

MINUTES
PLACENTIA RECREATION AND
PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Stacia Mancini, Interim Community Services Director
Maria Elena Maurer, Community Services Coordinator
Matt Brand, Community Services Coordinator
Veronica Rodarte, Neighborhood Services Coordinator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Hunt.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None in attendance.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS -

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –

October 19, 2015 Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner Dougherty to approve the Minutes of October 19, 2015 as Submitted; **SECOND** by Commissioner Granger and **CARRIED** by a **4-0-0-2 VOICE VOTE** (Emrick, Jackson Abstained).

November 9, 2015 Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner Dougherty to approve the Minutes of November 9, 2015 as Submitted; **SECOND** by Commissioner Emrick and **CARRIED** by a **5-0-0-1 VOICE VOTE** (Hunt, Abstained).

2. **SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE** –

Staff Brand distributed an overview of the items that had been discussed at the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on November 16, 2015. Commissioner Newman reported that the question regarding the pay for parking at Tri-City Park had been brought up. Staff Mancini indicated she had spoken with Jon Nicks this morning regarding this item, and he mentioned that this is still under review by the County. It will not happen any time soon as the possibilities are being evaluated and most likely the City will receive a notice in writing.

Another concern discussed was the need to laser level the fields at the Placentia Champions Sports Complex; it has not been done in several years and the fields need it. User groups indicated they were willing to put some funds towards it. Commissioner Hunt commented that when the user groups started paying for the use of fields, it was promised that the City would use some of the money to properly maintain them, but very little maintenance has been done. Staff Mancini

will contact the City of Orange since they have a contract to laser level their fields and we need to know what the cost would be. Commissioner Granger added that if there is money in the park fund, it should be used for this purpose. Commissioner Dougherty indicated that we need to look at the priorities based on the need and if the fields are heavily used, it becomes a safety issue.

Commissioner Newman related that the inclement weather new procedure had been discussed. This gives authority to the user groups to determine if a field should be played on after rain. Staff Brand added that user groups were reminded that if damage is caused to the fields because of their call, they will be liable for all repair costs and can receive a penalty reduction in field allocations. Initially, the City will monitor after heavy rains just to make sure the policy is followed as intended.

STAFF COMMENTS –

Staff Mancini reminded the Commissioners that the ribbon cutting for the outdoor exercise equipment from the St. Jude Hospital grant is scheduled at Kraemer Park on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. She has also spoken to St. Jude about the possibility of doing pool equipment replacement that is desperately needed. They are willing to look at this endeavor as a grant opportunity.

The Interim City Administrator's presentation on the fiscal sustainability is today at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The final stages of hiring a new Community Services Director have taken place and it is hoped that this person will be starting in January. Staff Mancini will stay on a few weeks to help in this transition.

Staff Mancini introduced Neighborhood Services Coordinator, Veronica Rodarte. Staff Rodarte runs the social services provided at the Neighborhood Services Division at the Whitten Center and works closely with the Friendly Center staff. Staff Rodarte is currently working with Habitat for Humanity on a community hydroponic garden. There is an empty lot near the Gomez Center that could be a good location. A final proposal will be completed soon for consideration.

Staff Brand was happy to report that the Placentia Youth Basketball (PYB) program has started. Registration is up even though the School District does not allow flyer distribution at the schools that was used in the past to promote the program. Parents continue to comment on how great this program is.

AGENDA BUILDING AND MEETING SCHEDULE – Agenda items for next meeting to include an update on the budget (Park Development current balance), and tree grant opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner Dougherty to adjourn to Monday, January 11, 2016 regular meeting; **SECOND** by Commissioner Emrick and **CARRIED** by a **6-0-0-0 VOICE VOTE**. Meeting adjourned on

December 14, 2015 at 6:59 p.m.

Maria Elena Maurer, Recording Secretary
Recreation and Parks Commission