

MINUTES

CITY OF OXNARD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING Regular Meeting February 27, 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, Barber, Lemos and Pinkard were present. Commissioner Garcia was excused. The Recording Secretary stated that the agenda was posted on Friday 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 – January 23, 2008
ACTION: Approved. (Barber/Postel)

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: Recognize participants and volunteers of the Challenger Flag Football Program for Special Needs Youth.
Richard Arias shared that the event was put together in conjunction with the Police Activities League (PAL) and funded with a grant received from the National Football League. He thanked Greg Barnes and Mike Ramirez for their involvement and introduced the participants along with staff. Mr. Arias added that the second Annual Challenger Flag Football is scheduled to be a component of regular Flag Football this coming September and also shared that a Challenger Basketball is being planned. Finally, he thanked the parents for allowing their children to participate.

Jeff Garcia, father of the participant Jonathan Garcia shared his gratitude to everyone involved in this event.

E. REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: City Corps Update on Approval of City Council on National Emergency Grant (NEG).
Efren Gorre stated that on December 2007, the President of the United States gave \$50 million dollars for the fire that affected seven counties in Southern California. Our county was eligible for this grant in the amount of \$1.1 million dollars under the National Emergency Grant. The two entities that received this grant were Oxnard City Corps and Tri-County Labor Foundation. Oxnard City Corps had 31 openings to work in Piru; but as of now, only half of the openings have been filled.

F. PARK MANAGER/SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS**1. SUBJECT:** Report of the Recreation Superintendent

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

1. Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) from Marisue Eastlake – May 10th.
2. Easter Egg Hunt from Diane LaDouceur – March 22nd.
3. Kids Second Annual Swap meet from Diane LaDouceur.
4. Spring Break Recreation Classes from Diane LaDouceur.
5. Sports, Play & Active Recreation for Kids (SPARK) Training from Sofia Balderrama.
6. Rotary Basketball Tournament from Richard Arias.

ACTION: Commission accepted report. Chairman Postel requested an active report of the South Oxnard Center (SOC).

2. SUBJECT: Report of the Park Manager

Lori Rice updated the commission on the following upcoming events: rescheduled Grand Opening of Southwest Community Park Extension on March 18, 2008 at 3:00 p.m., Arbor Day in Via Marina on April 30, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. and the Grand Opening of College Park Phase 1A on May 27, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

G. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Pinkard inquired additional information regarding the Academy of District VIII Awards Banquet and CPRS. Mr. Ramirez provided the information requested.

Commissioner Barber recognized the 33 participants in the Martial Arts National Competition. And, added that the International Competition will be held at the Boys and Girls Club in Camarillo on March 29, 2008.

Vice Chairman Cobb requested to be excused on next month's Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. Invited everyone to Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta on March 15, 2008 and wished good luck to the Christian Schools participating in the Academic Decathlon at USC. Also, reminded everyone to be safe on the streets and wished a happy 9th birthday to his son, Tyler.

Commissioner Lemos thanked staff for organizing the Challenger Flag Football.

Chairman Postel requested the status on the Dallas Cowboys and shared a letter received regarding the need of a dog park in Oxnard. Mr. Ramirez commented that the Dallas Cowboys contract was still being negotiated; however, it was still planned for them to come this summer and train on the same location. Ms. Rice stated, in response to the letter received, that College Park Phase 1B will consist of two dog parks once completed; but meanwhile, there was a temporary dog park in Campus Park.

Gil Ramirez invited everyone to the Police Activities League (PAL) fundraiser to be held on Saturday, March 1, 2008.

H. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:13 p.m. the Parks and Recreation Commission concurred to adjourn the meeting.

Next regular meeting scheduled for March 26, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Gloria M. Postel, Chairman