

MINUTES
Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission
Jan 25, 2023

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 5:35 p.m., the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission convened. Commissioners Miguel Fernandez, Ismael Paredes Ulloa, Roger Poirier, and Angela Whitecomb were present. Commissioners Chris Hernandez and Paul Lemos were excused. Commissioner Oscar Hernandez was absent. Staff members present were Terrel Harrison, Cultural and Community Services Director, Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director, Jessy Tapia and Pam Morrison, Cultural and Community Services Managers, Eileen Pinkard, Jose Gomez, Maria Chavez, and Cultural and Community Services Analyst and Adriana Britt, Recording Secretary.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of January 25, 2023.
RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes be approved.
ACTION: Commissioner Poirier moved approval as recommended. Commissioner Ismael Paredes Ulloa seconded and the motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Chris Hernandez, Oscar Hernandez, and Paul Lemos absent at the time.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

D. REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Oxnard City Corps, Recreation Supervisor, Olympia Hugo
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive and file a presentation
DISCUSSION:
All Commissioners: Impressed with the program and appreciates the efforts
Jessy Tapia: Informed the Commission that City Corps is working on getting the program back to pre-Covid participant and staff numbers before beginning new programs or projects.
Eilene Pinkard and Jose Gomez: Shared success stories of past City Corps participants with the Commission.

E. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Update on renaming parks with Chumash names.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive an update from the Chumash Ad-Hoc Committee on renaming Oxnard City parks with Chumash names.
DISCUSSION: Roger Poirier would like to sunset the committee due to the item going to Council.
ACTION: [None.]
2. SUBJECT: Update on the Park Ambassador AD-HOC Committee
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive an update from the Park Ambassador Program Ad-Hoc Committee about implementing a Park Ambassador Program in the City of Oxnard.
DISCUSSION:

Angela Whitecomb: The Committee met with City Staff. Many Park Safety Program examples were presented.

Roger Poirier: Created a park safety survey on Google and has received 50 responses. Thompson Park has been successful with Neighborhood Watch program on reducing crime.

ACTION: [None.]

3. SUBJECT: Update on installing a mural on the restrooms at Pleasant Valley Park.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive an update from the Park Restroom Mural Ad-Hoc Committee about installing a mural on the restrooms at Pleasant Valley Park.

DISCUSSION:

Terrell Harrison: Would welcome any person who is willing to paint a mural on a public restroom.

Roger Poirier: Only need to go through Cultural Arts Commission if using their money. Process involves finding an artist to install a temporary mural and going to City Managers Office.

Steve Howlett: Graffiti Action Team can take care of graffiti if no murals are on restrooms.

ACTION: [None.]

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

Assistant Public Works Director Steve Howlett provided an update on the following:

New Assistant City Engineer: Christopher Solis. City is contracting out to M6 in absence of City Engineer.

Pleasant Valley Park: Anticipated completion date of March 2023

Wilson and Community Center Park East Playground: Going out to bid, expected installation June 2023

Community Center East Park Restroom: Under construction with anticipated completion date of April 2023

Del Sol Park Restroom: Under construction with anticipated completion date of June 2023

Campus Park: In design, going out to bid in March 2023 expected completion March 2024

Sea View: New walking path, exeloo restroom, led lighting, playground was in design. Put on hold due to resident concerns

Southwinds Park: Completed September 2022

Johnsons Creek, Thompson, and Sierra Linda playgrounds: Expected completion dates of February 2023

College Estates Exeloo Restroom: Anticipated completion date of May 2023

Durley Park Expansion: On hold due to staff resources

South Oxnard Aquatic Center: In design

Quimby Funds: City Attorney and City Manager's Office are discussing the policy and will present to City Council

Cultural and Community Services Manager Jessy Tapia informed the Commission on the following Recreation events:

MLK Freedom and Unity Event at PAL January 15-16. Meet Up Clean up Jan 28 at College Estates Park and Feb 11 at Pleasant Valley Park. Will be starting boys basketball Jan 30. Girls Rotary Feb 18-19, will be opening PAL after some minor repairs.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

1. Miguel Fernandez: Friends of Campus Park will hoat a dog park clean up on 1/28/23 beginning at 9:00 am. Thanked Cultural & Community Services staff for picture.
2. Angela Whitecomb: Will be at the dog park clean up. Always willing to help anywhere needed.

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Vote to dissolve the Local Tribes AD-HOC Committee

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:49 pm the meeting was adjourned.

Adriana Britt

Angela Whitecomb

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