

MINUTES  
PLACENTIA PARKS, ARTS, AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
July 18, 2023

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Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Tricia Montelongo, Brett Hunt, Lilia Queen

Absent: Vice Chair Russel Narahara, Maverick Shuck

Staff Present: Community Services Deputy Director - Veronica Ortiz,  
Administrative Assistant – Daniela Escobedo

Guests: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Supervisor Ortiz

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** - None

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS** – Chair Montelongo informed the Commission that a resident reached out to her regarding adding a crosswalk to allow access to reach Tri-City Park along Palm.

Commissioner Hunt inquired about the pickleball courts and if they have organized a tournament. Deputy Director Ortiz informed the Commission that in order to reserve the courts for an organized event, the organizers will be required to submit a permit. Deputy Director discussed possibly reaching out to the Pickleball page admin to coordinate between the group’s usage of the courts as well as setting organized rules that are accommodating to all people attending the courts.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were **MOTIONED** for approval by Chair Montelongo. Commissioner Queen **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried.

**2. MONTHLY REPORT -**

**a. Blue-Ribbon Committee –**

Deputy Director Ortiz updated the Commission regarding the Blue Ribbon Committee. She informed the Commission that the City has met with the consultant for the Community/Senior Center project as they will provide an update to the Blue Ribbon Committee at her next meeting. The consultant will give an update regarding the topographic maps, and elevation studies for proposed area of the Community Center. An update will be given to the

City Council at their upcoming meeting on the progressive steps taken towards this project.

**b. Navigation Center –**

Deputy Director Ortiz updated the Commission regarding the Navigation Center. She informed them that the project to update and replace the partition walls has been approved and already begun.

**c. CIP Projects update – Current year and Forthcoming**

Deputy Director Ortiz updated the Commission regarding the CIP projects. The Arroyo Verde project has already broken ground and is currently under construction. Tuffree Park will begin its construction following Arroyo Verde and will feature a baseball themed play area. Koch Park and Wagner Park will follow afterwards. Deputy Director Ortiz informed the Commission that she will be meeting with Public Woks and Engineering to discuss the La Placita Parkette project. The La Placita Parkette is a grant funded project in the amount of \$624,000 as thus is under a tight timeline to be completed by March 2024.

**d. Budget Update**

Deputy Director Ortiz updated the Commission regarding the department budget. She announced that the Community Services Department has been approved to add two new Facility Technicians to oversee and maintain the cities facilities and park areas.

**e. Summer Program Update**

Deputy Director Ortiz updated the Commission on the summer programs. The Summer Movies in the Park series will be held on a bi-weekly schedule on Fridays beginning June 30<sup>th</sup> and ending on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The Summer Concerts in the Park will be held on a weekly schedule on Thursdays beginning July 13<sup>th</sup> and ending on August 17<sup>th</sup>. She informed them on the status of the Summer Day Camp and its growing popularity. Open recreational swims will be open at the Whitten and Gomez pools and run until the end of September.

**3. Commissioner Comments and Requests**

No comments at this time.

**4. Staff Comments**

No comments at this time

**5. Agenda Building and Meeting Schedule**

Keep same items

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Commissioner Hunt **MOTIONED** to adjourn to the next regular meeting, on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. The regular meeting will be held in-person. The motion was **SECONDED** by Chair Montelongo. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned on July 18, 2023, at 7:35 p.m.

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Veronica Ortiz  
Community Services Supervisor