

MINUTES
Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission
August 28, 2024

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 5:30 p.m., the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission convened. Commissioners Angela Whitecomb, Armando Casillas, Miguel Fernandez, and Joe Garcia were present. Commissioner Oscar Hernandez arrived at 5:35pm. 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 June 26, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION: Minutes were approved as recommended.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Elena Vazquez spoke in regards to the Mermaid Softball League naming the mini field at Carty Park after Joe Gurrera at the beginning of their next softball season.
2. Taylor Gambino provided an update to the Commission in regards to the Colonia SkatePark project.
3. Katy Behrens requested that the tennis courts at Wilson Park be updated to add in pickleball courts.
4. Gerardo Daksia spoke in regards to pickleball and how popular the sport has become.
5. Bryan Rodriguez spoke in regards to Marina West park and how it is still under construction.

D. COMMISSION BUSINESS:

1. SUBJECT: Park Restrooms

RECOMMENDATION: The Commission receives an update on park restrooms and hours of operations and the resources that are required to maintain the restrooms.

DISCUSSION: Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director, provided the Commission with a list of bathrooms and their hours of operation. Chair Angela Whitecomb requested that there be a way for Beck Parks restroom to be open from 3-7pm, so school kids walking near the area or playing at the park would be able to use the restrooms

ACTION: [None.]

2. SUBJECT: Update on the Special Populations programs.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive a report about the programming for the special populations in Oxnard provided by recreation staff.

DISCUSSION: Jessy Tapia, Cultural and Community Services Manager, provided information regarding the Special Populations and their available programming such as sports opportunities, open gym, special events, Fun Club, Day at the Park, and Aut2Run.

ACTION:

3. SUBJECT: Discuss idea of adding a fence around Wilson Park

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission discuss and consider recommending adding a fence for user safety around the perimeter of Wilson Park and removing the fence that divides the park to the scope of work for the Wilson Park improvement project.

DISCUSSION: Chair Angela Whitecomb stated that she would like a fence installed around Wilson Park so those with special needs would have a safe space for them to play. Public Comment: Roger Porier stated that a fence would help with some of the issues and that he was in favor of the idea.

ACTION: [None.]

E. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

The Commission Secretary shall report on items of interest to the Commission occurring since the last meeting. The Commission cannot enter into detailed discussion or take action on any items presented during this report. Such items may only be referred to the Secretary for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion.

1. SUBJECT: Parks Division Updates

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

DISCUSSION: Steve Howlett, Assistant Public Works Director, provided updates in regards to a new Parks Manager starting soon, Del Sol Park muralist will be touching up the mural, Dunkirk bid, Marina West bid, playground replacements at Sea Air, Ololkoy Beach Park, and Neptune, projects at College Park, Ambassador Program, Clean California, and Durley Park outreach meeting.

Public Comment: Roger Poirier stated that Pleasant Valley Park has a large playground footprint and there could be a possibility of adding in something like sand for kids to play with.

ACTION: [None.]

2. SUBJECT: Recreation and Community Services Division Updates

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive an update on upcoming Recreation and Community Services events and programs.

DISCUSSION: Jessy Tapia, Cultural and Community Services Manager, provided updates regarding summer programming such as Insect Festival, Camp Serendipity, Preschool to You, Mobile Activity Center, Colonia Youth Sports Camps, Colonia Pool, Youth Centers, Meet Up Clean Up, Oxnard Scholars, Hueneme SHINE, PAL's Kids Fest, Backpack Distributions, Youth Directors Council, Summer Lunch Programs at PAL and Southwinds, PAL Summer Camps, and Community Cinema.

ACTION: [None.]

F. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

1. Vice Chair Miguel Fernandez commented on talking with Roger Poirier about a mural for the exeloo bathroom at Community Center Park East and how they are seeking private donations for the project.

G. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Policies for Soccer Teams
2. Renaming of Carty Park Mini Field
3. Pickleball Courts
4. Wilson Fencing
5. College Park and Community Center Park West Restrooms
6. Adult Changing Tables at Wilson

H. ADJOURNMENT

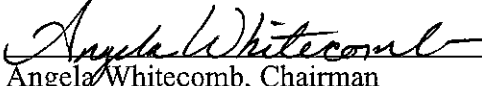
The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm

Mariah Sanchez



Mariah Sanchez, Secretary

Angela Whitecomb



Angela Whitecomb, Chairman