

MINUTES
Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission
November 15, 2023

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 5:31 p.m., the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission convened. Commissioners Angela Whitecomb, Chris Hernandez, Miguel Fernandez, and Paul Lemos were present. Commissioners Armando Casillas, Oscar Hernandez, and Ismael Paredes Ulloa were absent. Staff members present were Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director, Jessy Tapia, Cultural and Community Services Manager, and Mariah Sanchez, Cultural and Community Services Analyst.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **SUBJECT:** Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 25, 2023.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.
DISCUSSION: None.
ACTION: Minutes were approved as recommended.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Gerardo Gonzales: Durley Park Restrooms
2. Andrew Arreola: Durley Park Restrooms
3. Isaac Khalaf: Sea View Estates Quimby Funds
4. Buddy Salinas: Durley Park Restrooms
5. Eduardo Reyes: Durley Park Restrooms
6. Julie Reyes: Durley Park Restrooms
7. Art Rivas: Durley Park Restrooms

D. DISCUSSIONS:

1. **SUBJECT:** Update from the Parks Department on the Proposed Park Ambassador Program
RECOMMENDATION: Receive an update from Steve Howlett and provide comments on the proposed Park Ambassador Program.
DISCUSSION:
Chair Angela Whitecomb provided a presentation about the proposed Park Ambassador Program.
ACTION: Commissioner Chris Hernandez motioned to put this program forward to City Council. Commissioner Fernandez seconded and the motion was carried unanimously with Commissioners Armando Casillas, Oscar Hernandez, and Ismael Paredes Ulloa absent.
2. **SUBJECT:** Vote to Go Dark During December
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission votes to go dark for the December Commission meeting.
DISCUSSION: [None.]

ACTION: Chair Whitecomb motioned for the Commission to go dark for the December Commission meeting. Commissioner

E. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Five Points Neighborhood Ad-Hoc Committee
RECOMMENDATION: That commissioners appoint members to the Five Points Neighborhood Ad-Hoc Committee.
Sunset date: May 22, 2024
DISCUSSION: Commissioners Chris Hernandez and Miguel Fernandez volunteered themselves to be part of the ad-hoc committee.
ACTION: [None.]
2. SUBJECT: Park Ranger Program Ad-Hoc Committee, Commissioners Angela Whitecomb, Ismael Paredes Ulloa, and Oscar Hernandez
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission create and appoint members to an Ad-Hoc Committee to research options for recreational uses at two vacant lots in the Five Points Neighborhood.
Sunset date: May 22, 2024.
DISCUSSION: [None.]
ACTION: [None.]
3. SUBJECT: Park Restroom Murals Ad-Hoc Committee, Commissioners Miguel Fernandez and Angela Whitecomb
RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee update the Commission on the Park Restroom Murals discussions.
Sunset date: May 22, 2024.
DISCUSSION: Steve Howlett clarified to the Commission that the bathroom mural costs weren't originally added into the budget for the bathrooms, but that there is a possibility for it to get added into the budget later.
ACTION: [None.]
4. SUBJECT: City Park Hours Ad-Hoc Committee, Commissioners Miguel Fernandez, Oscar Hernandez, and Ismael Paredes Ulloa
RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee update the Commission on the City Park Hours discussions.
Sunset date: May 22, 2024.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Fernandez will work with Steve Howlett to meet about the issue in either November or December.
ACTION: [None.]

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

1. SUBJECT: Parks Projects Update
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive an update on current park projects in the City of Oxnard including projected completion dates.
DISCUSSION: Durley Park Restroom in project review, Pleasant Valley Park Restroom are still waiting on Edison, Community Center Park East Restroom closed for a few days

for warranty repair, and playgrounds need proper language for ARPA before going out to bid.

ACTION: [None.]

2. SUBJECT: Recreation Events Update

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

DISCUSSION: PAL Turkey Distributions, Tamale Festival, Parade Float for Commission, PAL Santa's Workshop, Santa Float Tours, and Winter Basketball Season.

ACTION: [None.]

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

[None.]

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Durley Park Restroom Update
2. Grant Deadlines for Parks and Recreation
3. Durley Park Upgrades
4. Quimby Funds Update

I. ADJOURNMENT

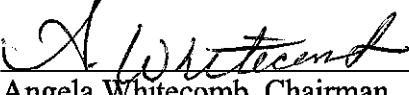
The meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.

Mariah Sanchez



Mariah Sanchez, Secretary

Angela Whitecomb



Angela Whitecomb, Chairman