

MINUTES
PLACENTIA RECREATION AND
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2010

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

ROLL CALL

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

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 Emrick

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – Those in attendance included: Madeline Chavez, Christopher Torres, Fernando Giangulio, Austin Smith, Seth Davila, Nathan Johnson, Ryan Nguyen, Nolan Sanchez, Ruben Castro, Tyger Walsh, Joe Overiapa, Brandon Bernal, Michael Barker, Douglas Barker, Kevin Barker, Delokita Johnson, Garrett Allred, Brad Allred, Heidi Lemmow and Brandon DuBois. They spoke in favor of constructing a Skate Park in Placentia. Some of their comments were as follows:

1. Nathan Johnson, El Dorado High School student, presented 860 signatures in favor of building a Skate Park in Placentia.
2. The two closest skate parks are in Brea & Fullerton and Fullerton's Skate Park recently closed due to problems with drug activity.
3. Most of the kids do not drive so it is difficult to use other skate parks outside the city.
4. Skateboarding is a good sport and a form of exercise to keep in good shape.
5. If Placentia had a skate park, it would eliminate skaters going into private property.
6. A basic concrete Skate Park is all that is needed.
7. Most other cities have Skate Parks, but parents are doing a lot of driving to take their kids there.

Commissioner Emrick informed the public in attendance that their request will be placed as a future agenda item to be discussed fully. The public will be advised when this meeting will take place. In the meantime, he thanked them for their comments and he explained that due to the Brown Act, Commissioners were not able to comment or ask questions at this time since this topic was not on tonight's agenda.

Secretary's Note: Commissioner Dougherty arrived at 7:13 p.m.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS –

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 13, 2010

MOTION by Commissioner Granger to approve the minutes of September 13, 2010 as submitted; **SECOND** by Commissioner Hunt and **CARRIED** by a **6-0-1-0 VOICE VOTE** (McDermott Absent).

2. MONTHLY REPORTS – Staff Kudron reported that the Holiday Celebration was cut from the budget, but the Cultural Arts Commission has been fundraising for the event and at their last meeting voted to use up to \$2,500 from their trust and agency account to conduct the event. Three previous sponsors, Visions Lighting, Lee Castner, and Jeremy Yamaguchi will once again provide in-kind donation valued at approximately \$8,000 - \$10,000. The Cultural Arts trust and agency account has been built up over time from various fundraisers and donations through the Concerts in the Park. The event is scheduled for Friday, December 3.

3. HERITAGE FESTIVAL & PARADE - Commissioner Hunt indicated that this was a successful event. Car show participation was lower than last year's (the fact that soccer games were scheduled on this day, may have contributed to fewer crowds after the parade). The Heritage Committee will have a wrap up meeting next month. Staff Kudron added that the logistics as far as setting up and handling the parade and the good weather contributed to having a very good event. Community Services staff will also be meeting with other departments for their input and to share ways to improve the event.

4. SENIOR CENTER REHABILITATION PROJECT UPDATE – Staff Pischel reported that the bids received for the rehabilitation of the Senior Center were much higher than anticipated (\$500,000 - \$600,000). Staff will be preparing a report to take to City Council to ask for their direction. Commissioner Granger stated that the original intent had been to use the CDBG funding of \$250,000 to fix the patio, meeting ADA requirements that would make the interior of the building all one level, and adding the electrical for computers to be able to move the Cathy Torrez Learning Center to this location. After some discussion, Commissioners agreed that going back to the basic plan was best and suggested that the scope of the project be reduced, and in turn, be able to maintain the funding that is currently available.

MOTION by Commissioner Dougherty to make a recommendation to use the funding that is available to take care of the patio rehab, making the building ADA compliant, and adding electricity for computers to move the Cathy Torrez Center programming to the E.T. Powell Bldg.; **SECOND** by Commissioner Hunt and **CARRIED** by unanimous **VOICE VOTE 6-0-1-0** (McDermott Absent).

5. AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING – Staff Kudron distributed a flyer about the P.A.R.K's program and indicated that average attendance at the Whitten Center was 40 kids, at Gomez about 12 kids, Teen Center about 15, and the Cathy Torrez Center between 20-25. Commissioner Granger noted that the after school programming has a strong presence in the south part of town and nothing is available in the north side of the city. Commissioner Granger expressed that this

is a concern and that after-school and summer programs should be available in both the north and south sections of the city. Commissioners and staff discussed possible programs and/or activities after school that can be incorporated at the Tynes Gym/Tuffree Park and/or Koch Park. Staff will do a cost analysis of this additional site and incorporate it in the 2011-2012 Community Services budget.

6. **DOG ISSUES AFFECTING CITY FACILITIES** - Commissioner Granger stated that after reading the Municipal Code in regards to dogs running loose in City facilities, the code takes care of the concerns; the main issue is enforcement of the code. Staff Pischel indicated he had done some research and provided information on the County of Orange's ordinance regarding dog restraints. The current City of Placentia's ordinance can be rewritten to add athletic facilities, making the ordinance easier to enforce.

7. **WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY UPDATE** - Staff Kudron reported that the Tuffree Hill Park project is moving forward with the provider that will build a 10' x 20' enclosure and make the enhancement to the outside of the gym. There is still the potential to add up to three carriers to this site. Staff is trying to make sure the City will be in control of how second and third structures are built. Commissioner Emrick asked if the approved provider will be solving the drainage problem at the site. Staff Kudron responded that they will by installing a 12" drain that will solve the current drainage problems.

The preliminary design phase is currently underway at Samp Park. Staff had a site walk with the contractor from T-Mobile and it appears they will be a good group to work with. To date, they have willingly complied with all recommended guidelines. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

8. **PARK LIGHTING UPDATE** - Staff Kudron discussed possible dates to schedule park visits to evaluate the lighting needs and park conditions at all the facilities. It was agreed that two special meetings will be held to conduct the tours: Monday, October 25 and November 15, 2010. The bus tour will leave City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

9. **CONCESSION STAND POLICY** – Staff Kudron provided the Concession Stand Policy that was developed in conjunction with the user groups. So far, all the groups are in agreement that the guidelines will be easy to follow. Discussion about items #10 and 15 took place. It was agreed that #10 would change to read “Amplified sound is not allowed without City Approval. This includes bullhorns, PA systems, amplified music, etc.” It was suggested that the fee for #15 to have the flue and fire extinguishers re-charged be passed on to the user groups. Since fees are not being recommended at this time, it was decided not to charge the user groups for this service. It was recommended that #17 be added to include that the City will pressure wash the outside of the snack shack before the new season starts; approximately every six months. After discussion, it was recommended that user groups complete this task to be coordinated by Community Services.

MOTION by Commissioner Newman to amend the Concession Stand Policy as discussed above; **SECOND** by Commissioner Dougherty and **CARRIED** by a **6-0-1-0 VOICE VOTE** (McDermott Absent).

PARK INSPECTION REPORTS - Commissioner Hunt complemented the Maintenance Crews that are taking care of Tri-City Park. New grass is growing, trees have been trimmed, and the park looks great. He also reported that the fence at Placentia Champions Sports Complex by the center field at Jensen has a hole between the plastic and the fence, and it has jagged pieces sticking out.

STAFF COMMENTS - Staff Kudron reported that the park sign problem at Kraemer Park reported by Commissioner Granger has been fixed.

AGENDA BUILDING AND MEETING SCHEDULE – Skate Park – Study Session format, Dog Issues at City Facilities, Parks Lighting update, and Senior Center Rehabilitation Update will be placed on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner Granger to adjourn to a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 2010 to conduct the parks tour; **SECOND** by Commissioner Bartelt, **MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1-0** (McDermott Absent). Meeting adjourned on October 18, 2010 at 9:16 p.m.

Maria Elena Maurer, Recording Secretary
Recreation and Parks Commission