

MINUTES  
PLACENTIA RECREATION AND  
PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2016

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Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Bartelt, Dougherty, Emrick, Granger, Jackson, Newman  
Absent: Hunt  
Staff Present: Sandra González, Director of Community Services  
Veronica Ortiz, Community Services Supervisor  
Matt Brand, Community Services Coordinator  
Maria Elena Maurer, Community Services Coordinator

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Commissioner Dougherty

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – None in attendance.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS -**

Commissioner Newman commented about the recent closure at 6:00 p.m. of Tri-City Park and the impact on the sports users. It was requested that this item be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –

**February 8, 2015 Minutes**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Granger to approve the Minutes of February 8, 2016 as Submitted; **SECOND** by Commissioner Jackson and **CARRIED** by a **6-0-1-0 VOICE VOTE** (Hunt, Absent).

2. **MONTHLY REPORT -**

Staff Ortiz reported on the Friendly Center operations at the Whitten Center through the FACT Grant. This is the first cycle of the five year grant. Parenting classes, domestic abuse, counseling, tutoring are some of the free ongoing programs and services supported by this grant as well as a weekly free food distribution program. Staff is working on how to do effective outreach by distributing flyers directly to the parents at the after school programs and having an easier application process.

A flyer on the Photography Contest that is sponsored by the Cultural Arts Commission was distributed. The contest is open to residents and non-residents, Amateur and Masters divisions. The contest is advertised in the Spring Quarterly, the City's website and Facebook and hope that more people will participate. The deadline for all entries must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2016 (Commissioner Bartelt suggested to send the information to CSUF and Fullerton College). Staff Ortiz indicated that the City is once again partnering with the Rotary Club, the Placentia Library and the Placentia Round Table Women's Club to offer the Easter Egg-citement at Kraemer Park on Saturday, March 19

from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Games, pictures with the Bunny, Easter Hunt and the Pancake Breakfast are part of the activities provided.

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

Staff González reported that the pool replastering renovations will be starting the week of March 21 at the Gomez pool, and the week of March 28 at the Whitten Pool. This will allow for plenty of time to cure before refilling the pools, and the filtration work will follow.

In addition to the pool renovations through the St. Jude Hospital grant, staff Maurer added that a meeting had taken place with the outdoor exercise equipment manufacturer, Greenfields Outdoor Fitness, at the Los Niños Park to determine the best location for the equipment. It was determined that the best spot is near the playground, and an area that offers wheelchair accessibility and partial shade. Nine pieces of equipment will be purchased using grant money, and the City's match will include the cost of the concrete pad that is coming in at \$21,300. This will be paid out of park development fund. Commissioner Bartelt commented that this will be a great addition to this park.

**4. LASER LEVELING OF SPORTS FIELDS -**

Staff Brand reported that two bids have been received, and a third one is coming to do the laser leveling of the Placentia Champions Sports Complex fields. Currently, Professional Turf Specialists is the cheapest coming in at \$29,340.00 and is a local company. Major League Infields, Inc. at \$21,300 does not include removing the lip between infield and outfield. The money is available in the Capital Improvement Project account. The work will start the end of July and the fields would remain closed through the end of August.

**5. BUDGET UPDATE -**

Staff González stated that a budget increase had been requested in the amount of \$15,000 to purchase a Groomer; a ride-a-long three-wheeler that is used to groom and aerate the fields. Public Works staff was using one that had been pieced together a few times and was not operating efficiently. General fund money will be used since user groups have been paying field use fees for a few years now. In addition, a request to purchase two lifeguard stands was submitted to use at the high school pools for the Learn to Swim program and to purchase new tables and chairs for the Whitten and Gomez Recreational swim. All of these requests were approved. Staff González will be providing a bigger report when it gets closer to the end of the fiscal year.

