

CITY OF OXNARD
PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
South Oxnard Youth Center • 200 East Bard Road, Oxnard, CA 93033
Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

At 6:12PM the special meeting of the Oxnard Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission convened in the South Oxnard Center. Chair Poirier, Vice Chair Whitecomb and Commissioners Ocampo, Guerra, Nash, Teran, and Tejada were present. Staff members present were: Assistant City Manager Jesús Nava and Interim Project Manager Eric Humel were present. One member of the public was present, Margaret Mathews of Bike Ventura.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States. Chairman Poirier presided and called the meeting to order.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

D. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Teran had another engagement he needed to attend, so he made his comments first.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Resident Task Forces Reports

The Commission received Task Force reports:

- Trees: Colonia is planning a street fair event in the fall and the Trees Task Force will do community outreach at this event. Possible Day of the Dead event with the Camino del Sol Community Garden. Discussion of recent hard pruning of Holly Oaks at Community Center Park East; meeting with Oxnard Police Dept will be requested to discuss tree and shrub pruning. Charles Wilson presentation on updating Oxnard Trees policy was discussed. Wilson neighborhood sycamore tree falling limbs were discussed; plan to rank pruning needs according to hazard level was discussed.
- Community Gardens: Dr. Lopez garden land use application is in process. Waiting on signatures.
- Volunteers: Need to finalize liability waiver form and discuss next steps.
- Bikes: Discussion of outreach efforts, updating of Bikes/Pedestrian Master Plan, plan to pursue a meeting with traffic engineer Justin Link. Discussion of inviting Supervisor Steve Bennett to discuss his efforts for expanding bike routes, bicycle tourism and bike-friendly businesses. Supervisor Bennett appeared at Oxnard City Council in late 2017. Discussion of possible art-work bike racks for Downtown Oxnard as part of Art Hub. Discussion of Derek Tower and Ventura's bike program; they have a published bike plan. Discussion of attending a Transportation Policy Task Force meeting.

2. SUBJECT: Resident Task Force Goals

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss forming new task forces with residents in support of specific needs within parks, covered infrastructure, recreation, and community services. Specific Task Forces to consider: Durley Park Task Force, Campus Park Task Force, and Sports Park Task Force.

- Motion/second/vote to create a Meta District Park Task Force (Poirier/Whitecomb/unanimous)
- discussion to talk to Oxnard Police Dept about a possible Community Garden on 7th St, keep talking with the Planning Dept
- Motion/second/vote to create an Ormond Beach Park Task Force (Poirier/Whitecomb/unanimous) to help Master Plan consultant coordinate with Ormond Beach stakeholders.
- Motion/second/vote to create a Parks & Recreation Authority Task Force (Poirier/Whitecomb/unanimous) to consider how to research alternative and supplementary structures to increase funding/resources for Parks & Recreation programs.
- Discussion of forming an ad hoc committee with Cultural Arts Commission to create arts programming in parks.

Adjourned 8:45PM