MINUTES
CITY OF OXNARD
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
City Council Chambers
305 W. Third Street
Regular Meeting
April 26, 2006
5:30 p.m.

## A. ROLL CALL

At 5:37 p.m. the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission convened in the City of Oxnard Council Chambers, 305 W. Third Street. Chairman Postel called the meeting to order. Commissioners, Barber, Bowman, Cobb, Garcia, were present. Commissioners Guerrero and Lemos were excused. Staff members present were: Recreation Superintendent, Gil Ramirez, Recreation Supervisor, Richard Arias, Recreation Coordinator, Gregory Barnes and Recording Secretary, Martha M. Nateras, Facilities Superintendent, Michael Henderson was absent.

## B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**SUBJECT:** Approval of minutes from the March 22, 2006 meeting.
**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Approval.
**ACTION:** Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Cobb seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

## C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

## D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

**SUBJECT:** "May is Teacher Appreciation Month". Diane LaDoucer, Class Coordinator introduced the teachers and teacher-aides: Sandy Wilusz, Eloise Valenzuela, Alice Ramirez, Mayra Ceja, Darlene Hernandez-Clarke, Ana Juarez, Sally Ramirez, Julia Roque, Patty Solarzano, Suzie Garrett, Jaci Gutierrez, Brittany Horvath and Annette Pech. The Commission congratulated everyone.

Mr. Gil Ramirez, Recreation Superintendent congratulated Martha Nateras, Claudia Garcia, Debbie Estrada Frances Cervantes, Martin Vasquez, Ana Reyes, Julie Estrada and Caroline Gambala for the Assistants Day.

## E. NEW BUSINESS

**SUBJECT: Report on Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) for Woman, Police Officer Erica Escalante.** Officer Escalante and Officer Mike Marostica will be offering free class with the Recreation and Community Services Department during the summer. The name of the classes are Rape Aggression Defense (R. A. D.) for Woman ages 13 and up and RadKids personal empowerment and safety education program for children ages 5-12. It's a crime prevention program for adults and kids. Officer Escalante invited the oxnard community to take these classes. After a few questions from the Commission, Officers Escalante and Marostica were excused.

**SUBJECT: Report of the Recreation Superintendent.** Mr. Gil Ramirez, Recreation Superintendent introduced Mr. Greg Barnes, Recreation Coordinator. Mr. Barnes informed the Commission on Summer Day Camp. Summer Day Camp is a ten week program; they have arts and crafts, field trips, swimming and lots of fun activities for ages 6-12. The maximum capacity has been increased to 60 kids per week. Mr. Ramirez informed the Commission on some of the summer coming activities: the Colonia pool, the Colonia Youth Center new hours and the lunch program for the summer. Ms. LaDoucer informed the Commission on some of the new classes coming up in the summer like the princess and pirate classes.

Mr. Ramirez introduced Mr. Richard Arias, Recreation Supervisor informed the Commission on the Pepsi Pitch, Hit and Run. They had 40 participants. The team championships will be held at Dodger Stadium in June, 2006. The kids the win at the Dodger Stadium will be eligible to participate in the 2006 National Finals in Pittsburgh, PA. Mr. Arias also informed the Commission on the Kellogg's Frosted Flakes Jr. Olympic Skills Competition. This is a new event is a battle of obesity in children. The sponsor of the program is Kellogg's in conjunction with the National Olympic Community. The program is open to boys and girls ages 8-13th. They compete on all the events which is basketball and rapid rally, tennis and track and field competition this events will be taking place in the Oxnard PAL on Sunday, May 7th.

Mr. Ramirez informed the Commission on some the upcoming events the Satellite City Hall will be on Saturday, April 29th at Rio Del Norte Elementary School and the California Strawberry Festival on Saturday, May 20th and 21st.

Mr. Ramirez introduced Mr. Efren Gorre, City Corps Manager informed the Commission on the recent project City Corps has been working on the following projects: the replacement of the traffic light in downtown, they participated in Earth Day, the youth conference and the kids also participated in recreational activities.

Mr. Ramirez introduced Mr. Terrel Harrison, PAL Director and Kingsley Garrick. Mr. Garrick is the instructor on the Hip-Hop Workshop. Hip-Hop is a class that teaches kids how to rap, how to hip-hop dance or spoken word, which is a form of poetry. The workshop is offer to 8th – 12th graders. A video was shown on the all the accomplishments the workshop has made. They meet every Friday night at 7:30 p.m. is a free class and they have approximately 50 to 75 kids. The Commission congratulated Mr. Garrick for a well job done.

## F. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Bowman invited everyone to attend the Channel Islands National Park on May 6th for Day in the Garden.

## G. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:47p.m. Next regular meeting will be on May 24, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

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Leana Bowman, Secretary