

**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
February 25, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Administration Building, 2nd floor
888 W. Santa Ana Blvd.
Santa Ana, CA 92702
5:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

J. Espinoza

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Ron Ono, Administrative Services Manager
Mike Lopez, Parks Superintendent
Jenny Rios, Recreation Superintendent
Jose Sandoval, Sr. Assistant City Attorney
Athena Martinez, Board Secretary

PRESENTATIONS

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD – MARCH 2009

Greg Zul was present to receive this award.

SPECIAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY – JANUARY 2009

Randy Platt was present to receive this award on behalf of Community SeniorServ.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: W. Tobiska

SECOND: J. Stroud

VOTE: AYES:

Acosta, Leon, Madrid, Stroud, Tobiska (5)

NOES:

None (0)

ABSENT: (*at voting*)

Hills, Nguyen, Orea (3)

1. MINUTES

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting held on January 28, 2009.

2. ABSENCES

Excused: Jerry Hills and Ken Nguyen

Unexcused: David Orea

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

BUSINESS CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM PRESENTATION**
Recreation Superintendent J. Rios gave a PowerPoint presentation with handouts, on file with Recording Secretary for review.
- 2. REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION – ROSITA CELL TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT**
Item tabled to next regular meeting.
- 3. REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION – DISSOLUTION OF BOARD COMMITTEES**
Due to the City's current budget situation, the Board's committees will be dissolved to decrease demand for staff time.
- 4. NOMINATIONS FOR SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD TO THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OF SANTA ANA**
None at this time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendars for March and April, 2009 were reviewed and discussed. Events of note:
Mar 7-8, 2009: Zoo Birthday Celebration
Mar 28, 2009: Cesar Chavez In-Service Day at Jerome Park, details pending
Apr 16, 2009: Barrier Free Basketball Court Ribbon Cutting at Thornton Park, 9am

STATUS/UPDATES

1. COMMITTEE ON FIELD USE (CoFU) – No report.
2. COMMUNITY CONTACT REPORTS AND UPDATES - Reviewed.
3. PENDING ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS
 - Founders' Day (Future)
 - Event Banners (Future)

COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public present.

STAFF/CONSULTANT COMMENTS

R. Ono

- Provided the Board with a copy of the memo to City Manager regarding the Board's recommendation on the use of future Cell Tower Revenues.
- Mayor was able to secure a \$170,000 contribution from County Supervisor J. Nguyen to be used for the installation of a new clay tennis court at Cabrillo Park. The estimated project cost is \$300,000, so we are a little more than half way there.
- The ATS Cell Tower Consultant agreement has expired and will go before Council for renewal.
- The two new Park Inspector classifications have been pulled twice from Council agendas. Will be on the March 2nd agenda.

A. Martinez

- Suggested that the Board's agenda packets be sent electronically to save on postage, paper, envelopes and labels. Board agreed.

M. Lopez

- Attended a water conservation conference in Los Angeles, tiered rate structures will soon be implemented. Public Works is already working on a water conservation ordinance.

BOARD/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

J. Stroud

- Very disappointed about the new bridge at the creek by Fisher Park.

W. Tobiska

- We all know times are bad, we get bad news every day. Need to keep a stiff upper lip.

F. Acosta

- Has noticed that the lights at the stadium are on every night. Does the Agency have enough reservations at the stadium to warrant that and cover the cost? Staff responded that with the synthetic turf, the field can technically be used 24/7. Reservation Administration is currently reviewing requirements for minimum number of players to warrant the use of lights.

T. Leon

- With regards to the City's reduction of Boards and Commissions, understands that the duties of the Library Board will be assigned to this Board. Would also like to suggest that ETAC duties fall under this Board.
- Will the Graffiti Removal program still be in the budget? Staff responded that as of this meeting, the program is still in the budget. Cannot answer to future budget cuts.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 25, 2009 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 7:15 P.M.

Athena Martinez
Recording Secretary