

MINUTES
PLACENTIA RECREATION AND
PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
June 12, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Sandra Gonzalez, Community Services Director
Veronica Ortiz, Community Services Supervisor
Maria Elena Maurer, Community Services Coordinator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Bartelt.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None in attendance.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS -

Commissioner Bartelt commented that the Lakeview overpass had opened and that it looks great.

New Commissioner, Kenny Binnings, was welcomed to the Commission. He added that he has been a resident of Placentia for over 20 years and he lives across from Tri-City Park. He works in economic development for Sprint and was happy to be part of the Commission.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – April 10, 2017

Commissioner Dougherty noted that under Adjournment, Commissioner Bartelt had made the motion to adjourn, but it also showed Bartelt as Abstaining.

MOTION by Commissioner Bartelt to approve the Minutes of June 12, 2017, as corrected; **SECOND** by Commissioner Hunt and **CARRIED** by a **7-0-2-0 VOICE VOTE** (Emrick, Narahara, Absent).

2. **MONTHLY REPORT** -

Director Gonzalez reported that the Community Services staff had been busy conducting interviews to hire summer part time staff. The week of June 19 is “In-service.” New and returning part time staff will attend the Whitten Center for training the week of June 19.

The second Community Walk “Walk with a Doc” is scheduled on Thursday, June 29, at 6:00 p.m. at Kraemer Park. A doctor from our main sponsor UCI Health will be leading the walk and other participating vendors that include the American Heart Association, St. Jude/St. Joseph Medical Group, Cal Optima and Da Vita will be providing useful information to improve our health. Commissioners were

encouraged to attend. Staff Ortiz distributed the final flyers for Concerts and Movies at the Park as well as the Community Dog Walk scheduled on Saturday, July 22 at 10:00 a.m. at Kraemer Park. This walk has sparked the interest of dog groomers and pet shops to have a booth at this event. St. Jude will also be talking about their “Soda Free Summer” campaign to encourage families to pledge and substitute non-sugary drinks for soda.

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

Staff Ortiz reported that the outdoor exercise equipment concrete pad for Santa Fe Park had been completed. A ribbon cutting will be scheduled after the equipment installation takes place on June 21. Commissioners will be notified when the ribbon cutting is scheduled.

Director Gonzalez reported that the new roof replacement for the Powell Building will be underway in July. The roof material will be clay, as per existing. Staff Ortiz added that the field renovation at Tuffree Park was completed and the fields look very nice after the laser leveling, infield mix addition and redoing the pitcher mounds. Commissioner Hunt commented that the chain link behind the back stops is over 30 years old and in need of replacement.

Director Gonzalez indicated that the playground replacement at Champions Sports Complex and Arroyo Verde will be considered in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Miracle Playground offers a 40% discount if a replacement of their original equipment takes place.

4. **DOG PARK SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE -**

Director Gonzalez reported that a Dog Park Subcommittee had met to discuss possible options for a Dog Park as per City Council’s direction. The subcommittee came up with possible options that include:

Parque Del Arroyo Verde – Koch Park – Parque De Los Niños. All of these locations would require additional parking. Arroyo Verde and Koch Park are near residential whereas Parque De Los Niños is near an industrial area and has unutilized park space. Koch Park is heavily used by the Softball leagues and already draws a lot of traffic. It was concluded that Parque De Los Niños would not disrupt the neighborhood, park users and the possible location would be easily accessible although it would require the addition of a parking lot. Commissioners Dougherty and Hunt noted that a cost estimate should be included and community input. Once the word gets out that the City is looking at putting a Dog Park in the area, there would be a lot of activity.

Commissioner Bartelt suggested polling the people at the Concerts and Movies at the Park. Director Gonzalez indicated that a questionnaire would be put together to find out if there is interest from the community. A survey will be developed and reviewed at the next meeting. Commissioner Binnings asked where the funding is coming from. Director Gonzalez responded that there are grant opportunities from various organizations; NRPA for one, has grants available specifically for Dog Parks.

5. **SCHOOL DISTRICT FIELD ALLOCATION UPDATE –**

Commissioner Newman reported that the School District representative had not attended the last Sports Advisory Committee meeting. It is still unknown what the District is planning to do in regards to allocating their fields and the fees involved. It was mentioned that the School Board would have to approve the changes and that sports groups would have a one year grace period. Staff Ortiz added that sport groups still have to request use of school fields through the School District. In the meantime, everyone is doing business as usual. However, this year the City is paying \$9,000 for the use of the high school pools for the swimming program.

6. **PARK INSPECTION REPORTS –**

Commissioner Granger reported that the water fountains at Jaycee Parquette and Santa Fe Parks are broken again and suggested that they be replaced or removed. The fence that allows access to the flood control at the Whitten Center needs to be repaired, and La Placita has graffiti. Commissioner Hunt indicated that the sand that was added at Tuffree Park playground is already gone.

7. **STAFF COMMENTS**

Director Gonzalez mentioned that City Council typically goes dark in the month of August. In previous years, the Recreation & Parks Commission has done the same. It was agreed that the month of August will be dark as well for the Commission.

8. **AGENDA BUILDING AND MEETING SCHEDULE –**

Agenda items to include Monthly Report and Parks and Facility Project Updates, Dog Park Subcommittee Update, Budget Update (provide copy of approved budget), Park Assessment Report Update, and School District Field Allocation Update (provide copy of Valadez/Melrose Joint Use Agreement). Playground Equipment surfacing material options: what is available.

ADJOURNMENT –

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner Hunt to adjourn to Monday, July 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. regular meeting to be held at City Hall; **SECOND** by Commissioner Jackson and **CARRIED** by a **7-0-2-0 VOICE VOTE** (Emrick, Narahara Absent). Meeting adjourned on June 12, 2017 at 7:35 p.m.

Maria Elena Maurer
Community Services Coordinator