

CITY OF OXNARD
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MEETING - MINUTES
IN PERSON MEETING - OXNARD COUNCIL CHAMBERS
305 West Third Street
Oxnard, CA 93030
Wednesday, June 22, 2022 5:30 pm

A. ROLL CALL

At 5:35 p.m., the Oxnard Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission meeting convened in an in person meeting. Chair Whitecomb, Vice-Chair Poirier, Commissioners Miguel Fernandez, and Paul Lemos were present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States. Chair Whitecomb presided and called the meeting to order. Staff members present were; Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director, Janice M. Zaragoza, Recreation Supervisor, and Adriana Britt, Recording Secretary.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Madame Chair Whitecomb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **SUBJECT:** Minutes of the PRCSC meeting from January 26, 2022 regular meeting, February 7, 2022 special meeting, February 23, 2022 regular meeting, and May 25, 2022 regular meeting are submitted for approval.

ACTION: The commission approved the minutes of the PRCSC meeting from

- A. January 26, 2022 regular meeting (C. Hernandez/Fernandez) unanimous
- B. February 7, 2022 special meeting (C. Hernandez/Fernandez) unanimous
- C. February 23, 2022 regular meeting (C. Hernandez/Fernandez) unanimous
- D. May 25, 2022 regular meeting (C. Hernandez/Fernandez) unanimous

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. **SUBJECT:** Park Safety, Oxnard Police Dept. Staff John Langelier

ACTION: The Commission was informed of the process of how cases are handled, the Oxnard 311 app, the future Navigation Center, and programs that PD works with such as, Salvation Army. Commission recommends that facilities at Community Center East Park be removed. (Poirier/C. Hernandez) unanimous

F. RECREATION DIVISION REPORT

1. **SUBJECT:** Agape Tennis Academy at the Oxnard Tennis Center Update, Assistant Recreation Director Renee Rakestraw, Amy Pazahanick Agape, Owner and Maria Camberos, Agape, Staff

ACTION: The commission recieved a presentation on the Agape Tennis Academy. A portion of the courts will be resurfaced in Spring 2023. They now offer youth classes and programming and pickleball. Foundation issue going out to bid in December.

Public Speakers:

Adrianna: Enjoys attending the classes and programming at Agapa

Vivianna: Coaches are a great help and she has made new friends

Tirza Estrada: Enjoys the programming and happy with the staff and customer service.

Phil Zubiarte: Is not happy about extra costs on top of pass holder fees

Ray Blattel: Why is the City not resurfacing all of the courts instead of half of them? The City should invest into the Tennis Center. Agape Tennis Academy is doing a great job.

Luis Tovar: In support of the Agape Tennis Academy. Can commission recommend to Council for the Tennis Academy to be moved up on the the capital improvements priority list? Can PD set up in the office at the park to help with homeless and other issues in the park?

Paul Olmsted: Suggests a bond to make repairs. Sports help with academics

Lily Anne Tamai, Ph.D.: Agape Tennis Academy is a great place for kids. Lots of homeless nearby, strong smell of urine around the facility, would like restrooms to be accessible for the public

Brad Nelson: Is not happy with extra fees for pass holders, courts need to be resurfaced

Juan Gonzalez: Glad to hear about resurfacing of courts. Sports are great for kids. In support of Agape and hopes that all courts get resurfaced instead of half.

Sonny Kenbary: Daughter plays tennis at Agape. Hopes that the facility renovations become a priority.

Rick Becker: get info from recording: Not happy with member fees.

The commission was informed of Meet Up Clean Up June 25, Skate Night July 15, August 12, and September 9, Community Cinemas.

G. PARKS DIVISION REPORT

1. The commission received an update on the newly adopted mandate of water restrictions. Council adopted a resolution for water restriction on May 17, 2022. All green space will be impacted and watering will only be allowed during certain days and times.
2. The commission was notified that the City Manager is aware of the recommendation for the City to purchase two parcels in the Meta District.

H. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Sunset Little League Field, Commissioner Miguel Fernandez
ACTION: The Commission receive a presentation on the renaming of minor field at Sunset Little League "Helen Lopez Field" with examples of existing plaques in the park. The commission recommends that the Minor League Field at Durley Park be renamed Helen Lopez Field and that a design for a future plaque begin.

(Fernandez/C. Hernandez) unanimous

2. SUBJECT: 2022-2023 PRCSC Commission Goals
ACTION: The commission tabled the PRCSC 2022-2023 Commission Goals.
3. SUBJECT: Community Center Park East
ACTION: The commission voted on item in E.1.

I. TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Five Points Neighborhood: Met with 6 of 7 Council members and plan to speak to City Manager. Chair, Vice Chair, and Commissioner C. Hernandez also met with the Bike Hub who are excited to have a community garden space. Bike Ventura will help host the June Neighborhood Council meeting.
2. Campus Park: Airport Authority voted unanimously on the design and a presentation will go to Council on July 19. More ASR Wells are not feasible. Phase 1 of the park is scheduled to open March 2024.

J. COMMISSION COMMENTS

1. Vice Chair Poirier: Hobson Park East had its first event - 1 hour of park clean up and 1 hour of neighborhood council meeting and will happen every second Saturday of the month. Notified Dunes Neighborhood Council of \$666,462 in Quimby Funds
2. Commissioner C. Hernandez: Unfair that restrooms are not open for public use. Homeless should be an excuse to keep restrooms locked
3. Commissioner Fernandez: Asked staff to mention Aquatic Center outreach
4. Chair Whitecomb: City Manager plans to sell a portion of Lion's Park to help with costs for Oxnard Performing Arts Center. Summer Solstice. Heritage Square Summer Concerts. The Collection Concert Series.

K. ITEMS OF FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Naming a park after Mr. Marvin Boos
2. Make recommendation to preserve all park space to be used only for parks and recreational opportunities
3. Commission Goals
4. Consideration of Adopt A Park Program
5. City Corps Presentation
6. Sports Park Presentation
7. Temporary Use Permits to have events

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday, July 27, 2022.

Angela Whitecomb, Chair