

MINUTES

CITY OF OXNARD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING Regular Meeting May 28, 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, 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. Chairman Postel presided and called the meeting to order. Staff members present were: Gil Ramirez, Recreation Superintendent; Lori Rice, Parks Manager; Richard Arias, Recreation Supervisor; and Hidania Novoa, Recording Secretary.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Approval of minutes – April 23, 2008
ACTION: Approved with correction on the spelling of Tyler. (Cobb/Lemos)

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

E. REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Teacher Appreciation Recognition. Diane LaDouceur, Class Coordinator.
Diane LaDouceur gave an overview of the Jump Start program and introduced the instructor, Leslie Rose. Ms. Rose commented that she will also be teaching the Junior Scientist class and added that Tony Ray was not able to attend the meeting but will be the instructor of the Jump Start Class for first graders and Little Readers.

Sandy Wilusz shared a letter given to her from the Miranda family thanking her for all the help provided to their child. Mrs. LaDouceur presented an Award to Teacher Sandy for all her hard work and dedication.

Mrs. LaDouceur also presented an award to Becky LaPour, newly summer teacher; Trosky and Gloria Barreto from Art & Music Factory and Alison LaDouceur, Mrs. LaDouceur's eight year old daughter.
ACTION: Commission accepted report.
2. SUBJECT: Update on Preschool To You. Sofia Balderrama, Management Analyst III.
Sofia Balderrama gave a brief funding overview of Preschool To You and introduced the coordinator, Alejandra Harlin. Mrs. Harlin shared that this program has served over 800 children in the past 6 years of service and explained how the program works and what it has to offer. Photos of the children working on different activities along with their parents were presented. Finally, Mrs. Harlin invited the Commission to the Preschool To You Graduation held at the South Oxnard Center on June 6, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.
ACTION: Commission accepted report.

3. **SUBJECT:** Update on Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for General Services/Parks Department. Mike More, Finance Services Manager.

Mike More explained what a CIP project is and how the planning process works and commented that there is three proposed projects for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. The first one is the Oxnard Beach Park Playground which is under the Quimby Fund and the other two are the Colonia Park Playground replacement and Campus Park Gym improvements under the CDBG Fund.

Project Manager, Ralph Alamillo explained the future demolitions and upgrades to Campus Park Gymnasium.

Lori Rice updated the Commission on the Via Marina playground and shared that it will be rebuilt as soon as the funding is received from the insurance company.

ACTION: Commission recommended adoption of this project. (Garcia/Cobb)

F. PARK MANAGER/SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

1. **SUBJECT:** Report of the Recreation Superintendent

The following items were highlighted in the Recreation Superintendent's Report:

1. McTeacher's fundraiser at McDonald's from Mayra Ceja.
2. Update on Kids Swap Meet from Diane LaDouceur.
3. Contest for Summer Recreation classes from Mayra Ceja.
4. Summer Recreation programs from Gil Ramirez.
5. Update on PAL car show from Mike Ramirez and Jason Zaragoza.
6. Update on Senior Legends from Richard Arias.
7. City Corps from Efren Gorre.

ACTION: Commission accepted report.

2. **SUBJECT:** Report of the Park Manager

1. Completion of College Park, Phase 1A

Lori Rice provided a video of the Grand Opening of College Park, Phase 1A and showed a design plan of the dog park; Phase 1B. Ms. Rice commented that the Strawberry Festival will still be held at College Park in the future; however, shuttles will be provided for transportation. Mr. Alamillo added that the soccer fields; Phase 1C will commence on Summer 2009 and hopefully will be fully operational on Summer 2010.

2. Completion of planting project at Ventura Road north of Second Street.

Ms. Rice shared pictures of the planting project.

ACTION: Commission accepted report.

G. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Garcia complimented the Parks staff for their hard work. Gil Ramirez shared that Recreation along with Parks is currently working on a recognition program for their employees.

Commissioner Barber inquired about the sports park in the corner of Oxnard Boulevard and Gonzalez Road. Ms. Rice shared that there's no future proposals for that area other than a park and mentioned that the current work being done has been by volunteers only.

H. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:46 p.m. the Parks and Recreation Commission concurred to adjourn the meeting.

Next regular meeting scheduled for June 25, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Gloria M. Postel, Chairman