

MINUTES
Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission
September 28, 2022

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 5:37 p.m., the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission convened. Commissioners Miguel Fernandez, Oscar Hernandez, Paul Lemos, Roger Porier, and Angela Whitecomb were present. Commissioner Chris Hernandez was absent. Staff members present were Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director, Jessy Tapia, Cultural and Community Services Manager, Olympia Hugo, Cultural and Community Services Supervisor, and Adriana Britt, Recording Secretary. Madam Chair Whitecomb presided and called the meeting to order with a moment of silence in remembrance of the late County Supervisor Carmen Ramirez, Efren Gorre, and Jay Duncan.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of August 24, 2022.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.
ACTION: Commissioner Fernandez moved approval as recommended. Commissioner Lemos seconded and the motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Chris Hernandez absent.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

D. REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Adult Softball, Olympia Hugo, Cultural and Community Services Supervisor
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive a report on the City of Oxnard Adult Softball Program.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Paul Lemos stated that he would like staff to host tournaments again. Commissioner Oscar Hernandez would like to know what the water usage rules are for athletic fields and the cost recovery for Softball.
ACTION: The Commission received a report on the Adult Softball Program.

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: BMX Track
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission make a recommendation to City Council for a BMX track to be built at College Park with dirt from the future Aquatic Center.
DISCUSSION: [None]
ACTION: The Commission tabled the item.
2. SUBJECT: November and December Commission Meetings
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission vote to move the November meeting to November 30, 2022 and go dark in December
DISCUSSION: [None]
ACTION: The Commission voted unanimously to move the November meeting to November 30, 2022 and go dark in December with Commissioner Chris Hernandez absent.

3. SUBJECT: Park Ambassador AD-HOC Committee
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission create and assign members to the Park Ambassador AD-HOC Committee to work with staff on a program to make parks safer. The Committee will sunset on February 1, 2023.
DISCUSSION: Chair Angela Whitecomb, Chair Roger Poirier, and Commissioner Oscar Hernandez volunteered to serve on the AD-HOC Committee to work with staff on creating guidelines for a Park Ambassador Program.
ACTION: The Commission voted unanimously on Commissioners Angela Whitecomb, Chair Roger Poirier, and Oscar Hernandez to serve on the Park Ambassador AD-HOC Committee with Commissioner Chris Hernandez absent.
4. SUBJECT: Five Points Clean Up AD-HOC Committee
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission create and assign members to the Five Points AD-HOC Committee to clean up successor agency property. The Committee will sunset on February 1, 2023.
DISCUSSION: The Commission discussed ownership of the land and inquired about volunteer options and guidelines for the cleanup. Vice Chair Poirier suggested that he and Commissioner Chris Hernandez be a part of the AD-HOC Committee, Commissioner Miguel Fernandez volunteered himself.
ACTION: The Commission voted unanimously on Commissioners Roger Poirier, Chris Hernandez, and Miguel Fernandez to serve as the Five Points Clean Up AD-HOC Committee.
5. SUBJECT: Walking Tracks in Parks
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission vote to make a recommendation to City Council that the priority for walking tracks be as follows; rubberized tracks, fibar mulch tracks with concrete borders, or decomposed granite paths.
DISCUSSION:
Ms. Heather D'Anna: The city should only consider adding walking paths to parks that do not have a concrete sidewalk.
ACTION: The Commission voted unanimously with Commissioner Chris Hernandez absent to recommend to City Council that the priority for new and improved walking tracks be as follows; 1. rubberized tracks, 2. fibar mulch, 3. decomposed granite.

F. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

G. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

The Cultural and Community Services Manager, Jessy Tapia reported on the Skate Night, Meet Up Clean Up on October 8, 2022 at Colonia Park, and the Fall Festival on October 30, 2022 at Plaza Park.

Assistant Public Works Director Steve Howlett informed the Commission that the recommendation for the renaming of the Durley Park Field to Helen Lopez will be going to Council on October 11, 2022. Commissioners can also reapply for the Commission if interested.

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

1. Commissioner Miguel Fernandez: First exeloo restroom experience in North Hollywood
2. Vice Chair Poirier: Spoke on loss of Carmen Ramirez, Efren Gorre, and Jay Duncan, Seaview Neighborhoods \$2.2 Million in quimby funds, and the lack of a park in the Tierra Vista Neighborhood.
3. Commissioner Paul Lemos: Commented on the passing of Efren Gorre.

4. Chair Angela Whitecomb: Commented on the passing of Efren Gorre and Carmen Ramirez.
5. Commissioner Oscar Hernandez: Would like to know if Parcel Tax can be used for the future Aquatic Center.

I. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Resolution for park preservation
2. Durley Park Design Task Force
3. City Corps Report/Update
4. Wilson Senior Center
5. All playgrounds that are currently in the process of being updated
6. Campus Park
7. Recreation Program Spreadsheet
8. Water usage on fields
9. Recreation Sports Update
10. City Soccer League
11. Cost difference in LED lighting vs. old lighting

J. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:35 pm Chair Whitecomb moved the meeting adjourned.

Adriana Britt

Angela Whitecomb

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