

MINUTES  
PLACENTIA RECREATION AND  
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2011

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Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Bartelt, Dougherty, Emrick, Granger, Hunt, Newman  
Absent: McDermott  
Staff Present: Steve Pischel, Director of Community Services  
Mike Kudron, Recreation Services Manager  
Maria Elena Maurer, Administrative Assistant, Community Services

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Commissioner Newman.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – None in attendance.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – March 14, 2011

Commissioner Granger noted that her request to review the monthly calendar of agenda items under Agenda Building at the June meeting was not noted in the minutes.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Newman to approve the minutes of March 14, 2011 as amended; **SECOND** by Commissioner Granger and **CARRIED** by a **5-0-1-1 VOICE VOTE** (Hunt, Abstained; McDermott, Absent).

**2. MONTHLY REPORTS** –

Staff Kudron indicated that the 2011 Heritage Festival is taking place on October 15, 2011. Traditionally, this event is scheduled on the second Saturday in October, but due to the Yom Kippur Holiday, City Council approved this change. Commissioner Bartelt stated that this holiday affects a lot of people and she appreciates this consideration.

**2. SKATE PARK SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE** – Commissioner Granger reported on the meeting with the Skate Park Group held earlier indicating that the group had come back with a different point of view. It appears that after visiting some of the Placentia parks, they came to the conclusion that they are not big enough for a Skate Complex, but that some sites could accommodate a small skate spot. They plan to come back in May with three suggestions. Heidi Lemmon brought back the idea to use a landscape designer to plan these sites and a grant writer to go after funding opportunities. The group was also asked to come up with a list of questions for the survey to be included in the Fall Quarterly.

Commissioner Newman added that the group mentioned that the Tony Hawk Association may have money available to use for a grant writer. They will bring back information regarding this fund.

Staff Pischel complimented the Subcommittee and staff for allowing the process to continue and letting this group be part of the solution.

4. **SENIOR CENTER REHABILITATION PROJECT UPDATE** – Staff Pischel announced that the seniors have moved back to the E.T. Powell Building effective April 11, 2011. A grand re-opening is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Public Works staff was able to install new kitchen cabinets, painted the outside of the building and the patio area, planted some landscaping in the front and cleaned all the windows. There is still some work to be done.

Staff Pischel added that through the Orange County Board of Supervisors Fund 130, Placentia was approved to receive \$11,000 in discretionary money that can be used for new computers for the Cathy Torrez Learning Center, and a new refrigerator for the building. The Cathy Torrez Learning Center may be able to move in June once the computer stations are set up. Commissioner Hunt commented that the windows are noticeably in need of replacement as they are rotted out. It was suggested that maybe park development funds can be utilized to replace the windows.

Commissioner Granger would like to see this building highlighted as there is now the potential to rent it out. Staff Kudron indicated that this could be done in the Fall Quarterly and also through the City's website. The Commission's meeting in June will be scheduled at this facility.

5. **KRAEMER PARK RESTROOM RENOVATION PROJECT** – Staff Kudron reported that the plans and specs are now available for purchase for this project. The bids are due April 25, 2011 and award of contract is projected to take place at the May 3, 2011 City Council meeting. The project is due to be completed in 50 working days. The majority of the grant funds will be spent by June 30, 2011 although the project will carry over through July.

Staff Kudron added that there is a challenge with Southern California Edison. They have indicated that it is their policy to only allow one meter per lot, and the city cannot pull electricity for the new restrooms from the existing source on Main Street. This requirement would add significant cost to the project. The direct purchase of the restroom unit will go to City Council for approval on April 19, 2011. Progress payments will be made to the manufacturer as the construction of this unit is done, and after each inspection is completed according to the specs.

Commissioner Hunt commented that Edison will be reading meters electronically, and it will not matter whether there is more than one at a location.

6. **GOMEZ CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE** – Staff Pischel reported that this project has a similar timeline as the Kraemer Restroom Renovation, except for the date completion of June 30, 2011. This project is anticipated to be completed by the end of summer. The project is in final review and the architect

has dealt with all the issues recommended by the Commission. Staff Kudron added that the construction will impact the summer programs at this location, and staff is prepared to move the activities outside without causing cancellation of the program.

7. **SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE** - Commissioner Hunt reported that the meeting held earlier did not have any controversy. Some of the groups did not attend the meeting. Items discussed included closure of fields to re-seed and condition the fields, to report about the revised ordinance regarding the prohibition of dogs on athletic fields and children's playgrounds, and whether staff or the users should turn field lights on/off (it was agreed that Staff's current system of turning lights on/off is working and there no need to change it).

**PARK INSPECTION REPORTS** – Commissioner Bartelt reported that the benches and tables at Goldenrod Park have imbedded bird's droppings and need to be cleaned up. Los Vaqueros Park has two light fixtures completely out and it must be very dark there. Commissioner Granger mentioned that someone approached her at Kraemer Park and reported that the men's restroom has not been working for a couple of weeks.

**STAFF COMMENTS** – Staff Kudron announced that he has accepted the Parks Superintendent's position with the City of Yorba Linda and will be leaving on April 21, 2011. Commissioner Dougherty thanked him for all the creative solutions he brought to the table and for making things happen. Commissioners congratulated Mike and indicated that he will be greatly missed. Staff Pischel expressed his personal thanks to Staff Kudron for his dedication and hard work.

**AGENDA BUILDING AND MEETING SCHEDULE** – Commissioner Hunt requested that the Field Allocation Policy be on the next agenda so that it can be reviewed through the Sports Advisory Subcommittee. In addition, the following items will placed on the May 9, 2011 agenda: Skate Park Subcommittee Report, Senior Center Project Update, Kraemer Park and Gomez Center Renovation Updates.

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner Dougherty to adjourn to a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2011; **SECOND** by Commissioner Hunt, **MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1-0** (McDermott Absent). Meeting adjourned on April 11, 2011 at 8:26 p.m.

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Maria Elena Maurer, Recording Secretary  
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