



Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting Agenda

May 8, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Whitten Community Center, 900 S. Melrose

Todd Emrick
Chair

Michael Dougherty
Vice-Chair

Linda Bartelt
Commissioner

Kenny Binnings
Commissioner

Mary Granger
Commissioner

Bruce Hunt
Commissioner

Sharon Jackson
Commissioner

Russell Narahara
Commissioner

Ira Newman
Commissioner

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Recreation & Parks Commission

May 8, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

6:30 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Chair / Commissioner Emrick
Vice Chair / Commissioner Dougherty
Commissioner Bartelt
Commissioner Binnings
Commissioner Granger
Commissioner Hunt
Commissioner Jackson
Commissioner Narahara
Commissioner Newman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

At this time the public is invited to address the Recreation and Parks Commission concerning any agenda item, which is not a public hearing item, or other items under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Parks Commission.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

The purpose of these reports is to provide information on projects and programs that are discussed at sub-committee meetings. No decisions are to be made on these issues. If a Commission member would like formal action on any of the discussed items, it will be placed on a future Commission Agenda.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION AGENDA

1. **Approval of Minutes** – April 10, 2017.
2. **Monthly Report** –
Staff to provide updates of programs and services offered by the Community Services Department.
 - Park Assessment Meeting update at Gomez Center on 4/19/17
 - Love Placentia Event Report
3. **Parks and Facility Project Updates** –
Staff to provide updates on status of current and future capital improvement projects.

- Soccer grant update
 - Santa Fe Park exercise equipment update
4. **Dog Issues Discussion at Parque Del Arroyo Verde – Potential Solutions**
Staff and Commission to discuss possible solutions to current Dog Issues at Parque Del Arroyo Verde.
 5. **Use Fees Update –**
Staff to update Commission on new developments regarding potential increase to facility use fees.
 6. **Park Inspection Reports** - Commissioners to review inspection reports with staff.
 7. **Staff Comments** -
 8. **Agenda Building and Meeting Schedule** – Staff and Commission to review agenda items and schedule upcoming meetings and meeting locations.
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ADJOURNMENT

The Recreation and Parks Commission Adjourn to a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room at City Hall located at 401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I, Maria Elena Maurer, Community Services Coordinator for the City of Placentia, hereby certify that the Agenda for the May 8, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission was posted on May 4, 2017.



Maria Elena Maurer
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Community Services Coordinator

MINUTES
PLACENTIA RECREATION AND
PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
April 10, 2017

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Emrick

OATH OF OFFICE -

Staff Ortiz administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Commissioners, Kenny Binnings and Russell Narahara. Commissioners welcome the new Commissioners.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None in attendance.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS -

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – **March 13, 2017**

MOTION by Commissioner Granger to approve the Minutes of March 13, 2017, as submitted; **SECOND** by Commissioner Hunt and **CARRIED** by a **4-0-4-1 VOICE VOTE** (Binnings, Emrick, Jackson, Narahara, Abstained; Bartelt, Absent).

2. **MONTHLY REPORT** -

Staff Ortiz distributed various flyers, in draft form, of upcoming events including Movies in the Park, Concerts in the Park, Community Walks, and the Love Placentia event. Director Gonzalez explained that the audience that attends the first few movies will have an opportunity to vote for the movie that will be shown at the end of the series on August 18, as the People's Choice. Another new twist to the movie series will include a "Dive In Movie Night" on August 12 to be held at the Whitten pool. A proposal to add heating to the pool is expected soon. The heated pool will allow for expanded use that can include aqua aerobics classes, pool rental for birthday parties, etc.

Director Gonzalez added that the Community Walks will begin on Saturday, May 20 during the opening of Summer registration, with "Walk with the Mayor", Mayor Craig Green leading the walk. On Thursday, June 29, UC Irvine will sponsor the "Walk with a Doc" walk to promote the "Get Healthy Placentia" initiative and providing a doctor that will speak on the benefits of walking and eating healthier. Their \$1,500-2,000 sponsorship will provide for the purchase of pedometers, t-

shirts, healthy drinks and snacks for these walks. The "Dog Walk & Costume Parade Walk" received a lot of attention last year and is expected to be a hit this year scheduled on Saturday, July 22 at Kraemer Park.

Staff Ortiz distributed the Community Services Calendar of events that lists all the things the department does. The Easter Egg-citement event held at Kraemer Park on Saturday, April 8 is a partnership with the Placentia Library. Community Services provides staff to assist with the set up and activities on this event.