**6. RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS TIME CHANGE CONSIDERATION -**

Staff González stated that since Commission/Committee meetings are set by resolution, in order to change the Commission's meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the item needed to be placed on tonight's agenda so that it can be approved by City Council.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Bartelt to change the Recreation and Parks Commission regular meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. starting with the

meeting of April 11, 2016; **SECOND** by Commissioner Granger and **CARRIED** by a **6-0-1-0 VOICE VOTE** (Hunt, Absent).

### **Park Inspection Reports** -

Staff González reported on the following upcoming projects:

- This year, with the remainder of CIP money in this fiscal year, 1,500 linear feet of vinyl clad black chain link fencing will be replaced at Placentia Champions Sports Complex. Currently, getting bids. The product is made of recycle material and does not rust.
- For the slopes at Placentia Champions and a more permanent solution, staff will be looking at a recycle tire grant material that will be available from the State of California this summer. It will be used by removing 10" depth of the soil and applying the rubberized material. This product eliminates all erosion and weeds. More information will be provided in the future. It will also be used to replace the sand in the playground area; 12" around the fall zones and about 6" in the other areas.
- Staff Brand reported that the sprinkler by the stairs at Placentia Champions had been repaired. The fence by the Munoz field will be moved a foot in closer to the sidewalk to prevent eroding issues from happening.
- There is a little bit of money in the CIP to make rubberized material repairs at McFadden Park playground. Currently, staff is getting bids. Commissioner Dougherty commented that in the past City's maintenance staff was able to make these repairs. Staff Brand responded that there are kits available, but they are not easy to use and the major drawback is that kids have to be kept off the playground area for 24 hours, and the kits are not cheap.
- Staff González added that at the Backs Building, the reception/lobby area, restrooms and an accessible path will be renovated using CDBG grant money. These improvements will now meet ADA requirements. In addition, the ceiling and new lighting will also be replaced. This is a heavily used facility and staff will be recommending that user fees be increased for all buildings and that a portion of those fees be allocated to maintenance.
- Staff is also getting bids to replace the windows at Tynes Gym with tempered/shatter proof glass.

Commissioner Granger reported graffiti on the benches at Kraemer Park and also suggested that the bathrooms be repainted. There is also a big hole on the netting by the third base on the field. She stopped to talk to the Boys and Girls Club and she was impressed by their programming as the teens are engaged in activities. She noticed that the outside of the building needs to be swept on a regular basis. Also, Commissioner Granger noted that during the weekend use of the Backs Building, people are coming down from the patio and leaving more trash in this area. Staff González will have the new maintenance contractor include this area to clean.

Staff González added that with the Muckenthaler Arts Center leaving the end of June, staff will be meeting with the teens at the Boys and Girls Club to have a dialog and find out what they are interested in doing and get their ideas. City staff is planning to continue the arts programming this summer. Commissioner Granger commented that the Teen Center Building front doors should be open to the park side and not the street. It would appear more welcoming.

**STAFF COMMENTS –**

Staff González indicated that the Love Placentia service day opportunity on April 30, 2016, will be on the agenda in April to discuss the projects that have been identified for this event. Most of the projects include painting interior and exterior of buildings and landscaping. Sherwin Williams offered to paint a facility. Commissioner Bartelt suggested that the Powell Building window frames be considered for painting.

Commissioner Granger recommended that the fountain planter be addressed at Kraemer Park. There are sprinklers available and bougainvilleas in the orange/peach color would be ideal for this area. Another suggestion would be to include the High Schools art classes or an Eagle Scout project in doing a tile mosaic around the wall behind the fountain.

**AGENDA BUILDING AND MEETING SCHEDULE –** Agenda items for next meeting to include Love Placentia Event Update, Tri-City Park Closure Update, Muckenthaler Arts Center Update, and Commission Facility Inspections Review.

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner Newman to adjourn to Monday, April 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. regular meeting; **SECOND** by Commissioner Bartelt and **CARRIED** by a **6-0-1-0** (Hunt, Absent) **VOICE VOTE**. Meeting adjourned on March 14, 2016 at 8:01 p.m.

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Maria Elena Maurer, Recording Secretary  
Recreation and Parks Commission