

MINUTES
PLACENTIA RECREATION AND
PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
March 11, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:59 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Steve Pischel, Director of Administrative & Community Services
Jon Nicks, Deputy Director of Community Services
Maria Elena Maurer, Community Services Coordinator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Newman.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None in attendance

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS - Commissioner Newman reported that there were tire tracks all over the turf at Parque Del Arroyo Verde and standing water on the walkway just passed the restrooms. Palm trees are in need of trimming. Commissioner Jackson asked if there was a phone number to call to request that the trash bins at Tri-City Park be removed; she received a request from one of the residents that lives next to the park. Staff Pischel responded that he will contact the County and make the request.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – February 11, 2013

MOTION by Commissioner Dougherty to approve the minutes of February 11, 2013 as submitted; **SECOND** by Commissioner Emrick and **CARRIED** by a **4-0-3-0 VOICE VOTE** (Bartelt, Granger, Hunt, Absent).

2. **MONTHLY REPORT**

Staff Nicks reported that resident registration for spring classes had taken place on February 19, 2013, and as of February 25, \$20,000 in revenue has been collected. The excursion to the Warner Bros. Studio Tour sold out right away and a new date has been added. Recruitment for summer positions is open and applications are available on line.

Staff met with the School District, together with the Principals and Athletic Directors of El Dorado and Valencia High Schools, to discuss the criteria the City uses to allocate the sports fields to the user groups. They felt the criteria was fair and equitable and would like to mirror the City's policy. The next Serve Day has been set for Saturday, April 27, 2013. Staff met with the LDS Church to outline the Serve Day projects that may include: painting all iron gates and planting shrubs at Placentia Champions Sports Complex, painting the gates at McFadden and Los Ninos pool area, painting all the picnic tables at Kraemer Park, and having a

group of adults do some light demolition of the old Boys & Girls building. The Church will have approximately 400 volunteers to complete these projects. The City partnered with the Red Cross to do a disaster preparedness puppet show to be presented to the after school programs. This teaches children what to do in the event of a disaster.

Commissioner Hunt arrived at 7:16 p.m.

Staff Nicks added that the line up for Concerts in the Park has been selected by the Cultural Arts Commission. The first concert will be on Thursday, July 4, 2013. Golden State Water has provided a generous donation of \$4,000 for the concerts.

3. PARKS AND FACILITY PROJECT UPDATES -

Staff Nicks indicated that the Kraemer Park cell site project is underway. The mono pine, like the one at Tuffree Park, will be installed on the west side of the Backs Bldg. Even though this project is not expected to be completed until April, the construction area will be cleaned to hold the Easter Egg-citement event to be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013.

4. BOYS & GIRLS CLUB UPDATE -

Staff Pischel reported that the Skate Park concept discussed last month is continuing to progress. The developer, Daddy O's, is coming to the table offering in-kind support. He is connected with California Skate Parks, the largest in the nation, and offering to do the design work at a very low cost. The intent of this project is to have a "Cultural Center" that would offer after school programs, tutoring assistance, skating, and having different age groups do recreational activities. This project has a lot of potential to be a model for other agencies to consider. There could be some costs incurred by the City initially, but it has the potential to be a positive project for the area. Staff Pischel added that a lot of work needs to be done before it can go to City Council.

Staff Nicks indicated that the Boys & Girls Club's director and manager came in with a proposal to do a free teen summer program at the Kraemer Clubhouse. Staff is expecting a proposal detailing what they plan to do. They will be going to their board for approval next week and would like to come to next month's Commission meeting for review.

5. BUDGET REVIEW -

Staff Pischel commented that the budget process continues to move forward. The City has hired a consulting firm, Management Partners, to do an analysis and needs assessment and work with the Finance Department on a financial forecast. Community Services requested extending the after school hours at Koch Park to a four day program as discussed by the Commission; each department identified their needs and challenges. Commissioner Hunt indicated that it is disappointing that Placentia Champions Sports Complex looks the way it does because of deferred maintenance. Staff will keep the Commission informed on any developments regarding the budget.

6. COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETINGS -

After some discussion, Commissioners agreed to hold the May meeting at the Kraemer Clubhouse. Other possible locations will be discussed at the next meeting.

PARK INSPECTION REPORTS -

Staff Pischel will be in contact with Commissioner Jackson to schedule a tour of facilities.

STAFF COMMENTS - Staff Pischel indicated that Commissioner Granger's husband had surgery and Bill Heaton, previously with the Cultural Arts Commission, has health challenges and asked that both be kept in our thoughts and prayers. Staff Nicks mentioned that staff and the Sports Advisory Subcommittee had met early this morning to discuss the updates to the field allocation policy. In addition to many updates, the three strikes policy had been revised to a more flexible consequences for non-compliance that includes an appeal process. A meeting will be scheduled with the sports users to receive their comments and to finalize the policy to be implemented next season.

AGENDA BUILDING AND MEETING SCHEDULE - A Sports Advisory Subcommittee meeting will be scheduled. Budget review will be placed on next month's agenda as well as Boys & Girls Club Update.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner Hunt to adjourn to Monday, April 8, 2013 regular meeting; **SECOND** by Commissioner Emrick and **CARRIED** by a **5-0-2-0 VOICE VOTE** (Bartelt, Granger Absent). Meeting adjourned on March 11, 2013 at 7:55 p.m.

Maria Elena Maurer, Recording Secretary
Recreation and Parks Commission