

MINUTES
PLACENTIA RECREATION AND
PARKS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
April 9, 2012
Gomez Community Center

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bartelt, Dougherty, Emrick, Granger, Hunt, Newman
Absent: McDermott
Staff Present: Steve Pischel, Director of Community Services
Jon Nicks, Deputy Director of Community Services
Maria Elena Maurer, Administrative Assistant, Community Services

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Emrick.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS –

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS - Commissioner Bartelt commented that the Kraemer Park grand re-opening was very nice. The park looked great and the renovation has been a great improvement to the park. Commissioner Emrick added that at a training he attended, he met a lady that lives by Kraemer Park and she and her neighbors were very pleased with the improvements made.

Commissioner Hunt expressed his frustration that the new Dog Ordinance signs were still not up at the sports fields. He indicated that at a game last week, there was an incident where the game had to stop until animal feces were picked up from the field. Staff Pischel stated that the signs have been ordered and that Public Works staff will be installing them as soon as they are received.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – February 27, 2012

Commissioner Granger noted an error on Item 6, second paragraph. The three cities instead of tree cities.

MOTION by Commissioner Granger to approve the minutes of February 27, 2012 as corrected; **SECOND** by Commissioner Hunt and **CARRIED** by a **5-0-1-1 VOICE VOTE** (McDermott Absent; Emrick Abstained).

2. **MONTHLY REPORT** -

Staff Nicks reported that the most recent excursions to Mama Mia at the Pantages Theatre had been successful and fully booked. All excursions have been very popular and sell out quickly. Community Services staff provided assistance with a couple of Easter related events. The Friendly Center organized an Easter Egg

Hunt at the Whitten Center and distributed about 90 baskets to children from Gomez and Whitten that had been donated; Staff is trying to do some joint activities where children from both centers are able to participate. The baskets included candy as well as hygiene products. The Placentia Library and the Rotary Club held the Easter Egg-citement at Kraemer Park on Saturday, March 31. Activities included a Pancake Breakfast, Dunk Tank, and other festival-like booths. The event attracted about 1,000 people. Staff Nicks added that interviews for part time summer positions will be taking place starting this week.

3. PARKS AND FACILITY PROJECT UPDATES -

Staff Nicks conducted a tour of the Gomez Center highlighting the improvements recently completed. Commissioners agreed that the center looked brighter and that all the new components enhanced this facility. Staff Nicks added that a grand opening will be scheduled on Tuesday, May 15 at 4:00 p.m. and that invitations will be sent out.

As far as the remaining of the Phase I lighting project (the three poles at Kraemer Park, Los Vaqueros and Goldenrod Parks), 18 companies have picked up plans and bids are due next week. Phase II (Koch, Arroyo, Tuffree Parks) will be part of fiscal year 2012-2013 project. Staff Pischel indicated that the cell site proposal for Kraemer Park is moving forward. City Council will be reviewing to approve the lease agreement at their next meeting.

Commissioner Hunt asked for an update regarding the Knock Park restrooms. Staff Pischel responded that Public Works is working with a contractor and the work should be completed this week; a couple of the fixtures were being replaced.

4. TRI-CITY PARK/COUNTY OF ORANGE PROPERTY TRANSFER CONSIDERATION UPDATE -

Staff Pischel reviewed the deal points that were discussed under closed session with the County. Some of these points included: 1) To maintain the park as a community park in perpetuity. 2) Allow member agencies to continue to hold community events at "no fee" to the City or agency; this includes Concerts in the Park and the Heritage Festival. 3) Provide the residents of Placentia, Fullerton and Brea a price reduction for parking/entrance fees (County's response was that Pay and Display parking tickets dispensing machines would be installed but not enforced for the first three years. 4) County is requesting \$500,000 from the Authority to implement park capital improvements (this would include the \$364,000 in current fund balance and a one-time contribution of \$136,000 from the member agencies).

Commissioner Hunt stated that the parking could become a real problem for the sports groups and 3 years grace period is not enough. In the long term, families will have to park on the streets and it will impact City streets and surrounding neighborhoods requiring "Permit Parking" implementation. Staff will continue to update the Commission on new developments regarding this item.

5. **SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE -**

Commissioner Newman reported that at the last subcommittee meeting, the 3 strikes rule and consequences for non-compliance had been discussed. The intent is to make it more definitive as the current policy does not specify what the penalties and the appeal process are. The subcommittee will be meeting with the sports users next week Tuesday to go over these revisions and to have them understand what the ramifications will be in the future. Commissioner Hunt added that it is important for the user groups to understand that there is an appeal process and that the City is the final authority.

6. **SERVE DAY PROJECTS -**

Staff Nicks reported that the Kiwanis Club and the Valencia High School Key Club members are taking on a project to paint the wrought iron gates at the Powell Building. In addition, the Yorba Linda Friends Church has contacted staff to do some projects in June. Commissioner Hunt suggested that the Tynes Gym bathrooms be repainted as part of this project.

7. **BUDGET UPDATE -**

Staff Nicks indicated that all the fees, including the Community Services fees that were reviewed and recommended by the Commission, will be going to City Council for consideration/approval at their meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2012. Commissioners were encouraged to attend this meeting and provide any comments regarding their recommendation vs. the analysis from the consultants.

PARK INSPECTION REPORTS -

STAFF COMMENTS - Staff Pischel informed the Commission that Commissioner McDermott had called this afternoon to let Staff know that he was going to submit a letter of resignation. Job commitments have not allowed him to put in the time that is necessary to fulfill his responsibilities as a Commissioner.

AGENDA BUILDING AND MEETING SCHEDULE - The following items may be placed on the next agenda: Sports Advisory Report, Tri-City Park/County of Orange Property transfer update, Serve Day Projects, and Budget Update.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner Hunt to adjourn to Monday, May 14, 2012 regular meeting; **SECOND** by Commissioner Newman and **CARRIED** by a **6-0-0-1 VOICE VOTE** (McDermott Absent). Meeting adjourned on April 9, 2012 at 8:22 p.m.

Maria Elena Maurer, Recording Secretary
Recreation and Parks Commission