced, members of the public shall have three minutes to register or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Consideration of Teleconference Participation pursuant to Assembly Bill 2449.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2025.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At a regular meeting, a person may address the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission only on matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The presiding officer shall limit public comments to three minutes. The Commission cannot enter into detailed discussion or take action on any item presented during public comments not on the agenda. Such items may only be referred to the Commission Secretary for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion. Unless otherwise approved by the Commission, persons wishing to speak on items not on the agenda should do so during public comments.

D. COMMISSION BUSINESS:

1. SUBJECT: City of Oxnard Soccer League Proposal
RECOMMENDATION: That the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission recommends that the Oxnard City Council consider establishing a City operated soccer leagues for youth and adults
2. SUBJECT: Creation of Annual Report Ad Hoc Committee and Assignment of Members
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission establish an Annual Report Ad-Hoc Committee and assign the Commission Chair and one additional Commissioner to develop the annual report for presentation to City Council on July 1. Sunset date: June 25, 2025.

E. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SUBJECT: Park Donation Program
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive an update from the Committee on the development of the Parks Donation Program for park amenities such as benches and trees. Sunset date: August 27, 2025 Members: Chair Whitecomb and Vice Chair Fernandez

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F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

The Commission Secretary shall report on items of interest to the Commission occurring since the last meeting. The Commission cannot enter into detailed discussion or take action on any items presented during this report. Such items may only be referred to the Secretary for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion.

1. SUBJECT: Parks Division Updates

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive an update on current park projects in the City of Oxnard including projected completion dates.

2. SUBJECT: Recreation and Community Services Division Updates

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive an update on upcoming Recreation and Community Services events and programs.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners may individually report on items of interest or concern outside of Ad Hoc Committee reports. The Commission cannot enter into detailed discussion or take action on any item presented during these reports. The Commissioner's report shall not exceed three minutes.

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Commissioners may request that items be placed on future agendas for extended discussion.

I. ADJOURNMENT



TO: Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

FROM: Jessy Tapia, Community Services Manager

DATE: April 23, 2025

SUBJECT: City of Oxnard Soccer League Proposal

RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission recommends that the Oxnard City Council consider establishing a City operated soccer league for youth and adults

DISCUSSION

During the January 22, 2025, PRCSC Meeting, a public speaker commented on current soccer options in Oxnard. Comments included a lack of safe and organized Spring and Summer leagues within the City, a lack of lighting at parks for Winter practice, and the possibility of the City running a soccer league. At the February 26, 2025, PRCSC Meeting, an item was placed on the agenda for the Commission to discuss the possibility of forming a City-operated soccer league.

At the March 26, 2025, PRCSC Meeting, staff provided an update on the proposal (Attached) based on the information gathered from members of the public, along with past and current Commissioners. The proposal included background information, program benefits, proposed ages of participants, guidelines, and possible schedule of seasons.

The item before you tonight is for the Commission to make a formal recommendation to the Oxnard City Council to consider establishing a City-operated soccer league for youth and adults.

ATTACHMENT

City of Oxnard Soccer League Proposal



SOCCKER LEAGUE PROPOSAL

PROPOSED BY:

***Recreation & Community Services Division
of Cultural & Community Services Department***



OXNARD RECREATION SOCCER LEAGUE

Cultural & Community Services

OVERVIEW



The City of Oxnard Recreation Soccer Leagues will serve as the formal recreational leagues for youth and adults. The Youth Soccer League will allow Oxnard clubs and schools to register their teams under the youth sports guidelines specified by the City of Oxnard. Additionally, the Adult Sports Programs will have the opportunity to expand their offerings by allowing adult residents to participate in Soccer, much like they do for Softball and Basketball. Currently the City of Oxnard does not operate traditional outdoor soccer leagues, therefore this would be a new endeavor for the division to the benefit of the residents.

