

CITY OF OXNARD
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
FINAL

SPECIAL ONLINE MEETING

Oxnard, CA 93030

Wednesday, June 26, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

At 6:03 p.m., the meeting of the Oxnard Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission convened in a Zoom meeting. Chair Whitecomb, Vice Chair Poirier, Commissioners Miguel Fernandez, Chris Hernandez, and Dr. Carlo Aaron Purther were present. Commissioner Oscar Hernandez joined at 6:15 p.m. 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; Janice M. Zaragoza, Recreation Coordinator, Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director, and Adriana Britt, Recording Secretary.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Madam Chair Whitecomb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Monserat Hernandez: Visited 5 parks in South Oxnard - noticed that there were more trees, shade, and updated equipment, more people were present.
2. Jack Villa: June 27, Oxnard Dunes will have an election to create a neighborhood council. All are invited to attend via the link on the City website.
3. Yesenia G: Intern with Public Health Institute Achieving Resilient Communities, she and other interns have been conducting surveys to assess the extent of parks ability to improve our resilience to heat and climate change. Beck Park, College Park, Lemonwood Park, and Carty Park were visited, looking at overall maintenance and shade. There were many great playgrounds and shade, her favorite was College Park. There were a few minor issues in South Oxnard Parks and she will come back next month with recommendations.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **SUBJECT:** Minutes of the PRCSC meeting from April 28, 2021 and May 26, 2021 regular meetings are submitted for approval.
ACTION: PRCSC minutes from April 28, 2021 were approved (Madam Chair Whitecomb/ C. Hernandez) unanimous and May 26, 2021 were approved (Vice Chair Poirier/C. Hernandez) unanimous

E. PARKS DIVISION REPORT

1. **SUBJECT:** Wilson Playground resurfacing
ACTION: The commission received an update on Wilson playground resurfacing.
2. **SUBJECT:** Community Center East
ACTION: The commission received an update on Community Center East resurfacing and playground amenities.

F. RECREATION REPORT

1. **SUBJECT:** Upcoming Events

ACTION: The commission received an update on upcoming events; Mini Murals June 25-27, 2021, Oxnard PAL Community Cinema Nights, Meet Up Clean Up, Run Oxnard (August 28), Skate Nights

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. **SUBJECT:** Pleasant Valley Park
ACTION: The commission discussed a new restroom with the possibility of a wrap on them and a new park design for Pleasant Valley Park.
2. **SUBJECT:** Neptune Park
ACTION: The commission discussed the scoping of the Neptune Park playground.
3. **SUBJECT:** Sub Committee Task Force
ACTION: The commission discussed the scope and schedule of the Sub Committee.
4. **SUBJECT:** PRCSC letter of support for City of Oxnard Channel Islands Harbor, Edison Canal and Adjoining Wetlands Water Quality Remediation Study Project grant application.
ACTION: The letter was discussed and voted on by the committee. (Poirier/Fernandez) unanimous 5/5

H. TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Quimby Fund Committee - Trying to activate Neighborhood Councils where there are quimby funds available to use on projects
2. Safety Committee - Set up three dates with Bike Ventura for bike repairs, set up demonstrations on electric scooters - Via Marina Park needs lights, parts of concrete path has been lifted - Sea View needs a light replaced as well as mulch replenishing.
3. Off Leash Dog Hours Committee - would like an update on the subject from City Staff.
4. Campus Park Committee - Will look into planning a meeting with the Project Management Consultant - nothing new to report.
5. Master Plan Committee - Will call a meeting to analyze and prioritize recommendations and consider resources that would be needed.
6. Youth Recreation Services Committee - nothing to report

I. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Purther - Reached out to Ramon Lopez of the Colonia Neighborhood Council regarding meeting

C. Hernandez - While going out to look at dog parks, he noticed that other cities had baskets containing dog toys, SewView can potentially be a location for a dog park such as Windrow Dog Park, maybe Quimby Funds?

Chair Whitecomb - Saw a post regarding Wilson Rose Garden and a couple who donates items and volunteers. The garden is getting bigger and they can use more help. Celebrated Juneteenth with a lot of different groups represented. Would like the City Staff to let the Commission know about any events happening in the parks.

Vice Chair Poirier - trying to get neighborhood councils activated and has had some success virtually. In person meetings will start again but there are no locations. Masonic Cemetery is worth a visit, many Oxnard famous names are there. It is historic and also one of two Monarch overwintering sites. Housing project planning commission will move forward July 1, 2021.

J. ITEMS OF FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Butterfly Habitats
2. Lights at Oxnard Beach Park

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm

Angela Whitecomb, Chair

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