

MINUTES
PLACENTIA RECREATION AND
PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
February 13, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Sandra Gonzalez, Community Services Director
Veronica Ortiz, Community Services Supervisor
Maria Elena Maurer, Community Services Coordinator
Matt Brand, Community Services Coordinator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Emrick.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None in attendance.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS -

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – January 9, 2017

Commissioner Dougherty noted a typo under Oral Communications, second paragraph, third sentence ...The typical users of these fields include YUSA instead of JUSA.

MOTION by Commissioner Newman to approve the Minutes of January 9, 2017 as corrected; **SECOND** by Commissioner Hunt and **CARRIED** by a **4-0-1-2 VOICE VOTE** (Bartelt, Jackson Absent; Dougherty, Abstained).

2. **MONTHLY REPORT -**

Director Gonzalez indicated that the only item to bring to City Council at their February 21, 2017 meeting is the staff recommendations for the Heritage Festival & Parade event. These include approval of the 2017 event, theme, suggestion to shorten the parade route and to make the Committee an informal group comprised of subcommittees. Outcome will be provided at the March meeting.

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

Director Gonzalez reported that on Tuesday, January 31, a meeting was held at the Aguirre Bldg. to view preliminary design concepts for the new playground area at Placentia Champions Sports Complex, and to gather Community input.

A small group of residents provided valuable input. Apparently, the tire swing is very popular and the group unanimously expressed they did not want to see it

taken out. It was agreed that the tire component would be replaced with the same concept in plastic where 2-3 children can ride. All the swing bases will be kept and new swing components will be replaced thus creating some savings.

A smaller group attended the park assessment community meeting held at the Aguirre Building (the meeting previously held at the Whitten Center had over 30 participants), and a new perspective was received. The Consultants would like to do two more meetings in other areas of Placentia. Once the dates are secured, the Commission will be notified.

Director Gonzalez reported that the lobby, restrooms and entrance renovation of the Backs Building had been completed and suggested that the next Commission meeting in March be held at this location. Staff Ortiz added that the building looks very nice and the restrooms are modern and fully ADA accessible.

4. **FIELD ALLOCATIONS UPDATE** -

Commissioner Newman reported that at a recent meeting held with the user groups and the School District, the criteria they will use to allocate their school fields is very different than the City's allocation policy guidelines; groups do not have to be non-profit to get allocation and there will be limited space for these groups. For instance, JUSA has always played at Tuffree Middle School, but they cannot promise this practice will continue. It was mentioned that the State has contacted the School District to enforce their guidelines.

The School District plans to charge fees for the use of their fields starting July 1, 2017; although a grace period of one year was mentioned. School District wants to continue to have the City bill for the lights. Commissioners agreed that the City should bill the School District and it will be up to them to bill the user groups.

School District will be meeting with the School Board to make a final decision.

5. **LOVE PLACENTIA PROJECTS** -

Staff Ortiz reported that a meeting was held at Rose Drive Friends Church with the pastor, Mandi Pettikas, the Love Placentia event's coordinator. Volunteer groups were assigned and Staff submitted City project applications. So far 1,200 volunteers have signed up through the Love Placentia website, but it is anticipated that close to 2,000 will be available the day of the event. Some of the projects the City submitted include interior painting of the Whitten main room, painting of the rod iron fencing at the Sports Complex, replanting the slopes that surround the Munoz field (drought tolerant plants were recommended), planting around the outside entrance of the Backs Building and Aguirre Bldg., painting interior and exterior of restrooms at Gomez Center, and making the Neighborhood Services lobby more family friendly by painting and adding artwork on the walls, and replanting the Kraemer Park old fountain.

6. **MID-YEAR BUDGET UPDATE** -

Director Gonzalez indicated that a meeting with the Finance Department had taken place to review the requests for mid-year adjustments. For operational purposes, an item like laser leveling of the fields at Tuffree Park was approved.

7. **PARK INSPECTION REPORTS –**

Due to heavy rains, Tynes Gym suffered considerable flooding including the restrooms and the new storage area. Commissioner Hunt suggested that the outside drain may be clogged and it should be checked. Sand bags were brought in in anticipation of more rain.

8. **STAFF COMMENTS**

Director Gonzalez announced that Summer registration is scheduled on Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Community Walks, including Walk with a Doc, Pack Walk, Walk with the Mayor and Kid's Dash & Splash will be scheduled during the summer months. Heritage Festival is scheduled on Saturday, October 14, 2017.

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

March meeting will be held at the Backs Community Building. Agenda items to include Monthly Report and Parks and Facility Project Updates, Field Allocation Update, Love Placentia Projects Update, and Mid-year Budget Update.

ADJOURNMENT –

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner Hunt to adjourn to Monday, March 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. regular meeting; **SECOND** by Commissioner Granger and **CARRIED** by a **5-0-2-0 VOICE VOTE** (Bartelt, Jackson Absent). Meeting adjourned on February 13, 2017 at 7:39 p.m.

Maria Elena Maurer
Community Services Coordinator