

CITY OF OXNARD
PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES FINAL
SPECIAL ONLINE MEETING
Oxnard, CA 93030
Wednesday, July 28, 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, Chris Hernandez, and Commissioner Lemos were present. Dr. Carlo Aaron Purther was excused. Commissioner Oscar Hernandez was not present. 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

No public comments

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **SUBJECT:** Minutes of the PRCSC meeting from June 23, 2021, regular meeting was submitted for approval.

ACTION: PRCSC minutes from June 23, 2021, were approved (Chair M. Fernandez / P. Lemos) unanimous

E. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

The Commission remembered Dr. John Arnold with a moment of silence.

F. PARKS DIVISION REPORT

1. **SUBJECT:** Park Restroom Operating Hours

ACTION: The commission received an update on all park restroom operating hours, along with funding and location for Community Center East restrooms

G. RECREATION REPORT

1. **SUBJECT:** COVID Vaccine Public Service Announcement Video

ACTION: The Commission viewed the COVID Vaccine Public Service Announcement Video

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. **SUBJECT:** Presentation on California natives plantings in the curb-outs around Plaza Park - Diego Magana

ACTION: The Commission received a presentation on California natives plantings in the

curb-outs around Plaza Park

2. **SUBJECT:** American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Discussion and Feedback - Steve Howlett, Asst. Public Works Director

ACTION: The Commission discussed and provided feedback on the City's use of the APRA funds

A. Commission-added proposals for ARPA spending

1. Santa Clara River Trail bike path with guide rail that runs from 101 bridge to Victoria - \$1M
2. Sport field upgrades city-wide - \$5M
3. Park restroom replacement - \$2.5M
4. Trash can replacement (secure tops, recyclables skirt) - \$1M
5. Park lighting for parks where appropriate and welcome - \$5M
6. Colonia Pool heating - \$800K

B. From Staff ARPA proposal list, specifically called out by PRCSC in support

1. College Park - \$18M
2. Sports Park - \$6.5M
3. Channel Islands Water Quality - \$1M
4. Colonia Pool upgrades - \$1.2M
5. Colonia SkatePark - \$3M
6. Oxnard Tennis Center - \$500K
7. Wooley protected bike lane - \$1.5M

Total PRCSC recommendations - \$47M

I. TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Dog Park Committee: Sea View Park is a good possibility for an off-leash dog park. Code compliance and legal departments are looking into a pilot program for an off-leash dog park.
2. Campus Park Committee - An email was sent to staff regarding the ASR wells but there has been no response since July 19. The biggest fear is that the committee will see the project too late.
3. Quimby Funds Committee - Trying to create a new neighborhood council in Mar Vista. Commissioner C. Hernandez held a virtual meeting for the 5 Points Neighborhood. Dunes neighborhood has a new neighborhood council.

J. COMMISSION COMMENTS

No Commissioner comments

K. ITEMS OF FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Restrooms - new artwork/painting on walls
2. Exeloo Restroom Report - Vice-Chair Poirier
3. Butterfly Habitat Presentation - Madam Chair Whitecomb
4. Protected bike path update
5. Updates on ongoing Parks projects

L. ADJOURNMENT

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

Angela Whitecomb, Chair

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