

MINUTES  
PLACENTIA RECREATION AND  
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

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Meeting held at Parque de los Vaqueros and called to order at 6:36 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – Verizon Wireless representative Michelle Felton in attendance.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS** - None.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – June 13, 2011 and July 11, 2011

Due to lack of quorum, the minutes of June 13, 2011 will be postponed to be approved at the next meeting.

Minutes of July 11, 2011 - Commissioners Granger and Bartelt noted that item #8, Heritage Festival Participation, was incorrect; both Commissioners will be helping with traffic control at the end of the parade, but will not be riding in the parade.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Newman to approve the minutes of July 11, 2011 as corrected; **SECOND** by Commissioner Bartelt and **CARRIED** by a **4-0-3-0 VOICE VOTE** (Emrick, Hunt, McDermott Absent).

2. **MONTHLY REPORTS** – Staff Pischel indicated that Coordinators Veronica Ortiz and Felipe Zambrano will be coming to the October Commission meeting to present an overview of the summer programs. Staff Nicks reported that the P.A.R.K.S. programs are in full operation at the various sites, including the new location for the Cathy Torrez Center operating at the E.T. Powell Building. During the renovation construction at the Gomez Center, recreation staff will be operating mobile programs outdoors. The new Tynes Gym Youth Center is now open at Tynes Gym capturing many of the Jr. High kids that live in the area and has been heavily promoted at the middle schools.

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

Staff Pischel reported that the Civic Center tile had been completed, but due to unforeseen conditions, the restrooms completion has been delayed about 60 days. Staff Nicks indicated that the Kraemer Park restroom renovation also encountered unforeseen conditions in the park while digging. Staff is working with a good contractor based out of Placentia and the job is still on schedule. The restroom's electricity source has become a major issue with Edison; due to their current guidelines, they only allow two meters per parcel and the park had three meters. The power source for the restroom will have to come from the Backs Building panel. The Gomez Center renovation project was awarded in August and is expected to be completed in January 2012.

Staff Nicks stated that he had met with Architect Richard Fisher to plan the six park lighting projects. The main objective will be to use the same light standard that is being used at Kraemer Park for all the sites which will make it easier to replace when the lights go out.

4. **REVIEW OF PROPOSED CELL TOWER AT KRAEMER MEMORIAL PARK-**

Staff Pischel introduced Verizon Wireless representative Michelle Felton who provided an overview of the proposed cell site (monopine) at Kraemer Park and answered questions. The next step in the process is to go to the Planning Commission for its approval.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Newman to offer Commission's support for the Kraemer Memorial Park cell site proposed by Verizon; **SECOND** by Commissioner Granger and **CARRIED** by a **4-0-3-0 VOICE VOTE** (Emrick, Hunt, McDermott Absent).

5. **GOALS & OBJECTIVES** - The Goals & Objectives review will be postponed to the next Commission meeting. In the meantime, Commissioners can submit their changes/recommendations to Staff Maurer.

6. **FIELD USE & ALLOCATION POLICY UPDATE** – This item will be brought back to a future Commission meeting for updates.

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

Staff Pischel commented that the Tri-City Park Authority will meet on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 to continue a discussion with the County to consider taking Tri-City Park as part of the County's park system; ultimately, taking over the responsibilities of the park's maintenance, operations and upkeep. All three cities' City Councils would have to agree to the terms and conditions that would be proposed and staff is working with the other two cities to create a list of "deal points." Supervisor Shawn Nelson's goal is to expand the regional parks in the north County. The main advantage would be that the County would be able to implement some variations of the Master Plan and maintain the park to higher standards. Staff will continue to provide updates on this item.

8. **PROHIBITION OF REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS IN COUNTY CITY PARKS**

In order to provide an update on this item, Staff Pischel stated that staff put together a report on this item that will be sent to all Commissioners via e-mail.

## **PARK INSPECTION REPORTS –**

**STAFF COMMENTS** – Staff Pischel indicated that staff will reschedule the meeting with the Sports Advisory Subcommittee to continue reviewing the Field Use & Allocation Policy. He also commented on a survey called Strong Cities; this is being done by the League of California Cities and it is being conducted state-wide. This survey asks people what they like about the city they live in, the qualities that a city has to offer, etc. Commissioner Dougherty asked if this could be sent electronically so that Commissioners can respond to the survey quicker.

**AGENDA BUILDING AND MEETING SCHEDULE** – The following items will be placed on the next agenda: Parks and Facility Project Updates, Goals & Objectives review and Tri-City Park Update.

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner Granger to adjourn to a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 10, 2011; **SECOND** by Commissioner Newman and **CARRIED** by a **4-0-3-0** (Emrick, Hunt, McDermott Absent). Meeting adjourned on September 12, 2011 at 7:37 p.m.

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Maria Elena Maurer, Recording Secretary  
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