

MINUTES
PLACENTIA RECREATION AND
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 11, 2011

Meeting held at the E.T. Powell Bldg. and called to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bartelt, Dougherty, Emrick, Granger, Hunt, Newman
Absent: McDermott
Staff Present: Steve Pischel, Director of Community Services
Maria Elena Maurer, Administrative Assistant, Community Services

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Emrick.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None present.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS - Commissioners Hunt, Bartelt and Dougherty expressed concern about the City losing control of Tri-City Park and have it go to the County. Staff Pischel indicated it is unknown at this time what the outcome would be because it has not been through the process, and the cities of Brea and Fullerton are also involved. This item will be placed on next month's agenda to be discussed in detailed.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – May 9, 2011 and June 13, 2011

MOTION by Commissioner Granger to approve the minutes of May 9, 2011 as submitted; **SECOND** by Commissioner Bartelt and **CARRIED** by a **4-0-2-1 VOICE VOTE** (Dougherty, Newman Abstained; McDermott Absent).

Approval of the Minutes of June 13, 2011, will be postponed until the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

2. **MONTHLY REPORTS** – Staff Pischel reported that the first Concert in the Park had received great attendance. This concert was themed around the July 4th and included games and face painting for the kids. Craft booths are also an addition to the concerts. Commissioner Hunt suggested that the Farmer's Market be incorporated with the concerts.

Staff Pischel added that the summer programs had started and the centers had about 55 kids attending the Whitten Center; Koch Park between 20-30 kids, and the Gomez Center had up and down attendance. This last site had the most problems with vandalism. The excursion to the Hollywood Bowl on July 3 went very well. Part time staff Nancy Buck is the driver and does an excellent job with customer service. The recreation swim at the Whitten and Gomez Centers is also

going very well with attendance between 60-70 kids at Whitten and about 25 kids at Gomez Center.

3. PARKS AND FACILITY PROJECT UPDATES -

Staff Pischel indicated that in addition to the renovation recently completed at the E.T. Powell Building, the lighting was planned to be done through energy efficient grant funding. On the outside of the building, new signage, windows and wood replacement are planned. The Kraemer Park Restroom Renovation project went out to bid again and the bids still came in higher than the budget (\$325,000) at \$390,000. A couple of items may be pulled out and bid separately like the netting extension for the Torii Hunter Field and the basketball courts. This will have to go to City Council for approval as the grant money needs to be spent by the end of the calendar year. Commissioner Bartelt would like to see adding the lights to the outside of the Backs Building before the time change. This is a safety issue as it is very dark for those using the facility at night.

Staff Pischel reported that the bids for the Gomez Center Renovation had also come in higher than expected and staff may pull some items out. The City Hall renovation is underway and old tiles has been removed. This renovation includes making the front restrooms ADA accessible. The customer service counter was relocated to the front Community Meeting Room and will be staffed by the Finance Department and Community Services.

The different carriers for the various cell sites are as follows: Champions Sports Complex – Clear Wire; Tuffree Park – Metro PCS; City Hall – AT&T/T-Mobile; Koch Park – AT&T/T-Mobile; Samp Park – AT&T/T-Mobile, and Kraemer Park – Verizon.

4. GOALS & OBJECTIVES - This item will be brought back to the next meeting for review.

5. COMMISSION MONTHLY AGENDA ITEMS –

Commissioners reviewed and updated their monthly agenda items. These agenda items will be used as a guide.

6. FIELD USE & ALLOCATION POLICY UPDATE – Commissioner Newman reported that the subcommittee had met with staff and was scheduled to meet again on July 28 to review the changes/improvements to the Field Use & Allocation Policy. The subcommittee’s recommendation will be brought back to the Commission and the Sports Advisory Committee for their consideration.

7. PROHIBITION OF REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS IN COUNTY CITY PARKS

Staff Pischel shared a copy of a letter that the City Manager had received from the Orange County’s District Attorney indicating that the County put into effect a new ordinance prohibiting sex offenders in county parks and requesting that cities consider enacting a similar ordinance for city parks. City Council has asked staff to take a look at this so that a response can be sent back to the District Attorney.

After some discussion, Commissioners agreed to pursue it further. Staff will research what the current prohibition is and what other cities have in place. The item will be back on the agenda in August.

8. **HERITAGE FESTIVAL PARTICIPATION** – Commissioners Granger and Bartelt indicated they will be available to help at the end of the parade. Commissioner Emrick will be available to ride in the parade.

PARK INSPECTION REPORTS – Commissioner Hunt reminded staff that the snack shacks at Placentia Champions Sports Complex and Tuffree Park need to be pressure washed. Commissioner Granger also asked that all picnic shelters need to be pressure washed.

STAFF COMMENTS – Staff Pischel announced that Coordinator Kelliagh Brown had permanently moved to the Administration Department as of July 1, 2011, and that Maria Elena Maurer had taken over the duties of contract classes and the coordination of the Placentia Quarterly. Commissioner Hunt complimented staff for the great job that continues to be done with limited staffing.

AGENDA BUILDING AND MEETING SCHEDULE – The following items will be placed on the next agenda: Sports Advisory Subcommittee report, Goals & Objectives review, Tri-City Park Update and Parks and Facility Project Updates. Commission agreed to have their next meeting at Parque De Los Vaqueros.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner Dougherty to adjourn to a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2011 at Parque De Los Vaqueros; **SECOND** by Commissioner Hunt, **MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1-0** (McDermott Absent). Meeting adjourned on July 11, 2011 at 8:38 p.m.

Maria Elena Maurer, Recording Secretary
Recreation and Parks Commission