

MINUTES  
PLACENTIA RECREATION AND  
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING  
DECEMBER 13, 2010

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Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Staff Present: Steve Pischel, Director of Community Services  
Mike Kudron, Recreation Services Manager  
Maria Elena Maurer, Administrative Assistant, Community Services

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – None in attendance.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS** –

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – November 8, 2010

**MOTION** by Commissioner Dougherty to approve the minutes of November 8, 2010 as submitted; **SECOND** by Commissioner McDermott and **CARRIED** by a **7-0 VOICE VOTE**.

2. **MONTHLY REPORTS** – Staff Kudron reviewed the Tamale Festival sponsored by the downtown Merchants Association and held on Wednesday, December 8, 2010. Attendance was estimated to have been 8,000 – 10,000. The booths lay out was adjusted by placing the booths on one side of the street only and the lines were still long. The shuttles from Sam's Club were effectively used. One of their main sponsors was Visions Lighting providing the stage, backdrop and snow machines. Other activities included entertainment by the Mariachi Divas, participation by the Boys & Girls Club, game and display booths.

Staff Kudron indicated that the Holiday Celebration held on Friday, December 3 was also a great success, and attendance was one of the highest at 600. The sponsorship through Visions Lighting has improved the event and the Cultural Arts Commission's fundraising efforts were instrumental in bringing

Staff Pischel complimented staff for successfully implementing these events back to back and with less than a month to plan the Tamale Festival. Commissioner Bartelt noted that these types of events provide a good representation of what Placentia is all about and they really speak about its heritage. Commissioner Granger added that next year, during the Tamale Festival, there will be an opportunity to show case the renovations completed at the E.T. Powell Building.

3. **SKATE PARK SUBCOMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT** - Staff Pischel commented that the subcommittee will be able to find out if there is an opportunity to service the skate boarding community and help staff do their due diligence. All the information that will be gathered by talking to other cities that have been through building Skate Parks, will be beneficial now and in the future.

Commissioners Emrick, Granger and Newman agreed to be in the subcommittee. First meeting will be scheduled at 6:00 p.m. prior to the next Recreation and Parks Commission meeting of January 10, 2011.

4. **SENIOR CENTER REHABILITATION PROJECT UPDATE** – Staff Pischel reported that most of the demolition has been completed. There has been some delay due to the contractor not responding to staff's questions. The seniors' activities will remain at the Backs Building until all the work has been completed. The re-opening is expected in February 2011.

5. **PARK LIGHTING PROJECT UPDATE** - Staff Kudron thanked the Commissioners for attending the two park lighting tours and for all of their input. He distributed a lighting project prioritization list and reviewed each of the items. Staff will be working with the maintenance division to fix all the lights that exist in the parks. Currently, there is \$150,000 available to upgrade the lighting at six park sites. Staff plans to work with a landscape architect to create a lighting standard that can be used for future light projects.

Commissioner Newman suggested that solar lighting may be considered. Staff Pischel added that there are special energy efficient grants that are available and staff could look at securing this funding. Commissioner Hunt also mentioned that Edison will be offering for the next 10 years an opportunity for businesses to have solar panels installed on building roofs on a leasing program.

6. **DOG ISSUES AFFECTING CITY FACILITIES** – Staff Pischel indicated that he had spoken to the City Attorney and that he is prepared to update the ordinance that relates to dogs in City facilities. He should have a draft form to bring to the January meeting for Commission review. Once it is taken to City Council, it can be implemented after 60 days. Commissioner Dougherty asked how the new updated ordinance will be promoted. Staff Pischel responded that something can be placed on the website, the Placentia Quarterly, through the Sports Advisory Committee, and by placing an article in the Placentia News Times.

7. **BACKS BUILDING UPDATE** – Staff Pischel reported that the entrance to the Backs Building will have new doors making them ADA accessible and additional outdoor lighting will be added. This is being accomplished through a CDGB grant fund. This funding will also add improvements to the Gomez Center. On the long term, staff is still looking at bigger dollars to do major improvements/expansion to the Backs Bldg. Possible partnership with the Boys & Girls Club may still be an option in the future. In the meantime, staff would like to work with a design architect to put together a “shelf ready” full renovation plan for the building. Further discussion will continue at the next meeting.

8. **ALLOCATION POLICY** – Staff Kudron indicated that the allocation policy that was created a few years ago has been a great detailed policy and he has been proud to share it with other cities as a model. There are some areas that are outdated and in need of clarification/change. Staff would like to meet with the subcommittee to clean up some of the language and then come back to the Commission for consideration and approval. Staff Kudron will e-mail the policy to the Commissioners for their review and change suggestions that can be addressed when the Sports Advisory Subcommittee meets.

**PARK INSPECTION REPORTS** – Commissioner Granger reported that at Kraemer Park a light by Chapman and the big drain, the cover is down. There is also graffiti by the playground.

**STAFF COMMENTS** - Staff Pischel was sorry to report that Joyce Rosenthal, retired Director of Development Services, had passed away last Friday from a battle with lymphoma. Ms. Rosenthal worked for the City from October of 1974 until her retirement in January 2003. Previous Finance Director Frank Dunnavant also passed away last month.

**AGENDA BUILDING AND MEETING SCHEDULE** – Skate Park Discussion, Review and Approval of Dogs on a Leash Ordinance, Serv-Day Discussion, Senior Center Rehabilitation Update, Shelf Ready Projects, CIP Prioritization, and Allocation Policy Review will be placed on the next agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner Granger to adjourn to a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2011; **SECOND** by Commissioner Bartelt, **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**. Meeting adjourned on December 13, 2010 at 8:37 p.m.

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Maria Elena Maurer, Recording Secretary  
Recreation and Parks Commission