

MINUTES
PLACENTIA RECREATION AND
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2011

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
Jon Nicks, Deputy Director of Community Services
Maria Elena Maurer, Administrative Assistant, Community Services

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Bartelt.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – Placentia Rotary Club representatives, Kevin Padills and Suzanne Wulff, Deputy Chief Ward Smith and Major Pro Tem Jeremy Yamaguchi were in attendance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Commissioner Emrick opened up the nominations for the Chair position.

Commissioner Granger nominated Commissioner Dougherty for the Chair position; **SECOND** by Commissioner Newman. Commissioner Emrick closed the nominations for Chair.

MOTION by Commissioner Granger to appoint Commissioner Dougherty for the Chair position; **SECOND** by Commissioner Newman and **CARRIED** by a **6-0-0-1 VOICE VOTE** (Dougherty Abstained).

Commissioner Emrick opened the nominations for the Vice Chair position.

Commissioner Bartelt nominated Commissioner Newman for Vice Chair; **SECOND** by Commissioner Dougherty. Commissioner Emrick closed the nominations for the Vice Chair position.

MOTION by Commissioner Bartelt to appoint Commissioner Newman for the Vice Chair position; **SECOND** by Commissioner Emrick and **CARRIED** by a **6-0-0-1 VOICE VOTE** (Newman Abstained).

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS - Commissioner Hunt stated that several people have asked him when the City will be putting up the new signs that prohibit dogs in the athletic fields. The dogs continue to be a problem. Staff Pischel indicated this will be placed on the agenda next month for an update. Commissioner Granger requested an update on the Skate Park Advocacy Group.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – June 13, 2011 and September 12, 2011

MOTION by Commissioner Newman to approve the minutes of June 13, 2011 as submitted; **SECOND** by Commissioner Granger and **CARRIED** by a **4-0-3-0 VOICE VOTE** (Bartelt, Dougherty, Emrick Abstained).

MOTION by Commissioner Granger to approve the minutes of September 12, 2011 as submitted; **SECOND** by Commissioner Newman and **CARRIED** by a **4-0-0-3 VOICE VOTE** (Emrick, Hunt, McDermott Abstained).

2. **PLACENTIA ROTARY CLUB SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST** –

Secretary's Note : Commissioner Hunt excused himself noting that this event includes a Car Show, and he is directly involved with the Heritage Committee in charge of the Car Show and it would be a conflict of interest.

Staff Pischel stated that the Placentia Rotary Club had contacted the City to request the use of Kraemer Park for a fundraising event scheduled on June 9, 2012. The Rotary's president, Kevin Padills, explained the details planned for this event and indicated that through their fundraiser efforts, the Rotary is able to support various community programs i.e., scholarships for high school students, Boys & Girls Club of Placentia, the YMCA, H.I.S. House, Easter Egg-Ciment, Heritage Festival, etc. The event will include food, a Car Show, Live Band, and Beer & Wine Garden (with approved license from ABC and secured by white fencing). Staff Pischel indicated that City Council would need to consider waving the City's ordinance to allow alcohol for this special non-profit event. In addition, any costs that our incurred by the City will have to be charged to the Rotary as well as any damage to the park.

Commissioner Granger commented that this seemed like a great community event and she was in favor of supporting it. Commissioner Emrick added that as long as there would not be any costs incurred by the City, he also would support it.

MOTION by Commissioner Granger to offer the Recreation and Parks Commission support for the Placentia Rotary Club fundraising event scheduled on June 9, 2012 at Kraemer Park; **SECOND** by Commissioner Emrick and **CARRIED** by a **6-0-0-1 VOICE VOTE** (Hunt Abstained).

3. **MONTHLY REPORT – COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS AND SERVICES-**

Community Services Coordinators Felipe Zambrano and Veronica Ortiz, and Administrative Assistant Maria Elena Maurer, took turns reporting on the various programs they oversee. Summer activities including the learn to swim program, Concerts in the Park, Movies at the Park, P.A.R.K.S. programming, Youth and Adult Sports, Parks and Facility rentals, Placentia Quarterly production were reviewed. A slide presentation of the summer activities conducted at the community centers, including the "Placentia Has Talent" review, were also presented.

Commissioner comments included: 1) to consider The Placentia Community Band for the first Concert in the Park that celebrates July 4th. The band has a great repertoire of patriotic songs that are best suited for this celebration. 2) Change the promoting strategies to attract the middle schools kids to the new Tynes Gym Youth Center; the current promotion is viewed as “for little kids or for babies.”

4. PARKS AND FACILITY PROJECT UPDATES -

Staff Nicks reported that the restroom modular at Kraemer Park has been put in place although additional funds would need to be approved by City Council to bring electricity to the restroom from the Backs Building. There is a supplement grant that Staff will be applying for to cover the additional costs. The project is moving forward and on schedule. The bids for the park lighting project came in. It is scheduled to start the end of November and be completed in December; this is fully funded by grant money.

The City Hall renovation is almost complete. The men’s restroom needs an additional partition necessary to obstruct view of the urinal when the door opens.

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. SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – The Subcommittee will schedule a meeting with staff prior to the next Commission meeting.

7. PROHIBITION OF REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS IN COUNTY CITY PARKS
Commissioner and Staff reviewed the information sent along with the Agenda Packet. The following concerns were expressed: If such an ordinance to prohibit registered sex offenders in City parks was enacted, how would it be enforced; will such an ordinance bring about lawsuits; will this be considered discrimination; would this ordinance create a false sense of security; how would it protect cities; this ordinance may raise more problems than it can solve; is this giving the Police Department additional work that they cannot staff.

This item will be tabled and continue discussion at the next Commission meeting.

PARK INSPECTION REPORTS –

STAFF COMMENTS –

AGENDA BUILDING AND MEETING SCHEDULE – The following items will be placed on the next agenda: Dog Ordinance Implementation Update, Skate Park Update, Sports Advisory Report, Goals & Objectives Update, Parks and Facility Project Updates, Prohibition of Sex Offenders in City Parks and Park Assignments Committee Review.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner McDermott to adjourn to a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2011;

SECOND by Commissioner Emrick and **CARRIED** by a **7-0**. Meeting adjourned on October 10, 2011 at 9:24 p.m.

Maria Elena Maurer, Recording Secretary
Recreation and Parks Commission