

MINUTES
PLACENTIA PARKS, ARTS, AND RECREATION
COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
March 12, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent:

Staff Present: Director of Community Services Karen Crocker, Administrative Assistant - Daniela Escobedo

Guests: Kristen Samaniego, City Clerk - Bob McKinnell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Director Karen Crocker

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS –

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS –

Commissioner Hunt informed the Commission and City Staff of overgrown grass at the Tuffree Park baseball fields. City Clerk Bob McKinnell addressed the Commission regarding an update to the State Law which mandates City Staff, Commissions, and Boards that make decisions which are economic in nature disclose any potential conflicts of interest. A 700 form would need to be filled out by any members who have a direct tie to businesses or properties in Placentia by April 2nd.

Commissioner Hunt informed the Commission that the Pony baseball league officials commented on the ADA regulations concerning the dugouts at Tuffree Park. They informed him that there are agencies that may attempt to formally complain to the City to remedy these issues for the Hearing and Visually impaired participants.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the February 13th meeting were **MOTIONED** for approval by Chair Montelongo. Commissioner Queen **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried.

2. MONTHLY REPORT -

a. Dog Park.

Director Crocker informed the Commission that the City has contracted a consultant for a potential dog park within the City. The consultant will survey potential parks and provide an initial design concept.

b. Completion of Koch, Tuffree, Arroyo Verde playground renovations.

Director Crocker updated the Commission regarding the renovated parks. After being delayed, the Arroyo Verde Park ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on March 21st at 4pm. Koch Park is still under renovation and is expected to be completed in towards the end of March or early April. Tuffree Park is currently under renovations and is expected to be completed in March and will host its ribbon cutting ceremony shortly before Koch Park.

Director Crocker updated the Commission regarding the construction at La Placita Parkette. Currently the park is undergoing its landscaping and irrigation renovations and be finished with the playground equipment installments. Parque de los Niños is waiting on its playground equipment to begin renovations.

c. Champions update.

Director Crocker addressed the community concerns regarding ground squirrels affecting Champions Park and Tuffree Park. The City is meeting with the County to discuss their course of action but has been notified that they cannot spray Fumi-toxin to fumigate the squirrels burrows without acquiring the proper permits.

Director Crocker updated the Commission regarding the community concern of a crosswalk at Arroyo Verde Park. She was informed by Public Works that installing a crosswalk is not recommended as the area would not meet the initial criteria to warrant one.

3. Concerts in the Park.

Administrative Assistant Daniela Escobedo informed the Commission of the upcoming Concerts in the Park schedule for 2024. There will be a total of 5 concerts with various performers. The tentative schedule for the concerts is the Tribute to Taylor Swift on July 11th, Smokin' Cobras on July 18th, 33 Thunder on July 25th, Upstream on August 1st, and Soto Band on August 8th. The Taste of Placentia is tentatively scheduled for August 15th and is hosted by the Placentia Chamber of Commerce.

4. PARC Commission Vacancy update.

No update at this time, the PARC Commission Vacancy update will be tabled to the next regular meeting.

5. Commissioner Comments and Requests.

Commissioner Hunt would like an update regarding the Pickleball group organizing a tournament on the public courts and the policies regarding the impact it will have on the public access to the courts and surrounding neighborhood.

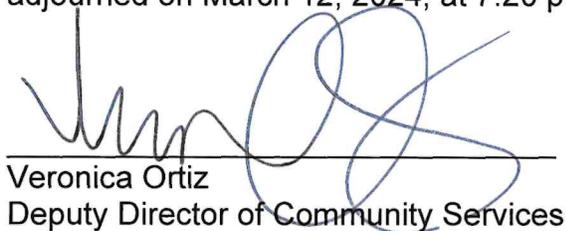
6. Staff Comments

7. Agenda Building and Meeting Schedule

The items to be included in the next meeting agenda are Approval of Minutes, Monthly Report, Commission Comments and requests, staff comments, agenda building and meeting schedule, and PARC commission vacancy.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Shuck **MOTIONED** to adjourn to the next regular meeting, on Tuesday, April 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. The regular meeting will be held in-person. The motion was **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hunt. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned on March 12, 2024, at 7:20 p.m.



Veronica Ortiz
Deputy Director of Community Services