

**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
November 19, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Administration Building, 2nd floor
888 W. Santa Ana Blvd.
Santa Ana, CA 92702
5:39 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT:
Gerardo Mouet, Executive Director
Ron Ono, Administrative Services Manager
Jenny Rios, Recreation Superintendent
Athena Martinez, Board Secretary

PRESENTATIONS

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD – DECEMBER 2008

Rosalio Gomez was present to receive this award.

SPECIAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY – NOVEMBER 2008

Dr. Ana Jimenez from the Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center was present to accept this award.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: W. Tobiska **SECOND:** J. Stroud

VOTE: **AYES:** Acosta, Hills, Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Orea, Stroud, Tobiska (8)

NOES: None (0)

ABSENT: *(at voting)* None (0)

1. MINUTES

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting held on October 22, 2008 with the following correction:

Page 4, Board Comments, J. Acosta should read J. Stroud.

2. ABSENCES

All voting members were present. Student Representative Jonathan Espinoza was excused.

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

BUSINESS CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

1. ATHLETIC FIELD RESERVATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES UPDATE

A PowerPoint presentation was made by staff summarizing the revisions made to these policies and procedures, which will go into effect January 1, 2009. Handouts on file with the Recording Secretary for review.

2. REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION – THORNTON PARK T-MOBILE CELL TOWER

Motion to recommend to City Council to approve a lease agreement with Omnipoint Communications (T-Mobile) for cellular equipment building and a sports lighting monopole cell tower at Thornton Park.

MOTION: K. Nguyen **SECOND:** J. Stroud

VOTE: **AYES:** Acosta, Hills, Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Orea, Stroud, Tobiska (8)
 NOES: None (0)

ABSENT: (*at voting*) None (0)

3. DEFERRED MAINTENANCE UPDATE

PowerPoint presentation made by staff, handouts on file with Recording Secretary for review.

J. Hills left at 7:12 p.m.

4. PARK MAINTENANCE UPDATE

PowerPoint presentation made by staff, handouts on file with Recording Secretary for review.

5. NOMINATIONS FOR SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD TO THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OF SANTA ANA

Motion made to recognize Toyama Karate-Do for their continued volunteerism at Agency events.

MOTION: J. Stroud **SECOND:** W. Tobiska

VOTE: **AYES:** Acosta, Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Orea, Stroud, Tobiska (7)
 NOES: None (0)

ABSENT: (*at voting*) Hills (1)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendars for December 2008 and January 2009 were reviewed and discussed. Events of note:

- December 13: Children's Winter Holiday Party at the Zoo from 10am – 1pm.
- December 17: Board Holiday Party at the home of G. Mouet.
- December 19: Tierra de las Pampas Groundbreaking at the Zoo, 4pm.

F. Acosta left at 7:30 p.m.

STATUS/UPDATES

1. COMMITTEE ON FIELD USE (CoFU)

Various violations discussed and team/player suspensions reviewed. Two teams have been permanently banned from play on Santa Ana facilities.

2. OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Resolution for the Forest Paul site is currently on hold. Geotechnical studies being done for the water well sites at Fisher and Santiago parks. The TKO Boxing program has been moved to Carr Intermediate due to the closure of Jerome Center for renovation. Future cell tower site at Rosita Park being reviewed. Prop 84 grant resolution has been submitted for improvements to Santiago Creek, a partnership with Discovery Science Center, who will provide programming at the lower end of the creek.

3. EVENTS AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Boo at the Zoo events were a great success with over 4,200 attendees. Much Ado About Nothing at Santa Ana High School was also a great success. Upcoming events are the Senior Talent Show on December 5th, the Children's Winter Holiday Party at the Zoo on December 13th, and the Tierra de las Pampas Groundbreaking at the Zoo on December 19th.

4. COMMUNITY CONTACT REPORTS AND UPDATES

No discussion.

5. PENDING ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- State Park Bond Project Concepts (January, 2009)
- Founders' Day October 3, 2009 (Future)
- Event Banners (Future)

COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public present.

STAFF/CONSULTANT COMMENTS

A. Martinez

- Reminder - the Board will have a brief meeting at the Agency's Headquarters building at 5:30 on December 17th, with the holiday party to follow at the home of G. Mouet.

BOARD/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

D. Orea

- Regarding permanent team/player soccer suspensions – are other leagues advised so as not to accept their applications to join new leagues/teams? Staff advised that yes, player cards and information are taken and documented.

J. Stroud

- Would like to see a banner promoting Agency events at City Place (corner of Main and Memory Lane).

M. Madrid

- Things are looking really bad for Toys for Tots this year due to the economy and requests for toys will be cut by half. Requesting organizations will also be further reviewed to determine true needs. Organizations are being urged to seek alternate methods for obtaining toys and to not rely solely on Toys for Tots.

W. Tobiska

- OCHSA's Thespian Society is having a fundraiser at Barnes and Noble at the Irvine Marketplace on Saturday, November 22nd. Please come out and support us!

K. Nguyen

- Would like to know when the Centennial Lake is stocked with fish. Staff to provide information.

T. Leon

- Thanks to staff for their presentations this evening.
- Happy Thanksgiving to all.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, December 17, 2008 in the second floor conference room of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services administration building, located at 888 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, CA.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 P.M.

Athena Martinez
Recording Secretary