

MINUTES
PLACENTIA RECREATION AND
PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
October 8, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bartelt, Emrick, Granger, Hunt, Jackson, Newman
Absent: Dougherty

Staff Present: Steve Pischel, Director of Community Services
Jon Nicks, Deputy Director of Community Services
Maria Elena Maurer, Community Services Coordinator
Veronica Ortiz, Community Services Coordinator
Felipe Zambrano, Community Services Coordinator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Newman

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None in attendance.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS -

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – October 8, 2012

Commissioner Granger noted that the Minutes of October 8, 2012 title indicated that it was a “Special” meeting, and it was a “Regular” meeting.

MOTION by Commissioner Granger to approve the minutes of October 8, 2012 as corrected; **SECOND** by Commissioner Emrick and **CARRIED** by a **6-0-1-0 VOICE VOTE** (Dougherty, Absent).

2. **OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY SERVICES SUMMER 2012 PROGRAMS -**

Staff Pischel recognized Community Services Coordinators Veronica Ortiz, Maria Elena Maurer and Felipe Zambrano, under the supervision of Jon Nicks, noting that they do a tremendous job and he is very proud of the programs and activities they each oversee. A video capturing summer programs, activities, and events was presented. Each of the Coordinators provided an overview and highlights of the programs they each supervise.

Commissioner Hunt suggested that the video be shared with Council and be shown on cable TV, allowing both, the community and City Council, to appreciate the types of programs the Community Services Department puts on. The video captured the happy faces and the importance of having recreational programs for the community. Staff Pischel commented that through the Weekly Communiqué,

each department has an opportunity to provide updates on current activities/developments to the City Council.

3. PARKS AND FACILITY PROJECT UPDATES -

Staff Nicks reported that the Neighborhood Parks Accessibility project was under construction. All the park projects at Parque de los Ninos, McFadden and Santa Fe Parks, and La Placita Parkette are estimated to be completed early December in time to comply with the Community Block Grants requirements. Commissioner Bartelt commented that the new lighting at Parque de los Vaqueros looks great and it has made a difference on how the park looks at night. Staff Nicks indicated that future facility renovations that include Powell Bldg., Koch Park, Tynes Gym, etc., were prioritized through a facility assessment last year and approved by City Council. These projects will be funded through the CFD (Communities Facilities District) and will not impact the park development fund.

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

Staff Pischel reported that the Orange County Parks Commission, representatives from each of the districts, conducted a tour of Tri-City Park on September 15. They all agreed that the park is a great value and addition to the county's park system. On October 4, 2012, they took it formally to their board where it was unanimously approved. As part of escrow, there are some items that will have to be processed i.e., hazardous materials evaluations, etc. It is anticipated that the proposal for this transfer will go to the Board of Supervisors in November for final approval. Commissioner Bartelt asked where the savings will go once this transfer takes place. Staff Pischel responded that it will go to the general fund.

5. SPORTS ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE -

Commissioner Newman reported that a meeting with the subcommittee had taken place last week to discuss the "three strikes rule" referred to in the current policy and to be re-named "consequences for non-compliance". Suggestions were made to incorporate new terminology followed by a full review of the policy to send out to the sports users. The lack of lights at Kraemer Middle School fields was also discussed; it appears the organizers are working well to accommodate the needs of all the groups at this location. A copy of all the changes will be presented to the Sports Groups, followed by Commission review and final approval; implementation to take place in November.

Commissioner Bartelt witnessed that some people are still not picking up after their dog when they walk the parks.

6. PARK ASSIGNMENTS & SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW -

Commissioners reviewed and updated park and subcommittee assignments for the upcoming year.

PARK INSPECTION REPORTS – Commissioner Granger reported a broken sprinkler at Arroyo Verde. Commissioner Bartelt reported graffiti at Parque de los Vaqueros restroom.

STAFF COMMENTS – Staff Pischel asked that Commissioners Bartelt and Granger meet at 9:45 a.m. at Tri-City Park to assist with traffic control at the Heritage Festival Parade.

AGENDA BUILDING AND MEETING SCHEDULE – Commissioners discussed that the next regular meeting on November 12, 2012, City Hall is closed due to Veterans Holiday observance. It was decided that the Commission will be dark and resume their regular meeting on December 10, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner Hunt to adjourn to Monday, December 10, 2012 regular meeting; **SECOND** by Commissioner Granger and **CARRIED** by a **6-0-1-0 VOICE VOTE** (Dougherty Absent). Meeting adjourned on October 8, 2012 at 8:35 p.m.

Maria Elena Maurer, Recording Secretary
Recreation and Parks Commission