

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

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Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent:

Staff Present: Director of Community Services, Karen Crocker; Deputy Director of Community Services - Veronica Ortiz

Guests: Mayor Ward Smith

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** - Mayor Ward Smith; representing Love Placentia, announced they will begin accepting volunteers and recruiting to assist in projects. The Commission is encouraged to help volunteer or assist in recruiting personnel.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS** –

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were **MOTIONED** for approval by Commissioner Shuck. Commissioner Hunt **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried.

**2. MONTHLY REPORT -**

**a. Blue-Ribbon Committee –**

Director Crocker updated the Commission regarding the design plans for the proposed Community/Senior Center. One recommendation from the City Council to approve proceeding with a 100% design plan was to include an increase in the number of available parking spaces at the park to 225. The City is currently negotiating these terms with the County.

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

Deputy Director Ortiz updated the Commission regarding the current and upcoming CIP projects. She announced Phase 2 for Koch Park is tentatively set to begin the following day but may be postponed depending on the weather conditions.

Director Crocker informed the Commission that Tuffree Park is awaiting one more custom-made equipment item to be completed. The Arroyo Verde Park is expected to be completed by the end of December and we will hold a ribbon cutting potentially in early January. She also announced that Koch Park may have a ribbon cutting in January as well.

**c. Upcoming City Events –**

Deputy Director Ortiz informed the Commission of the upcoming City events. The next immediate event is the Thanksgiving Food Distribution held on November 21, at 2pm and will be hosted at the Whitten Center. The next event will be the Tree Lighting event on November 30 at the Civic Center. The following event will be the Placentia Tamale Festival which will be held on December 7 off Santa Fe Ave and Bradford Ave.

**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**

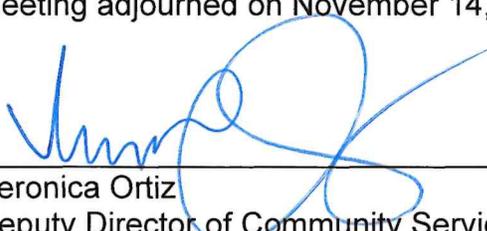
Director Crocker announced to the Commission that on November 27, the Community Services department will be welcoming two new facility techs to look after and maintain the parks and facilities.

**5. Agenda Building and Meeting Schedule**

Keep the same items with the addition of potential renaming of parks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Montelongo **MOTIONED** to adjourn to the next regular meeting, on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 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 November 14, 2023, at 7:35 p.m.

  
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Veronica Ortiz  
Deputy Director of Community Services