

**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Santa Ana Public Library
26 Civic Center Drive, Room A
Santa Ana, CA 92702
5:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

K. Nguyen

ROLL CALL

**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS
MEMBERS/STUDENT REPS PRESENT**
Frank Acosta, Tish Leon, Max Madrid, Ken
Nguyen, David Orea, Julie Stroud, Wendy
Tobiska

STAFF PRESENT:

Gerardo Mouet, Executive Director
Ron Ono, Administrative Services Manager
Kent Yamaguchi, Zoo Manager
Jose Perez, Program Coordinator
Athena Martinez, Board Secretary

PRESENTATIONS

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY, 2010

Marcos Jimenez was present to accept this award.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: J. Stroud

SECOND: K. Nguyen

VOTE: AYES:

Acosta, Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Orea, Stroud, Tobiska (7)

NOES:

None (0)

ABSENT: *(at voting)*

Hills (1)

1. MINUTES

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting held on November 18, 2009.

2. ABSENCES

Excuse the absence of Jerry Hills.

**** END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ****

BUSINESS CALENDAR**NEW BUSINESS****1. UPDATE ON COMMITTEE ON FIELD USE (CoFU) STRUCTURE**

Staff shared updates that will be made to the Parks, Recreations, Education and Youth Council Committee on February 25, 2010.

2. ATHLETICS FACILITIES USE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Staff provided update on recently revised "living document". Copy of revisions to date are on file with the Recording Secretary for review.

3. WILLARD SYNTHETIC TURF / PROP 84 UPDATE

Administrative Services Manager R. Ono provided updates on action / activities to date.

4. NOMINATIONS FOR SPECIAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD

The following were discussed for consideration:

- Zoo Docents
- Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo (FOSAZ)
- Friends of the Library
- Betty Thomas for arranging donations of dictionaries to local students
- Girl Scout currently working on Butterfly Garden at the Zoo

Motion to present the February award to Betty Thomas

MOTION: K. Nguyen **SECOND:** F. Acosta
VOTE: AYES: Acosta, Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Orea, Stroud, Tobiska (7)
 NOES: None (0)
ABSENT: *(at voting)* Hills (1)

Motion to present the March award to the Friends of the Library

MOTION: F. Acosta **SECOND:** W. Tobiska
VOTE: AYES: Acosta, Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Orea, Stroud, Tobiska (7)
 NOES: None (0)
ABSENT: *(at voting)* Hills (1)

Motion to present the April award to the Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo

MOTION: W. Tobiska **SECOND:** J. Stroud
VOTE: AYES: Acosta, Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Orea, Stroud, Tobiska (7)
 NOES: None (0)
ABSENT: *(at voting)* Hills (1)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendars for February and March, 2010 reviewed and discussed.

K. Nguyen left at 6:30 p.m.

STATUS/UPDATES

1. COMMITTEE ON FIELD USE (CoFU) – Staff reported on current activities and actions made by the committee.
2. LIBRARY SERVICES COMMITTEE – No report.
3. COMMUNITY CONTACT REPORTS AND UPDATES – None.
4. PENDING ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS
 - Management of Fiestas Patrias (Feb)
 - Rosita / T-Mobile Cell Tower Update (future)
 - Park Signage Update (future)
 - Car Wash Policy (future)
 - Co-Sponsorship of Showmobile

COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF/CONSULTANT COMMENTS

G. Mouet

- Regarding management of Fiestas Patrias - the City Manager's office is taking lead on the event in September as well as the proposed Cinco de Mayo event in May.
- Regarding the Station District project – Residents have expressed interest in the development of a park within the project site. Waiting to see how it pans out.
- Regarding the Budget – distributed the "Reinventing PRCSA" PowerPoint presentation. Recently gave up two vacant, funded Zoo Keeper positions to avoid the layoff of additional staff for FY 2009-2010. The deficit for FY2010-2011 is at \$17 Million, which could equal the layoff of an additional 20 staff if cuts are made as before.

R. Ono

- Shared plans for proposed park in Station District as well as for another lot at McFadden.
- Shared information on possible donation of pipe sculptures and a "mariachi band" sculpture.

K. Yamaguchi

- Monkey count is looking good. There are three new langurs in 90-day quarantine and a new pygmy marmoset currently off exhibit. The recently added golden lion tamarins are done with quarantine, currently on display and playing in the rain.
- Zoo Keeper Vanessa Perrigoue recently gave birth to a baby boy. Mom and son are doing well.

BOARD/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

J. Stroud

- Inquired about the fire at Windsor Park and damage to the playground. Staff indicated that a new slide has been ordered, and playground provider, GameTime, is assessing the damage and making recommendations. This will take several months to fix due to budget issues.

- Inquired about use of Graffiti Task Force van. Staff indicated that the vehicle is still with the Agency and is being used for special projects such as general maintenance, equipment/supply transfers, etc.
- Inquired about the status of the Catalina Campout excursion. Staff indicated that it has been confirmed and dates are set for August 16-20, 2010.
- Received an email regarding a homeless women camping out at Angels Park and would like to know what is being done about this issue. Staff shared that Park Rangers are working on this issue and will provide updates as they occur.

M. Madrid

- Judge Carter will be doing a Purple Heart presentation to Sgt. Pena on January 28, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at 1300 South Grand, Building B. All are invited.

W. Tobiska

- There will be a drama improv workshop in the Teen Space on January 23, 2010. Group is hoping to done at least one per month.
- If the OCHSA Theater production in May at El Salvador raises money, where should it go? Staff to provide Wendy with a list of programs for consideration by the theater group.

T. Leon

- Happy New Year!

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at the Santa Ana Main Library, second floor, located at 26 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA, 92702.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:24 P.M.

Athena Martinez
Recording Secretary