Director Gonzalez commented that the Love Placentia serve day event is coming up on Saturday, April 29. There are 5 neighboring cities that are participating. Last year 1,200 volunteers signed up. As per the Commission's discussion, the Kraemer Park fountain will be landscaped and the Boys & Girls Club will be adding a vegetable garden that the members will maintain. There is also a park assessment meeting scheduled on Wednesday, April 19 at the Gomez Center at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be conducted in English and Spanish and will serve to find out what the community would like to see and what improvements are needed in the parks.

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

Staff Ortiz reported that a staff report will be taken to City Council at the May 1, 2017 meeting to approve the purchase of outdoor exercise equipment for Santa Fe Park using St. Jude Hospital grant money. Installation is expected to be completed by the end of June. Commissioner Granger commented that the residents living nearby the apartments/condos, will generate a lot of use of this equipment. It will be a good location to be utilized by the community.

Director Gonzalez added that a walk-through had been conducted with the State of California regarding the grant to build a soccer field at McFadden Park, and it went really well. The City should be notified in May or late June if the City is the recipient of this grant.

4. **DOG ISSUES DISCUSSION AT PARQUE DEL ARROYO VERDE -**

Commissioner Newman commented that in general people think that is okay if they take their dogs to the back of Parque Del Arroyo Verde and use it as a Dog Park. One suggestion would be to fence this area off. Commissioner Hunt added that some dogs are more aggressive and are running into the playground area. Director Gonzalez had a conversation with the City Administrator, Damien Arrula. He is recommending that the Recreation and Parks Commission representative come to the City Council meeting on April 18 or May 2, and request a study session to consider a Dog Park in the City. Commissioners Newman and Hunt indicated that the Commission has already discussed this possibility several years ago and had concluded that none of the parks in the City were able to accommodate a Dog Park and it would create a lot of problems to nearby residential areas.

Commissioners Dougherty and Hunt indicated that since the city has an ordinance prohibiting dogs in fields and playgrounds, code enforcement is needed.

Commissioner Granger suggested more signage be added, and check with other cities that have Dog Parks and find out the challenges they face. Director Gonzalez added that staff will have a conversation with the Chief of Police to best address violations. Unfortunately, the City does not have a lot of open space and Dog Parks create an impact to neighborhoods.

Options discussed included:

- Add Municipal Code signage at Parque Del Arroyo Verde
- Code enforcement to make regular visits through Parque Del Arroyo Verde
- Re-visit the signage at the baseball fields
- Provide information on what the fine is for dogs off leash

5. **REVIEW OF PARK ASSIGNMENTS** –

Commissioners reviewed park assignments. Staff Maurer will make the changes as discussed.

6. **PERMIT FEES UPDATE** -

It was discussed that all fees across the board will see an increase. Placentia's facility use fees are one of the lowest around, although other cities' facilities are newer. The date to take this item to City Council has not been determined. Commission's input will be part of the process. Backs Building is used the most and with the recent lobby and restroom renovation and a phase 2 to renovate the main room, will justify any fee increase proposal. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

7. **PARK INSPECTION REPORTS** –

Commissioner Granger reported that a homeless man is living in Jaycee Parkette. She also noticed that six Jr. High boys were walking in the water canal under the tunnel. Somehow they went through the gate. Director Gonzalez will let Sgt. Brian Perry know about the homeless situation.

Commissioner Hunt reported that the Tuffree playground still has the big hole under the swings and it has to be fixed. As well as the sand is rock hard and it has to be turned over or rototilled on a regular basis as it is a safety issue.

7. **STAFF COMMENTS**

Director Gonzalez asked if there was an interest to have the next meeting at a different facility. It was agreed that the May meeting would be at the Whitten Center. Commissioner Granger had requested at the last meeting an update on an article in the OC Register regarding a \$420,000 Community Development Block Grant. Director Gonzalez explained that this is an Urban Greening grant. Placentia's portion of \$150,000 will be used to develop a Parks Master Plan once a consultant is hired.

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

May meeting to be held at the Whitten Center. Agenda items to include Monthly Report and Parks and Facility Project Updates, Dog Issues at Parque Del Arroyo

Verde - Potential Solutions Discussion; Love Placentia Event Report, and Permit Fees Update.

ADJOURNMENT –

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner Emrick to adjourn to Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. regular meeting to be held at the Whitten Community Center; **SECOND** by Commissioner Dougherty and **CARRIED** by a **8-0-1-0 VOICE VOTE** (Bartelt, Absent). Meeting adjourned on April 10, 2017 at 7:55 p.m.

Maria Elena Maurer
Community Services Coordinator