

MINUTES FINAL
Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission
April 26, 2023

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 5:34 p.m., the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission convened. Commissioners Armando Casillas, Miguel Fernandez, Chris Hernandez, Oscar Hernandez (5:44 pm), Ismael Paredes Ulloa, and Angela Whitecomb were present. Commissioner Paul Lemos was absent. Staff members present were Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director, Jessy Tapia, Cultural and Community Services Manager, Adriana Britt, Recording Secretary.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of March 22, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes be approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Ismael Paredes Ulloa moved approval as recommended. Commissioner Miguel Fernandez seconded and the motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Oscar Hernandez and Paul Lemos absent at the time and Commissioner Armando Casillas abstaining.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

D. REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Oxnard Community Gardens Study and Policy Recommendations Presentation, Youth Coalition of Oxnard

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive the presentation and discuss the recommendations made by the Youth Coalition of Oxnard.

DISCUSSION: Commissioners expressed their support for the Study and Policy Recommendations

ACTION: [None]

2. SUBJECT: Oxnard Bike Hub

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive a presentation from the Oxnard Bike Hub and recommend that the Recreation Division of the Cultural and Community Services Department explore opportunities for collaboration with the Oxnard Bike Hub.

DISCUSSION: The Commission gives full support to Bike Hub and hopes they can find a way to partner with City programs and local school districts.

Bryan Rodriguez: Thinks the City needs to do better and help Bike Hub.

Roger Poirier: Bike Hub gets crowded and needs help from City and should look into available grants.

ACTION: (Ismael/Fernandez) The Commission voted on a recommendation that the Recreation Division of the Cultural and Community Services Department explore opportunities for collaboration with the Oxnard Bike Hub. 6(Angela Whitecomb, Ismael Ulloa Paredes, Armando Casillas, Chris Hernandez, Miguel Fernandez, Oscar Hernandez) - 0 in support of the motion with Commissioner Paul Lemos absent.

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Elections for 2023 Vice Chair

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission recommends and votes on a Vice Chair for the 2023 Parks and Recreation and Community Services Commission.

DISCUSSION: [None]

ACTION: (Fernandez/O.Hernandez) The Commission voted on Commissioner Ismael Ulloa Paredes as Vice Chair 5(Angela Whitecomb, Armando Casillas, Chris Hernandez Oscar Hernandez, Miguel Fernandez) - 0 in support of the motion with Commissioner Ismael Ulloa Paredes abstaining and Paul Lemos absent.

2. SUBJECT: Goal Setting

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission discusses and sets goals for the 2023 calendar year.

DISCUSSION:

Ismael Paredes Ulloa and Amrando Casillas: Wants City to seek potential partnerships with other organizations

Miguel Fernandez: Would like the Commission to establish a stronger relationship with PAL

Chris Hernandez: Would like to get more items on the City Council Agenda and to get more people involved in PRCSC meetings.

Oscar Hernandez: Would like to focus on what the people want so that the Commission can be their advocate

Angela Whitecomb: Implementation of the Master Plan

Bryan Rodriguez: Hopes that the Commission will continue to work on pedestrian and bike safety.

ACTION: [None.]

3. SUBJECT: City of Oxnard Parks Tour

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission and staff discuss and recommend dates and parks for a future tour.

DISCUSSION: The Commission decided on visiting Olokoy Beach Park, Neptune Park, The Five Points site, Community Center Park East, Pleasant Valley Park, Southwinds Park, and Riverpark Dogpark on June 10 or June 17

ACTION: [None.]

F. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Create, assign members, and set objectives for a Park Restroom AD-HOC Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission creates and assigns members to the Parks Restroom AD-HOC Committee to discuss access to park restrooms for sports leagues during practices and games. The Committee will sunset on September 27, 2023.

DISCUSSION: The Commission and staff discussed the procedures for sports leagues to obtain access to the restrooms

Roger Poirier: Advised commission to create AD-Hoc and survey the leagues regarding restrooms.

ACTION: Commissioner Chris Hernandez volunteered to join the AD-HOC Committee.

2. SUBJECT: Update on the Park Ambassador AD-HOC Committee
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive an update from the AD-HOC Committee about implementing a Park Ambassador Program in the City of Oxnard.

DISCUSSION: The Committee explained the AD-HOC to Commissioner Armando Casillas

Roger Poirier: INCO is creating a Parks Committee, Parks has supplies that people can borrow to clean park.

ACTION: [None.]

3. SUBJECT: Update from the Pleasant Valley Park Restroom Mural AD-HOC Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive an update from the AD-HOC Committee regarding painting murals on the outside of the Pleasant Valley Park restrooms.

DISCUSSION: Committee has been in touch with an artist to possibly assist with the Pleasant Valley Park Restroom Mural

Roger Poirier: Approximately \$3,000 is needed to pay artist in order to begin a community project.

ACTION: [None.]

G. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

Parks Division Report:

Pleasant Valley Park Restroom: waiting on electrical from Edison

Community Center Park East Restroom, some changes for electrical plan and requires new permit. Mid-May

Wilson Park Playground: Requirement for NEPA due to Community Development Block Grant - 4 weeks before going out to bid for placement of already purchased playground

Oxnard Beach Park renamed to Olokoy Beach Park

USA Today named Olokoy Beach Park named #1 for best West Coast Beach Parks

Recreation Division Report:

Meet Up Clean Up Southwest Community Extension: April 29, 2023

Oxnard PAL re-opening along with Basketball Sign Ups: May 1, 2023

Jr High Grad Night: May 12, 2023

Oxnard Scholars Rock into Sports for 6-8 graders: May 20, 2023

Insect Festival presents Reptiles: June 2, 2023

Oxnard Scholars Fun Fest for : June 10, 2023

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Casillas: Gave brief introduction of himself and his background and experience.

Commissioner Fernandez: Attended Landscape Standards Meetings

Commissioner Chris Hernandez: Acknowledged Poiriers 15 years of service on the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission. Excited to have Commissioner Casillas on board. When can work be done at the Five Points Parcel

Vice Chair Paredes-Ulloa: Welcome Commissioner Casillas. Disappointed that Roger is no longer serving

Chair Whitecomb: Super bloom going on. Encourages more time outdoors. Attended Landscaping Meetings. Plant native. Worked with Bike Hub and Park Ambassador AD-HOC.

I. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Would like a report on an update of the revised standards of the Landscape Standards.
2. Acknowledged Poiriers 15 years of service on the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission. Excited to have Commissioner Casillas on board.
3. Work on improving dog park at College Park

J. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 pm the meeting was adjourned.

Adriana Britt

Angela Whitecomb

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