

MINUTES
PLACENTIA RECREATION AND
PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
October 10, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bartelt, Emrick, Granger, Hunt, Jackson, Newman
Absent: Dougherty

Staff Present: Veronica Ortiz, Community Services Supervisor
Maria Elena Maurer, Community Services Coordinator
Matt Brand, Community Services Coordinator
Felipe Zambrano, Community Services Coordinator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Emrick.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None in Attendance.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS - Commissioner Bartelt indicated she was not able to attend the OC Loop meeting scheduled in Yorba Linda, but was glad that Staff Maurer was able to attend. However, she attended the presentation this afternoon at the Placentia Library made to the “Bulldogs”, Pony Baseball World Series Champions, by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson. It was a very nice presentation and all players were given individual certificates. Mr. Torlakson was engaged with the kids and made them feel very special. He was also presented with a team jersey.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –
September 12, 2016 Minutes**

Commissioner Granger noted that on page 2, item 3, last paragraph, it was Commissioner Bartelt that reported the dirt runoff at Vaqueros Park and not Commissioner Granger. In addition, under item 6, Park Inspection Reports, second paragraph, it should read “water fountain by the restrooms at Parque De Los Niños” instead of at “Kraemer Park.”

MOTION by Commissioner Granger to approve the Minutes of September 12, 2016 as Amended; **SECOND** by Commissioner Hunt and **CARRIED** by a **6-0-1-0 VOICE VOTE** (Dougherty,Absent).

2. **MONTHLY REPORT -**

Staff Ortiz reported that there were no City Council updates at this time. Staff González was out sick and had asked to table item 5, Facilities Use by Non-Profit Report until the meeting in November. A Summer 2016 video was shown to highlight the programs, events, and activities presented by the Community

Services Department. Afterwards, Staff Ortiz and each Community Services Coordinator, Felipe Zambrano, Matt Brand and Maria Elena Maurer, provided an overview and report on the programs each of them oversees as well as summer highlights.

3. **PARKS AND FACILITY PROJECT UPDATES-**

Staff Ortiz reported the Backs Community Building bathroom renovation work is expected to start early November with completion the end of January or early February. The award of contract is on the City Council agenda on October 18, 2016. The \$1M grant application to Southern California Youth Soccer to build a soccer home field at McFadden for Lot 318 is due November 1, 2016. The City of Placentia meets over 90% of the criteria for this competitive grant and it is promising.

4. **HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2016 RECAP -**

Staff Ortiz reported that the Heritage Festival held on October 8, 2016, was a hot day, but much cooler than last year. There were a few heat related incidents. Staff had made preparations by adding cooling/first aid stations along the parade route, including misters, cold towels and a golf cart stocked with cold water. Commissioner Hunt indicated that 185 people had registered for the car show although 159 had shown the day of. Staff Ortiz added that the parade had big gaps and delays and fewer band participants; bands had been required not to wear full uniforms to avoid heat related incidents and for the safety of the participants. Those schools that followed the recommendation, looked great. Commissioner Bartelt added that the streets were efficiently open to traffic soon after the parade ended and they looked clean. Staff Ortiz mentioned that one of the items the Heritage Committee will be discussing when it starts meeting to prepare for the 2017 event, is a shorter route for the parade.

5. **FACILITIES USE BY NON-PROFITS REPORT -**

This item will be brought back to the November 14, 2016 Commission meeting.

6. **PARK INSPECTION REPORTS -**

Commissioner Bartelt mentioned that in Lake Forest kids had come down with a rash that was linked to the wood chips in the playground and she found this interesting. Placentia does not have wood chips in any of its playgrounds. Commissioner Hunt stated that Mc Fadden Park still has the big gaps in the playground surface that have not been addressed. Staff Ortiz indicated that the estimate to repair the playground surface came to \$13,000. Commissioner Hunt added that Public Works staff was supposed to have been trained to do the patching. Staff Brand commented that the drawback to doing it, is the fact that any patching has to be allowed to seal for 24 hours. The playground would have to be fenced off for a few days and this park is heavily used.

Staff Gonzalez was talking to Miracle Playground about McFadden Park and any grant opportunities to redo the playground surfacing material.

7. **STAFF COMMENTS**

Staff Maurer provided a report on the OC Loop meeting she attended in Yorba Linda. Currently, OC Parks received approval for \$2.5M to develop bikeways.

They are in the environmental and design phase. The loop is a total of 66 miles and once completed, it will provide connections to 17 cities, linking to 200 parks, access to 180 schools, beaches, restaurants and shopping. Segment D is located along Carbon Creek Channel from the intersection of Imperial Hwy. and La Floresta Drive to the El Cajon Trail and Bikeway at Bastanchury. This gap that will connect to Placentia represents .5 miles of the loop.

OC Parks will be hosting additional community meetings to share project updates, engage the community, and obtain more input.

8. **AGENDA BUILDING AND MEETING SCHEDULE –**
Facilities Use Report, CIP Updates, and Monthly Report.

Commissioners Hunt and Newman will not be attending the November scheduled meeting.

9. **ADJOURNMENT –**
There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner Granger to adjourn to Monday, November 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. regular meeting; **SECOND** by Commissioner Jackson and **CARRIED** by a **6-0-1-0 VOICE VOTE** (Dougherty, Absent). **Meeting adjourned on October 10, 2016 at 8:10 p.m.**

Maria Elena Maurer
Community Services Coordinator