

MINUTES

CITY OF OXNARD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING Regular Meeting June 25, 2008

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:32 p.m. the regular meeting of the Oxnard Parks and Recreation Commission convened in the Council Chambers. Chairman Postel and commissioners Cobb, Garcia, Barber, and Pinkard were present. Commissioner Lemos 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 Postel presided and called the meeting to order. Staff members present were: Lori Rice, Parks Manager; Richard Arias, Recreation Supervisor; and Hidania Novoa, Recording Secretary.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Approval of minutes – May 28, 2008
ACTION: Approved by consensus.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brian White, Julie Spatsman and France Squires, thankful for the ballroom dancing at the Performing Arts Convention Center.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: Recognize and Thank Sponsors for Senior Legends Games 2008.
DISCUSSION: Richard Arias presented a video thanking the different sponsors.

E. REPORTS

F. PARK MANAGER/SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Report of the Recreation Superintendent
The following items were highlighted in the Recreation Superintendent's Report:
 1. Fun for All Third Annual Festival from Sofia Balderrama.
 2. Preschool To You Program's End of the Year Activities from Alejandra Harlin.
 3. City Corps from Efren Gorre.ACTION: Commission accepted report.
2. SUBJECT: Report of the Park Manager
 1. Update on On-going Improvement Projects.
Lori Rice updated the commission on the current projects: Improvement project on Ventura Road (Second Street to Doris Street) is estimated to be done by July 2008. Southwest Community Park Playground is almost completed, just waiting on safety audit and ADA compliance to be finished. And, the tree trimming project on Gum Tree alley on Cal Gisler Neighborhood by Channel Islands Boulevard has been completed.
 2. Introduction of New Parks Supervisor.
Ms. Rice introduced Mark Turek, new Parks Supervisor. He will be overseeing the parks section of the division and handling all TUP's and other parks related matters.
ACTION: Commission accepted report.

G. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Pinkard requested the status of the Old Oxnard High School. Ralph Alamillo shared that the demolition process had started, so far 4 to 5 buildings have been demolished. The demolition project is scheduled to be completed in the next 3 months.

Commissioner Barber inquired about the old Thompson and Lumber site; he commented that he would like to see part of that site considered for parks. Lori Rice shared that there was a proposed housing tract project for that site, but believes the project was not approved. Commissioner Barber requested to be excused for the meeting of July 2008.

Commissioner Cobb inquired about the pool on the Old Oxnard High School and shared a need of a skate park. Mr. Alamillo commented that it has not been decided yet if the pool will be renovated or demolished. Ms. Rice shared that the Via Marina playground is scheduled to start construction in the next two months. Commissioner Cobb thanked the graffiti action team for their prompt response and great work and requested an update on the Strawberry Triathlon. Mr. Arias shared that the information has been posted on the city's website.

Commissioner Garcia commented that the Preschool To You graduation was great and thanked staff. He also thanked City Corps and Parks for their hard work.

Chairman Postel thanked City Corps for all their help and complimented their work. Efren Gorre thanked Chairman Postel for her comments and shared the need of a permanent larger home for City Corps. Commissioner Barber requested a future discussion regarding the need of a permanent place for City Corps.

RECOMMENDATION: Work with Efren Gorre to find a location for short term and find funding to support that and do a needs assessment for a long term site and look into possible funding sources. Discuss item in September 2008 meeting. (Approved by consensus)

H. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:55 p.m. the Parks and Recreation Commission concurred to adjourn the meeting.

Next regular meeting scheduled for July 23, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Gloria M. Postel, Chairman