

MINUTES  
PLACENTIA PARKS, ARTS, AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
September 12, 2023

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Tricia Montelongo, Brett Hunt, Lilia Queen. Maverick Shuck

Absent:

Staff Present: Community Services Deputy Director - Veronica Ortiz,

Guests: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Deputy Director Ortiz

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** - None

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS** –

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the July 18<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 Veronica Ortiz updated the Commission that the Community Services Department prepared a business plan for the proposed Community/Senior Center, which includes an operations plan of the proposed site. Additionally, the Department prepared a Power Point presentation for the proposed project detailing the components of the 35% complete design. The City Council will review the proposed 35% complete design at the September 19<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting and will provide staff and the Blue-Ribbon Committee with directions on how to proceed with the proposed project.

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

Deputy Director Ortiz updated the Commission that the current CIP projects that are still in progress are Koch Park Playground Phase II and Tuffree Park playground replacement. Currently the City is waiting for the equipment to be manufactured and shipped. Additionally, the Wagner Park playground replacement project will begin the week of September 25<sup>th</sup> and will continue

for 5-6 weeks. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held once complete and the Commissioners will be notified of the event date.

**c. Summer Program Update –**

Summer programs included Concerts, Movies, swim programs and Day Camp. All programs were successful this summer. The only program still operational is the free swim program at Gomez and Whitten Pools. The City will keep the pools open until the weather begins to cool off through the end of October.

**d. Review of Parque de los Niños Playground design concept –**

Coordinator Brand presented the two design concepts for the Parque de los Niños playground renovation project provided by GameTime. Coordinator Brand explained the primary differences between both designs and highlighted the components of each. While a main difference is shade integration, both designs provide the dinosaur design that was favored by the Community at their previous community meeting and is in line with the City's Placentia Parks Initiative Plan to provide unique "destination" parks. Deputy Director Ortiz informed the Commission that the design that is recommended by the Commissioners will be presented to the Community at the September 21st Community Meeting to gain public feedback. Once the community chooses their favored design, the City will take the design for final approval to the City Council for their review at the October 3rd meeting.

The Commissioners reviewed both designs and chose their recommended design as Option 1. Commissioner Montelongo motioned to recommend Option 1 for approval for the design of the Parque de los Niños playground renovation project. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. All were in favor with none opposed. The motion passed.

**3. Commissioner Comments and Requests**

Commissioner Queen requested that the City continue to examine the possibility of re-naming certain parks in the City to provide less confusion within the community.

**4. Staff Comments**

No comments at this time

**5. Agenda Building and Meeting Schedule**

Keep same items

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Montelongo **MOTIONED** to adjourn to the next regular meeting, on Tuesday, November 14 , 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 September 12, 2023, at 7:35 p.m.



Veronica Ortiz  
Deputy Director of Community Services