

MINUTES
PLACENTIA RECREATION AND
PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Hunt

ELECTION OF OFFICERS -

Staff Ortiz opened the nomination for Commission Chair.

Commissioner Newman nominated Commissioner Emrick for the Chair position; **SECOND** by Commissioner Hunt and **CARRIED** by a **6-0-0-1 VOICE VOTE** (Emrick, Abstained).

Nominations for Commission Vice Chair were opened.

Commissioner Hunt nominated Commissioner Dougherty for the Vice Chair position; **SECOND** by Commissioner Emrick and **CARRIED** by a **6-0-0-1 VOICE VOTE** (Dougherty, Abstained).

Commissioner Hunt made a **MOTION** to close nominations; **SECOND** by Commissioner Emrick and **CARRIED** by a **7-0 VOICE VOTE**.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None in Attendance.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS - Commissioner Hunt commented that a few years back, the Art Association (a non-profit group) had come to the Commission to request that fees be waived for the use of the Backs Building. It was brought up to his attention that City Council has approved a lease of one of its buildings to the Chamber of Commerce for \$1/yr. In Commissioner's Hunt opinion, if some volunteer groups are receiving special privileges, it should be done for all; otherwise, this is going to come back to the Commission. Staff González will provide a report regarding the use of City facilities by non-profits at the next meeting.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –

June 13, 2016 Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner Dougherty to approve the Minutes of June 13, 2016 as Submitted; **SECOND** by Commissioner Newman and **CARRIED** by a **4-0-0-3 VOICE VOTE** (Granger, Hunt, Jackson, Abstained).

July 11, 2016 Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner Granger to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2016 as Submitted; **SECOND** by Commissioner Jackson and **CARRIED** by a **5-0-0-2 VOICE VOTE** (Dougherty, Emrick, Abstained).

2. **MONTHLY REPORT -**

Staff Ortiz distributed a flyer announcing that on Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, 2016, the City will be holding an Observance Ceremony in the Civic Center Plaza starting at 10:00 a.m. Staff González reported that staff is doing an analysis to bring a request to City Council to increase user fees. The Backs Community Building is officially closed effective October 1 for the restrooms renovation through February, 2017. A total of four bids were received to bring the restrooms to ADA compliance and to build an access ramp to the building. Commissioner Granger suggested that the artificial plant currently sitting outside of the front doors to the Backs Building be removed.

Staff González added that at the September 20, 2016 City Council Consent Calendar, there will be an item regarding a \$1.0M grant application to Southern California Youth Soccer. Lot 318 is a non-profit group that has been very active in the La Jolla community for the last ten years as well as Seahorse Soccer. They have conducted soccer activities in a private dirt lot in La Jolla, "street soccer". Through this grant, Lot 318 and Seahorses Soccer, will have a soccer home field to use free of charge. The new field would be located at McFadden Park and would be designated for 8 yrs. and under. The field would have artificial turf, bleachers, lighting and fencing. The La Jolla area and the Lot 318 and Seahorse Soccer groups meet the grant's criteria. Application is due November 1, 2016.

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

Staff González indicated that another group, Public Health Advocates has chosen Placentia as one of 6 cities picked. A community meeting has been rescheduled after the elections in November

Commissioner Granger asked if this money can only be used for low income areas; Koch Park needs a lot of help. Staff González shared that she has a proposal from Miracle Playgrounds to replace the old playground equipment at Koch Park so this project has been identified.

In addition, the front doors of the Powell Building are very heavy and the building is used 5 days per week as a Senior Center and Cathy Torrez Learning after school Center. New doors will be replaced using CBGD funding - \$100,000 to put towards new doors and new air conditioning.

Commissioner Bartelt reported that at Vaqueros Park there is dirt runoff onto the sidewalk since grass has died due to lack of watering.

4. **HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2016 COMMISSION PARTICIPATION -**

Staff Ortiz mentioned that registration for the Heritage Festival is currently low. Comments have been made that due to last year's heat wave, previous

participants are hesitant to register this year. The street banner will be going up on Kraemer soon.

Staff González announced that a meeting has been scheduled on Thursday, September 29 at 1:00 p.m. at the Yorba Linda Community Center to discuss and provide an update on the O.C. Loop. Commissioner Bartelt indicated she would be able to attend.

5. **FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS REVIEW-**

Commissioners reviewed and updated park assignments. Staff Maurer will note the assignment changes, and provide an updated copy at the next Commission meeting.

6. **PARK INSPECTION REPORTS –**

Commissioner Newman reported stagnant water on Jefferson Street that is covering the sidewalk by the Aguirre Building. Commissioner Granger commented that the water fountain by the restrooms at Parque De Los Niños is leaking. Also, there is a crop of wild mushrooms growing near the courtyard by the Gomez Center. Commissioners noted that the Facilities Map listed in the Placentia Palm Quarterly should note the park locations for Tuffree Park and Parque De Los Niños; a green square.

7. **STAFF COMMENTS**

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

Non-profits use of City facilities report, Heritage Festival Recap, Summer 2016 Programs Review.

9. **ADJOURNMENT –**

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner Hunt to adjourn to Monday, October 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. regular meeting; **SECOND** by Commissioner Granger and **CARRIED** by a **7-0 VOICE VOTE**. Meeting adjourned on September 12, 2016 at 7:19 p.m.

Maria Elena Maurer
Community Services Coordinator

Commissioner Granger noted that on page 2, item 3, last paragraph, it was Commissioner Bartelt that reported the dirt runoff at Vaqueros Park and not Commissioner Granger. In addition, under Item 6, Park Inspection Reports, second paragraph, it should read “water fountain by the restrooms at Parque De Los Niños” instead of at “Kraemer Park.