

MINUTES  
PLACENTIA RECREATION AND  
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2011

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** –

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS** - Commissioner Newman commented about an article in the Register that indicates Mission Viejo is planning to build a six acre Dog Park. It also mentions other cities having an interest in dog parks. A copy of the article will be distributed to all Commissioners.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –October 10, 2011

**MOTION** by Commissioner Granger to approve the minutes of October 10, 2011 as submitted; **SECOND** by Commissioner McDermott and **CARRIED** by a **6-0-1-0 VOICE VOTE** (Emrick Absent).

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

Staff Nicks announced that the Winter Placentia Quarterly had been mailed to all residents and registration started today, Monday, November 14. One of the popular activities is the Santa Visits; about 40% of the 15 minute time slots are already full. The Veterans Day event had over 300 in attendance. The ceremony included two guest speakers and seven new names were added to the monument. One of the challenges the Veterans Committee will face is the fact that the monument is running out of room and funding sources to expand will need to be considered.

All the centers, including the Senior Center, held their Halloween activities. In addition, Staff Nicks attended a summit with OCTA where several North County cities met to discuss the best bike routes to connect each city. How to implement, obstacles, major constraints, what improvements will be needed, and grant application partnerships, were part of the discussion.

Lastly, Staff Nicks reported that the Cultural Arts Commission has been working to partner with the Placita Santa Fe Merchants to incorporate the Holiday

Celebration with the Tamale and Las Posadas event in old town. The last few years, the Holiday Celebration had received major sponsorships to offset the costs related to the event; however, the major sponsor moved out of the City and this prompted the Commission to consider partnering with the Santa Fe Merchants.

Staff Pischel reported on a Veterans Day event held in the afternoon on November 11 at Rose Drive Friends Church sponsored by the County; due to inclement weather, the event previously proposed at Tri-City Park was moved to the church. This was a special recognition of those that have served since the terrorist attack of 9-11 and this being the 10 year anniversary. A total of 70 names were recognized and total attendance was about 500.

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

Staff Nicks reported that the Kraemer Park Restroom Renovation project is near completion, including the addition of conduits and footings for 3 additional light poles as part of the lighting project. The grand re-opening will be scheduled in January 2012.

Staff Nicks indicated that the contractor for the Gomez Center has been working very hard to make up for delays due to asbestos material removal and it seems they are back on schedule. The permit for the exterior lighting of Kraemer Park was issued. This will include exterior lighting outside the Backs Building, lighting the planters and walkways. This project should be completed before Christmas.

4. **HERITAGE FESTIVAL -**

Staff Nicks commented that the Heritage Committee had a wrap-up meeting last week and each of the groups provided comments and suggestions for next year. It was agreed that all the activities of the event (which include the concert addition this year), end at the same time. Commissioner Hunt indicated that this is the largest event the City puts out and the volunteers do a great job. The committee always looks at ways to make improvements each year. Commissioners Bartelt and Granger commented that there were big gaps in the parade. Commissioner Hunt added that these gaps are mainly caused by the bands as they try to perform along the way.

5. **GOALS & OBJECTIVES -**

Commissioners reviewed the Commission's Goals & Objectives for 2011-2012.

6. **PARK ASSIGNMENTS COMMITTEE REVIEW -**

Commissioners reviewed previous subcommittee and park assignments noting various changes. A final review will continue at the next meeting.

7. **SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE -**

Commissioner Newman reported that the subcommittee has been meeting with staff over the last couple of months to discuss changes/updates to the Field Allocation Policy. A meeting with the Sports Advisory Committee (sports groups) will be held on Wednesday, November 16. One of the items that will be discussed is the finger printing process each group uses for their coaches and the 3 Strikes Rule, a procedure that needs updating.

8. **DOG ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE** - .

Staff Pischel commented that the implementation of the new dog ordinance signs is pending final design and actual verbiage approved by the City Attorney. This topic will also be discussed with the Sports Advisory Committee on Wednesday. Signs should be ready to put up in late December.

**PARK INSPECTION REPORTS** – Commissioner Granger made a report on line.

**STAFF COMMENTS** – Staff Pischel provided an update on the proposed cell site for Samp Park. He attended the Planning Commission meeting and there was some opposition from the neighborhood; however, T-Mobile had complied with all the proper conditions required by the City and it was unanimously approved by the Commission.

**AGENDA BUILDING AND MEETING SCHEDULE** – The following items will be placed on the next agenda: Dog Ordinance Implementation Update, Sports Advisory Report, Goals & Objectives Final Update, Parks and Facility Project Updates, Prohibition of Sex Offenders in City Parks and Boys & Girls Club Status.

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner McDermott to adjourn to Monday, December 12, 2011. It is anticipated that this meeting will be canceled due to lack of business and the next regular meeting will be on January 9, 2012; **SECOND** by Commissioner Granger and **CARRIED** by a **6-0-1-0 VOICE VOTE** (Emrick Absent). Meeting adjourned on November 14, 2011 at 8:35 p.m.

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Maria Elena Maurer, Recording Secretary  
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