

MINUTES FINAL
Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission
September 27, 2023

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 5:32 p.m., the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission convened. Commissioners Armando Casillas, Miguel Fernandez, Paul Lemos, and Angela Whitecomb, were present. Commissioners Chris Hernandez, Oscar Hernandez, and Ismael Paredes Ulloa were excused. Staff members present were Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director, Jessy Tapia, Cultural and Community Services Manager, Cristian Reyes, Cultural and Community Services Coordinator, and Adriana Britt, Cultural and Community Services Specialist.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 28, 2023 and Special Meeting of September 17, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

DISCUSSION:

ACTION: Commissioner Casillas moved approval as recommended for minutes on the regular meeting on June 28, 2023. Commissioner Miguel Fernandez seconded and the motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Chris Hernandez, Oscar Hernandez, and Ismael Paredes Ulloa absent. Minutes for the Special Meeting of September 17, 2023 were tabled due to lack of quorum for Commissioners who attended the meeting.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Joe Garcia: Lights for youth sports in the parks

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: Volunteer Coach Timeo Beas

RECOMMEND: That the commission recognizes Mr. Timeo Beas for his time and dedication to youth in the community.

DISCUSSION:

Daughter: Spoke on Timeo Beas accomplishments.

Commissioner Paul Lemos spoke on relationship with Mr. Beas and years of dedication.

Commissioner Armando Casillas thanked Mr. Beas for years of service.

Mr. Timeo Beas: Asked about restrooms at Beck Park

ACTION: Mr. Timeo was presented with a plaque

E. REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Youth Sports Programs

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive a report on Youth Sports Programs.

DISCUSSION:

Chair Angela Whitecomb: Would like information on youth sports outside of City programs and restrooms availability.

Commissioner Lemos: Commented on the great job staff is doing and would like to have further discussion.

ACTION: [None.]

F. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Ambassador Program

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission review the current draft of the Ambassador Program and provide feedback with recommendations.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Miguel Fernandez would like more clarification on some areas of the program.

Commissioner Armando Casillas: Hopes to receive support for the program

Steve Howlett: Will continue working with the Commission on a final draft.

ACTION: [None.]

2. SUBJECT: Parks Tour Discussion

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission discuss the Parks Tour that was held on September 17, 2023 and provide feedback and ideas to staff for future consideration.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Miguel Fernandez: Would like to do more tours and wants to discuss more at the next meeting.

Commissioner Armando Casillas: Enjoyed the tour and the different environment of each park. Thanked Mr. Howlett

Chair Angela Whitecomb: Questioned the playground floor at Southwinds Park, Exeloo restrooms at Pleasant Valley Park, and asked the public to email Edison about the power for the Exeloo restroom. Also asked about lifeguards on the beach.

ACTION: [None]

G. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Five Points Property Ad-hoc Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee updates the Commission. The Committee will sunset on October 25, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

Chair Angela Whitecomb: Bike hub closed down adding another vacant property to the Five Points Neighborhood. Would like to talk to new residents about expectations of the neighborhood.

ACTION: [None.]

2. SUBJECT: Community Park East Restroom Ad-hoc Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee updates the Commission. The Committee will sunset on October 25, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

Chair Angela Whitecomb: Committee would like to meet with staff about murals, recommends staff to work with Roger Poirier.

Roger Poirier: Spoke to Cultural Arts Commission, mural needs a funding source.

Commissioner Miguel Fernandez: Would prefer a mural to deter graffiti.

ACTION: [None.]

3. SUBJECT: Park Restrooms Ad-hoc Committee

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive a final report from the Ad-Hoc Committee on park restrooms as they pertain to sports leagues during practices and games. Sunset date: September 27, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

Chair Angela Whitecomb would like staff to add signage on all restrooms regarding park hours and restroom usage.

Commissioner Paul Lemos: Notified Commission that sports leagues in parks work with staff to acquire keys for restrooms.

ACTION: [None.]

H. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

1. SUBJECT: Parks Updates

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive an update on current park projects in the City of Oxnard including projected completion dates.

DISCUSSION: [None.]

ACTION: [None.]

2. SUBJECT: Recreation Updates

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive an update on upcoming Recreation events.

DISCUSSION:

Commission was notified of the following upcoming events; Skate Night, Meet Up Clean Up, Day at the Park, Fall Festival, Halloween Float, and Dia De Los Muertos Altar

ACTION: [None.]

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Miguel Fernandez: Thanked Mr. Howlett for Parks Tour

Commissioner Armando Casillas: Would like to focus on Commission Goals and executing some of them.

Chair Angela Whitecomb: Banana Festival, Oddities Festival, and Elite Theater

J. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Update on Durley Park Restrooms
2. Making changes to park hours and restroom availability
3. Murals on Exeloo restrooms Ad Hoc
4. Joining CAC on a meeting
5. Recreation Tour Discussion
6. Recommendation for Ambassador Program

K. ADJOURNMENT

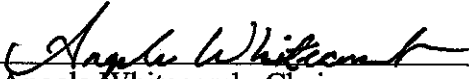
The meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Adriana Britt



Adriana Britt, Secretary

Angela Whitecomb



Angela Whitecomb, Chairman