

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

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL**

At 5:32 p.m., the Oxnard Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission meeting convened in a Zoom meeting. Chair Whitecomb, Vice-Chair Poirier, Commissioners Miguel Fernandez, Chris Hernandez, Dr. Carlo Aaron Purther, and Oscar Hernandez (5:55 pm) were present. Commissioner Paul Lemos was 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, Julie Estrada, Recreation Coordinator and Adriana Britt, Recording Secretary.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Madame Chair Whitecomb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no requests to speak.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the PRCSC meeting from August 25, 2021, regular meeting was submitted for approval.

ACTION: PRCSC minutes from August 25, 2021, were approved as revised (Vice Chair Poirier / Chair Fernandez) unanimous

**E. RECREATION REPORT**

1. SUBJECT: Downtown Parking Structure Murals - Julie Estrada

ACTION: That the commission received a presentation on the Downtown Parking Structure Murals.

2. SUBJECT: Upcoming Events

ACTION: That the commission received a report on upcoming events within the Recreation Department.

**F. PARKS REPORT**

1. SUBJECT: ASR Wells

ACTION: That the commission received a clarification on ASR Wells.

2. SUBJECT: Colonia Park

ACTION: That the commission received an update on finished and scheduled work to be done at Colonia Park.

3. SUBJECT: Shade Structures

ACTION: That the commission received a report on shade structures.

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

1. SUBJECT: BMX Track - Mr. John Cardenas

ACTION: That the commission received a presentation regarding a future BMX track in Oxnard

**H. TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Recreation Committee (Commissioner Purther) - Encourage the public and commission to sign up for the newsletter on the Recreation website - given an update on status of programs (active, inactive, and planning) - will share the spreadsheet with commission for feedback, questions, or concerns.
2. Campus Park Committee (Commissioner Fernandez) - met with Friends of Campus Park and MIG Group for a tour of a Taft Botanical Garden in Ojai and discussed design possibilities for Phase 1 of Campus Park. Can pelota mixteca be moved from the original location in plans? Can we plan for hills? Does not think the BMX track will be a good fit because it, along with other plans, will not leave much space for botanical gardens.
3. Off Leash Dog Park Committee (Chair Whitecomb)- Reached out to City Manager's Office and Council Members and should be hearing back from them soon. Chair Whitecomb, Vice Chair Poirier, City Manager, City Attorney, and Animal Control met through zoom. They spoke of expectations of the commission and the role of the staff. Commission was told that their recommendations may not always be responded to. Commissioners can go to Council regarding the recommendations as well.

**I. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Vice Chair Poirier: Camarillo's bike track is just under 1 acre, can Oxnard make a bigger one?

Chair Whitecomb: Approached by Coach Robert Gutierrez, youth soccer - can we turn tennis courts into multi-purpose courts?

**J. ITEMS OF FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

1. Shade structures designs
2. Tennis court conversion
3. Park maintenance schedule
4. Report on Recreation's summer activity participation

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday, October 27, 2021 via zoom.

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Angela Whitecomb, Chair