

MINUTES
PLACENTIA PARKS, ARTS, AND RECREATION
COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
February 14, 2023

Meeting called to order at 5:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Tricia Montelongo, Brett Hunt, Maverick Shuck,

Absent: Vice Chair Russel Narahara,

Staff Present: Community Services Supervisor, Veronica Ortiz
Administrative Assistant, Daniela Escobedo
Community Services Director Karen Crocker
Community Services Coordinator Matt Brand

Guests: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Supervisor Ortiz.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS – Commissioner Hunt informed the Commission that he has been approached regarding the maintenance of the fields. He was informed that there had been field light bulbs not working at Tuffree park for some few weeks.

Director Crocker informed the Commission that the lights have been replaced with LED's at the park. She also informed the Commission that copper wiring had been stolen as well as an issue of the squirrels chewing on the lights wiring at Champions Park.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 10 meeting have been tabled for the next regular meeting for approval.

2. Approval of Tuffree Park Playground Renovation Design Concept

Supervisor Ortiz and Coordinator Brand discussed the renovation designs for Tuffree Park. Director Crocker informed the Commission that they wish to use a baseball theme for Tuffree park. The renovations will include adding new shade for the picnic tables. Completion of the park renovations is expected to be completed by early September 2023.

Coordinator Brand presented the 2 design concepts to the Commission. The first design for the park stands at approximately \$344,594.05, and the main point of this design is that it does not include a swing set. The second design for the park is

approximately \$338,054.12, and the main point of this design is that it includes a swing set with belt swings.

Commissioner Hunt proposed that option 2, the design including the swing set be brought forward to the City Council. The approval was **MOTIONED** for approval by Chair Montelongo. The approval was **SECONDED** by Commissioner Shuck. The motion carried.

3. **MONTHLY REPORT** -

a. **Blue-Ribbon Committee** –

Director Crocker informed the Commission that there will be a joint meeting with the Senior Advisory Committee. The topic of this future meeting will be to help to get the community involved with the proposed project.

b. **Navigation Center** –

Director Crocker updated the Commission regarding the navigation Center. She informed the Commission that the Navigation Center is currently at capacity with a few beds available at night for anyone that Police Officers may bring in. She informed the Commission that the Homeless Liaison Officer (HLO) has a new truck to be used to help with transportation.

c. **CIP Projects update** –

The Commission discussed the CIP projects within the City. New park signs will be installed at all park locations.

Supervisor Ortiz updated the Commission regarding the various park construction timetables. Santa Fe Park is currently in progress and will have its ribbon cutting ceremony on a Saturday in March. Parque del Arroyo Verde construction is out for bid. There will be a meeting with RHA to discuss La Placita Parquette. Gomez park is currently in its Phase 2 for design conception, current changes are moving the playground area as well as addressing issues with irrigation. Koch Park renovation designs need to be approved by the City Council and can be expected to be completed by late June. Wagner Park designs are still in production. The handball courts at McFadden and Tuffree will be resurfaced in this current CIP budget.

Supervisor Ortiz informed the Commission of upcoming events in April. The Easter Egg-citement event responsibilities have been returned to the Community Services department and will be held on Saturday April 1st. Following Easter, the Love Placentia event will be held on Saturday April 22nd.

4. **Commissioner Comments and Requests**

Commissioner Narahara asked to add a page to the City website which highlights the CIP projects to gather more engagement.

5. **Staff Comments**

No comments at this time.

6. **Agenda Building and Meeting Schedule**

Keep same items

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Shuck **MOTIONED** to adjourn to the next regular meeting, on Tuesday, March 14th, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. The regular meeting will be held in-person. The motion was **SECONDED** by Chair Montelongo. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned on February 14th, 2023, at 6:01 p.m.



Veronica Ortiz
Community Services Supervisor