The information included in this proposal is for the Oxnard Recreation Division to establish a city-wide youth soccer league with benefits and needs in order to operate the league. Additionally, this proposal includes operating adult soccer programs along with the benefits and challenges. As you will find in the following pages, the benefits, struggles, and program needs have been researched and outlined for review. It is the hope of the Recreation Division that this program be considered and fully funded to provide a safe athletic environment for Oxnard residents.



PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Volunteer coaches, who have "supervisory or disciplinary authority over minors" at any park, playground, or recreation center, are required to undergo background checks under Public Resource Code 5164.
- All youth organizations should be committed to providing their young athletes with the safest and healthiest environment. Every year more than 3 million reports of child abuse are made in the United States; more than 20-percent of these reports involve sexual abuse
- By the City of Oxnard establishing and operating a league for local soccer clubs and schools to participate in we can enforce the mandatory background check and monitoring that the City of Oxnard currently has in place for the volunteer coaches in the Basketball, Softball, Volleyball, and Flag Football leagues operated by Oxnard Recreation.
- By conducting soccer leagues the City of Oxnard will be able to better serve the soccer community by working directly with the teams and residents versus simply reserving play space to leagues. This procedure will further bring the sport of soccer fully into the City's Recreation programs much like the previously mentioned sports programs.
- Conducting sports leagues will allow the city to work towards the prevention of overuse of play areas in public parks.
- The City will be able to more fully manage maintenance schedules.
- The City will be able to maximize the use of play space.

PROGRAM STRUGGLES

- **Staff Resources:** To manage a league this size a Recreation Coordinator dedicated to soccer in addition to one of the current Recreation Leaders and additional Extra Help staff.
- **Dissolution of current soccer leagues** that do not currently conduct proper background checks and monitoring
- **Equipment Resources:** a large amount of new equipment will need to be purchased as well as storage solutions to secure the information

OXNARD RECREATION YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Cultural & Community Services Department

YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

PARTICIPANTS

- 190 Teams - 3,000 youth per season
- Teams primarily consist of Oxnard youth between the ages of 5-17
- Co-Ed (U5-U7), Boys (U8-U17), and Girls (U8-U17)

GUIDELINES

- Youth ages – U5 years old to U17 years old
- Every head coach and assistant coach background and concussion training
- Every player & coach must have City-issued ID's
- Each player can only play on one team per season
- Insurance for all participants
- All participants must follow the City of Oxnard Recreation Code of Conduct
- Rules were adopted and modified from the City of Oxnard Recreation Youth Sports Rulebook, Cal South, California Youth Soccer Association, US Youth Soccer Association, and FIFA "Laws of the Game"

SCHEDULE OF SEASONS

2 SEASONS PER YEAR

Season

01

SPRING SEASON
February - April

Season

02

SUMMER SEASON
June - July

Season

03

COAST SOCCER
September - November
The City will not operate a competing league during this time

TOURNAMENTS

The City of Oxnard will administer one tournament per year and work with other groups to host an additional tournament when possible.

ADULT SOCCER LEAGUE

OXNARD RECREATION ADULT SOCCER LEAGUE

Cultural & Community Services Department

NEEDS YOUTH & ADULT LEAGUES

Staff:

Recreation Aides (Extra Help Staff)

Equipment:

Field / Game Materials

ID Machine & Supplies

Camera/Computer Equipment

ADULT LEAGUE OVERVIEW

The Adult Soccer League would provide:

- Two 10-week seasons of play per year (Spring & Fall)
- One Summer Season
- Three Divisions: 40 and up; 30 and up; Open (18+)
- League Play on Sundays
- Games held at College Park, Del Sol Park, and Southwest Park

Benefits of the Adult Soccer League:

- This would allow us to bring the sport of soccer in line with the programs offered through adult recreation sports leagues such as Basketball and Softball
- By conducting an adult soccer league the City of Oxnard will be able to better serve the soccer community by working directly with the teams and residents versus simply reserving play space to leagues.

Challenges of the Adult Soccer League:

- Soccer is not a SCMAF sport but Cal South Affiliation is an option