

CITY OF OXNARD
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES FINAL
ONLINE MEETING
Oxnard, CA 93030

Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

At 5:31 p.m., the Oxnard Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission meeting convened in a Zoom meeting. Chair Whitecomb, Vice-Chair Poirier, Commissioners Miguel Fernandez, Oscar Hernandez, and Dr. Carlo Aaron Purther were present. Commissioners Chris Hernandez and Paul Lemos were excused. 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

Madame Chair Whitecomb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. John Cardenas - He and his wife would like to assist in bringing a BMX track to Oxnard. They are in contact with the City of Camarillo regarding the Freedom Park BMX track and BMX USA.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the PRCSC meeting from July 28, 2021, regular meeting was submitted for approval.

ACTION: PRCSC minutes from July 28, 2021, were approved as revised (Vice Chair Poirier / Chair Fernandez) unanimous

E. PARKS DIVISION REPORT

1. SUBJECT: Colonia Park Update

ACTION: That the commission received an update on Colonia Park.

2. SUBJECT: New Bike Paths Update

ACTION: That the commission received an update on the bike path plan.

F. RECREATION REPORT

1. SUBJECT: Upcoming Events

ACTION: That the commission received an update on upcoming Recreation events.

2. SUBJECT: College Park Aquatic Park Update

ACTION: That the commission received an update on the College Park Aquatic Park.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Oxnard Park Trees and Micro-climates - Yesenia Gonzalez, Montserrat Hernandez, Isadora Nogueira, Ariadne Villegas, Achieving Resilient Communities
ACTION: That the commission received a presentation on park trees and their effect on Oxnard micro-climates.
2. SUBJECT: CALFire Tree Grant Presentation - PRCSC Trees Task Committee
ACTION: That the commission received a report on the CALFire tree-planting grant.
3. SUBJECT: Exeloo Restroom Presentation - Alex Carter, Exeloo Corp and Tony Berkley, Public Facilities & Services, Inc.
ACTION: That the commission received a presentation on Exeloo Restrooms.
4. SUBJECT: Helping Monarchs in Oxnard - Andy Spyрка, Ventura County Resource Conservation District
ACTION: That the commission received a presentation on Oxnard's Monarch Butterflies.
5. SUBJECT: Native Plants Committee
ACTION: That the commission formed a Native Plants Committee (Chair Whitecomb/Vice Chair Poirier, Commissioner Fernandez)

H. TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Campus Park Committee - Met with staff (Noe) and spoke about hopes for design and what they would like to see at Campus Park. Will be meeting with the design group at Taft Gardens & Nature Preserve in Ojai to give an idea. ASR Wells has an asphalt road leading to the wells, but the commission had no knowledge of it. Commissioner Fernandez still has not heard back from any of the staff. Would like to formally request a status report from engineering and public works on design and layout of all of the wells.
2. Dog Park Committee - Cannot move forward without representation from the City Attorney and City Manager's Office. They look forward to a meeting in the near future regarding a pilot program for an off leash dog park.
3. Recreation Task Committee - Had their monthly meeting, COVID has caused Recreation to cancel indoor sports but is doing what they can to bring outdoor programming at this time. Really appreciate what Recreation is doing for the community. Recreation is doing as much as they can for the community.

I. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Further - likes that the city is planning to repave most of the Colonia Neighborhood.

O. Hernandez - it's quite evident that everything the city is currently doing, he feels equity is being addressed within the city. He drove by cypress park, basketball courts are being added along with lighting. I Appreciate everything the city is doing.

Whitecomb - enjoying the community sharing all of the projects going on in the city. She is happy while driving around now due to the neighborhood pride. Thank all of the volunteers that are working to keep our city beautiful when the city couldn't. The more we volunteer, the cleaner our city will become. Please don't spray pesticide in your yards.

J. ITEMS OF FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Bring BMX to Oxnard
2. Shade structures in the parks - cost and placement
3. ASR Wells Status
4. Downtown Parking Structure Murals

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Angela Whitecomb, Chair