

MINUTES FINAL
Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission
December 8, 2022

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 5:32 p.m., the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission convened. Commissioners Miguel Fernandez, Chris Hernandez, Oscar Hernandez, Ismael Paredes Ulloa (arrived at 5:46 pm), Paul H. Lemos, Roger Poirier, and Angela Whitecomb (left at 7:07 pm) were present. Staff members present were Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director, Janice Zaragoza, Cultural and Community Services Supervisor, Mariah Sanchez, Cultural and Community Services Analyst and Adriana Britt, Recording Secretary.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of October 26, 2022.
RECOMMENDATION: Revise H.4. to “Vice-Chair Poirier previously met Ismael Paredes Ulloa at Oxnard Dunes Neighborhood Council meeting. Oxnard Dunes Neighborhood has Quimby Funds available.”
ACTION: Commissioner Poirier moved approval as recommended. Commissioner Oscar Hernandez seconded and the motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Ismael Paredes Ulloa absent at the time.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

D. REPORTS

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: A presentation on renaming Oxnard Beach Park to Mitsumas (Chumash) Beach Park, Manuel Herrera and Marianne Parra
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive and file a presentation.
DISCUSSION:
Brenda Gomez spoke in regards to her preferred name choice.
Pat Brown spoke in regards to her preferred name choice.
KC Rodriguez spoke in regards to her top two name choices.
Robin informed the Commission of her name choice.
Salvador Tumamait Ambriz stated that he wasn't in favor of the name choices that were first presented to the Commission.
Matthew Vestuto stated that he didn't like the name choices provided.
Chuy Caracoles informed the Commission that he was in favor of changing Oxnard Beach Park's name.
Sylvia Tumamait provided another name to consider to rename Oxnard Beach Park.
Dayna Barrios stated that she believes it is important to make sure the actual tribe is heard.
Noemi informed the Commission that she was in favor of the name change.
Arlene Tumamait Ambriz stated that she was in support of Matthew Vestuto.
ACTION: [None]

F. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Creation and Objective Setting of Local Tribes Ad Hoc Committee

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission create and assign members to the Local Tribes AD-HOC to explore renaming of Beach Park and Campus Park. The Committee will sunset on May 30, 2023.

DISCUSSION: Chris Hernandez, Roger Poirier, Oscar Hernandez, and Ismael Paredes Ulloa all showed interest in being part of the AD-HOC Committee and why.

SPEAKERS:

Manuel Herrera asked what the roles and process would be as well as who would be involved in the process.

Marianne Parra stated that she would like to be included in the process.

Brenda Guzman informed the Commissioners that she feels like this process is dismissing the hard work that has been done already.

KC Rodriguez wants the ad hoc to work with Manuel and Marianne.

Salvador Tumamait Ambriz stated that he supports the ad hoc committee.

Matthew Vestuto wants to ensure inclusion and that he supports the ad hoc committee.

ACTION: Chris Hernandez made a motion to form the AD-HOC Committee that consists of Roger Poirier, Oscar Hernandez, and Ismael Paredes Ulloa and seconded by Commissioner Miguel Fernandez. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. SUBJECT: Creation and Objective Setting of Mural Ad Hoc Committee

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission create and assign members to the Mural Ad Hoc Committee to discuss a design for the Pleasant Valley Park restroom—to be installed spring 2023. The Committee will sunset on May 30, 2023.

DISCUSSION: Miguel and Ismael were not comfortable with the creation of the ad hoc committee. Oscar believes that it could help speed up the process

SPEAKERS:

Pat Brown stated that she was unhappy with placing art on the bathrooms.

Brenda Guzman stated that she was happy with placing art on the bathrooms.

ACTION: Roger Poirier motioned to form a Mural Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Miguel Fernandez and Roger Poirier. The motion was seconded by Miguel Fernandez.

Roger Poirier, Miguel Fernandez, Oscar Hernandez, and Ismael Paredes Ulloa voted yes, while Paul Lemos abstained and Angela Whitecomb was absent.

3. SUBJECT: Report from the Park Ambassador AD-HOC Committee

RECOMMENDATION: That Commissioners Angela Whitecomb, Roger Poirier, and Oscar Hernandez give a report..

DISCUSSION: The ad hoc committee stated that they haven't been able to meet as an ad hoc committee yet.

ACTION: [None.]

4. SUBJECT: Report from the Five Points Clean Up AD-HOC Committee:

RECOMMENDATION: That Commissioners Roger Poirier, Chris Hernandez, and Miguel Fernandez give a report.

DISCUSSION: Miguel informed the Commission that they can clean any weeds and debris at this time, but they will need to wait till the transfer of the property is completed in order to make any changes to the concert, etc.

ACTION: [None.]

G. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

Recreation Supervisor, Janice Zaragoza reported on Santa's Workshop at Colonia on December 11, Southwinds on December 16, and at Oxnard PAL on December 17 as well as highlighting the start of the Santa Float Tours.

Assistant Public Works Director, Steve Howlett provided an update on the active parks project.

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

1. Commissioner Paul Lemos commented on Eastwood Park missing the rules of the park posted.
2. Commissioner Oscar Hernandez thanked staff for all of their hard work.
3. Commissioner Roger Poirier reflected on the year and thanked staff.

I. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Renaming of Oxnard Beach Park
2. Rename a park after Marvin Boos

J. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:54 pm the meeting was adjourned.

Adriana Britt

Angela Whitecomb

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