

MINUTES
PLACENTIA RECREATION AND
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 13, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Granger, Hunt, McDermott, Newman
Absent: Bartelt, Dougherty, Emrick
Staff Present: Steve Pischel, Director of Community Services
Jon Nicks, Recreation Services Manager
Maria Elena Maurer, Administrative Assistant, Community Services
Jeannette Ortega, Neighborhood Services Coordinator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Newman.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None present.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS - Commissioner Hunt commented that since the new AT&T cell site went in at Tuffree Park, there is a lot of interference for Verizon subscribers.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – May 9, 2011

Approval of the Minutes of May 9, 2011, will be postponed until the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

2. **MONTHLY REPORTS** – Staff Pischel introduced Jeannette Ortega as the new Neighborhood Services Coordinator. Staff Pischel indicated that the summer programs are getting started; new part time staff has been hired and are being trained and certified. Staff Nicks reported that staff had processed 495 registrations on the first day of summer registration; 363 of those were for swimming lessons.

Staff Pischel mentioned that the County has passed an ordinance prohibiting sex offenders in the parks, and they have asked if such an ordinance would be considered in Placentia. This will be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

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

Staff Nicks reported that all the work at the Senior Center had been completed. Staff is working with one of the Yorba Linda churches to do a “Serve Day” and paint the fences. Staff is working with the Boys & Girls Club to provide their programs at the Teen Center. The Cathy Torrez Learning Center programs will be moved to the Senior Center after July 4th. Commissioner Granger asked that Staff keep in mind the mobile recreation opportunity as it has the potential to

reach all aspects of the community. Pre-bid meetings were scheduled on June 20 for both the Kraemer Park restroom and the Gomez Community Center renovations. Staff distributed pictures of the pre-fabricated restroom that is being constructed for Kraemer Park. The City Hall Renovation project was awarded and the work will be done on the weekends starting the end of June.

4. **COMMISSION MONTHLY AGENDA ITEMS –**

Commissioners reviewed and updated their monthly agenda items.

5. **FIELD USE & ALLOCATION POLICY UPDATE –**

Staff Pischel distributed the suggested changes to the Field Allocation Policy. A Sports Advisory Subcommittee meeting was scheduled on Thursday, June 30, 2011 at 7:00 a.m. to review these changes.

6. **PROPOSITION 84 STATE PARK GRANT APPLICATION -**

Staff Ortega provided an overview of Proposition 84 State Park Grant. This \$150 million statewide grant is highly competitive. The minimum award amount is \$100,000 and the maximum is \$500 million. This grant can be used for acquisition of a park or to renovate and improve existing facilities such as the Backs Community Building, and community input is essential. The application is due July 1, 2011 and the survey distributed to the Commissioners will be part of the application. Staff Nicks noted that the partnerships with the Boys & Girls Club and joint use, the Downtown Merchants Association, and the Community Network will help the City qualify for this grant. Staff Pischel asked for the Commission's input by returning the survey before July 1, 2011.

Commissioner Newman, on behalf of the Recreation and Parks Commission offered its support for this grant.

7. **TRI-CITY PARK – COUNTY OF ORANGE REGIONAL PARK SYSTEM -**

Staff Pischel reported that the City Managers from Brea, Fullerton and Placentia had a conversation with County Supervisor, Shawn Nelson, to consider the possibility to incorporate Tri-City Park into the Regional Park System. Supervisor Nelson sees a discrepancy in that the North County does not have the same number of parks and most of the money is going to the South County parks and beaches. The Tri-City Park Authority met in May with the Orange County Director of Parks, Mark Denny, to discuss the potential to incorporate Tri-City Park into the County's Regional Park System. Mr. Denny provided an overview of the County's Park System and related that their Board of Supervisors would have to direct their staff to pursue this possibility.

Staff Pischel indicated that Staff made it clear that Placentia has concerns about the loss of control since special events like Concerts in the Park and the Heritage Festival are annual events important to the community. Commissioner Hunt asked staff to bring back any developments on this item as it will also affect the sports groups that park in Tri-City Park on a yearly basis (regional parks charge a parking fee), and this will impact them.

PARK INSPECTION REPORTS – Commissioner Granger was happy to report that an infant swing had been installed at Kraemer Park. She also noticed that graffiti has become more prominent on sidewalks throughout the City.

STAFF COMMENTS – Staff Ortega announced that the City Services Academy will be offered starting on Wednesday, July 27, 2011 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The application is available on line.

AGENDA BUILDING AND MEETING SCHEDULE – The following items will be placed on the next agenda: Sports Advisory and Skate Park Updates, and Parks and Facility Project Updates.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner McDermott to adjourn to a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2011 in the E.T.Powell Building; **SECOND** by Commissioner Hunt, **MOTION CARRIED 4-0-3-0** (Bartelt, Dougherty, Emrick Absent). Meeting adjourned on June 13, 2011 at 8:40 p.m.

Maria Elena Maurer, Recording Secretary
Recreation and Parks Commission