

MINUTES
PLACENTIA RECREATION AND
PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
September 11, 2017

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Emrick.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS -

Commissioner Emrick opened the nomination for Commission Chair.
Commissioner Newman nominated Commissioner Dougherty for the Chair position;
SECOND by Commissioner Granger and **CARRIED** by a **5-0-3-1 VOICE VOTE** (Bartelt, Hunt, Jackson, Absent; Dougherty, Abstained).

Nominations for Commission Vice Chair were opened.
Commissioner Granger nominated Commissioner Narahara for the Vice Chair position;
SECOND by Commissioner Newman and **CARRIED** by a **5-0-3-1 VOICE VOTE** (Bartelt, Hunt, Jackson, Absent; Narahara, Abstained).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – Tuan Richardson, OC Parks; Paul Martin, OCTA; Mark Lopez, from Supervisor Shawn Nelson's office were in attendance to report on the OC Loop.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS -

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – July 10, 2017

MOTION by Commissioner Granger to approve the Minutes of July 10, 2017, as submitted; **SECOND** by Commissioner Emrick and **CARRIED** by a **5-0-3-1 VOICE VOTE** (Bartelt, Hunt, Jackson, Absent; Binnings, Abstained).

2. **OC LOOP PROJECT PRESENTATION** -

Director of Public Works, Luis Estevez, introduced Tuan Richardson from OC Parks and his team. They were invited to provide an update on the OC Loop project as it refers to Segment D (this segment crosses along the Carbon Canyon Channel and will connect to the Golden Avenue Bridge being replaced). Mr.

Richardson presented a power point presentation stating that the OC Loop is 70% complete. Segment D was approved with the funding to be used for preliminary engineering to complete the environmental phase of the OC Loop portion located along the Carbon Creek Channel in portions of Brea, Placentia and Yorba Linda. The OC Bicycle Loop was identified as a high priority project by Supervisor Nelson to improve transportation opportunities and this effort has been possible due to the collaboration between multiple agencies.

Commissioner Newman stated that the homeless situation along the Flood Control is affecting the use of the trail and asked if there were any plans to address the problem. Mr. Lopez indicated that the Orange County Board of Supervisors has committed funding towards the Santa Ana Flood Control Engagement Initiative. The program's goal is to case manage, provide services and start mobilizing people 100-200 at a time. The main issue is finding a place to go to and finding other county parcels that meet certain criteria to provide the services needed and eventually move homeless individuals into housing.

Mr. Richardson added that the Carbon Creek Channel Bikeway in Segment D (total of 1.1 miles) is pending construction funding.

3. **MONTHLY REPORT -**

Director Gonzalez reported that the E.T. Powell Bldg. new roof construction will start this week. The Senior Center activities will be temporarily moved to the Backs Building during the two-week construction period. There is a scheduled Senior Health Fair on Thursday, September 14 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the Backs Bldg. St. Jude Hospital, Cal-Optima, and Alzheimer's Association will be providing helpful information, blood screenings, etc.

Director Gonzalez added that there was a playground equipment failure at Kraemer Park. Part of a transition piece fell off as a child was using it; it had rusted through. This equipment is only eight years old. The installer, Game Time, was contacted and they agreed to replace this section with new equipment in the next 4-5 weeks.

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

Director Gonzalez reported that the Wagner Park two new slides are expected to be shipped on September 22, 2017 directly to the installer. A ribbon cutting will be planned sometime in October after installation has taken place.

The insurance paperwork was finally received from the installer of the playground equipment replacement at Champions Sports Complex. The contract should be completed next week so that the work can start in three weeks. Staff is working with Miracle Playground to replace the playground equipment at Parque Del Arroyo Verde. A 40% discount is offered since the original equipment to be replaced was from Miracle.

5. **DOG PARK SURVEY RESULTS -**

Director Gonzalez provided an overview of the results received after conducting a survey as per City Council's direction on building a Dog Park. A city-wide survey was conducted at summer events, Concerts and Movies at the Park, Facebook

and City Hall. The overwhelming majority (66%) picked Tri-City Park as the most favored Dog Park location (Koch Park came in second, and Parque Del Arroyo Verde came in third). All the dog owners indicated that they would use a Dog Park and the majority preferred a separate area for large and small dogs. It was noted that Tri-City Park belongs to OC Parks and the surrounding neighborhood was not surveyed.

It is estimated that construction of a 2-acre Dog Park at Tri-City Park would cost approximately \$250,000. Director Gonzalez indicated that the survey results will be shared with City Council and any direction given will be brought back to the next Commission meeting.

6. **PYLUUD JOINT USE AGREEMENT UPDATE** –

Director Gonzalez commented that as per the Commission's direction, a meeting between the City Administrator and the School District Superintendent will be held in two weeks. The City Administrator will be discussing the current Joint Use Agreement and the items the School District has failed to implement. This item will be tabled to the next Commission meeting for further updates.

7. **PARK INSPECTION REPORTS** –

Commissioner Narahara reported a brown spider problem at Parque De Los Vaqueros.

8. **STAFF COMMENTS**

Staff Maurer reported that the Fall schedule was in full swing and the Placentia Palm Quarterly had been delivered to the homes last month. Commissioner Dougherty tentatively agreed to be in the Heritage Parade to represent the Commission. It was noted that parade participants have to provide their own vehicle and driver.

Director Gonzalez stated that staff will be presenting a summer 2017 wrap up at the October meeting.

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

Agenda items to include: Dog Park Update, Meeting with City Administrator and School District Superintendent Update, Monthly Report, Parks and Facilities Project Updates, and Summer 2017 Report.

ADJOURNMENT –

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner Emrick to adjourn to Monday, October 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. regular meeting to be held at City Hall; **SECOND** by Commissioner Newman and **CARRIED** by a **6-0-3-0 VOICE VOTE** (Bartelt, Hunt, Jackson, Absent). Meeting adjourned on September 11, 2017 at 7:37 p.m.

Maria Elena Maurer
Community Services Coordinator