

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

M. Madrid

**ROLL CALL**

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Gerardo Mouet, Executive Director  
Ron Ono, Administrative Services Manager  
Athena Martinez, Board Secretary

**PRESENTATIONS**

**SPECIAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY – MARCH 2009**

Susan Tory was present to receive this award.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION:** F. Acosta

**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 February 25, 2009.

**2. ABSENCES**

Excused: David Orea

Unexcused: Jerry Hills

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

**BUSINESS CALENDAR**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. PARK MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

Executive Director Mouet gave a PowerPoint presentation on the upcoming Landscape Request for Proposal.

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

Motion to nominate Catherine Cate for her recent contributions to the Santa Ana Zoo.

**MOTION:** W. Tobiska                    **SECOND:** M. Madrid  
**VOTE:**        AYES:                    Acosta, Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Stroud, Tobiska (6)  
                     NOES:                    None (0)  
**ABSENT:**     *(at voting)*       Hills, Orea (2)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendars for April and May 2009 were reviewed and discussed. Events of note:

March 28:                    Cesar Chavez In-Service Day at Jerome Park  
April 2:                      Farewell Potluck for Lorraine Lazarine-McCarty at 11:30 a.m.  
April 16:                    Barrier Free Basketball Court Ribbon Cutting at Thornton Park, 9:00 a.m.  
April 17-19:                Carnival at Cesar Chavez/Campesino Park

### STATUS/UPDATES

1. COMMITTEE ON FIELD USE (CoFU) – Committee met on March 25, 2009. Approved staff recommendations of First Strike Letter, 30-day Probation and fine imposed on Santiago Little League for using a field when closed. Discussed issues regarding Mud Line policy. Issues around recent Chivas USA soccer clinic at the Stadium discussed. No show reservations on fields with lights will be fined. Effective May 2009, CoFU will be meeting at the Southwest Senior Center.
2. COMMUNITY CONTACT REPORTS AND UPDATES – No report.
3. PENDING ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS
  - Budget Update (April)
  - California Endowment Update (April)
  - Jerome Park Community Garden (Future)
  - Cable Franchise (Future)

### COMMENTS

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Steve McGuigan – Board Member of Friends of Santa Ana Zoo (FOSAZ)

- New babies at the Zoo, now up to 55 monkeys
- New event person with FOSAZ, Marissa.
- There will be Zoo representation at the April 25<sup>th</sup> “Dia de Los Niños” event at the Library, at the same time that the Zoo will be celebrating Party for the Planet and Zoo-B-Que. Please stop by either or both events.
- The Centro Cultural de Mexico will also present a “Dia de Los Niños” event on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Bush from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Would like to suggest to the Board to consider the organization, Rebuilding Together, as a future Community Service Award recipient for their continued efforts throughout the City.
- Zoofari is scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup>, theme will be “Funky Monkey”.
- Zoo summer concerts are scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup> and July 19<sup>th</sup>. Various local artists from the Artist Village will be highlighted.

## **STAFF/CONSULTANT COMMENTS**

G. Mouet

- Agency items slated for the April 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting are: Bid rejection for work at Memorial Pool (will need to start over on bid process, will be done after the summer's aquatics season is over); T-Mobile Cell Tower Lease at Thornton Park; Agreement with Southwest Property Investments for improvements at Cabrillo Tennis Center; Land Use Agreement with Orange County Flood Control for Bike Trail Improvements; Award Bid for repairs to drainage and concrete throughout the Civic Center Area.
- Will provide a Budget Update to the Board at the April meeting.
- Some Zoo staff in Guyana right now selecting and bringing back two Giant Anteaters. The Tierra de Las Pampas project is going well, scheduled to be completed by mid-June.

R. Ono

- Council tabled the renewal of the ATS Agreement at their March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Current agreement has expired and will not be renewed unless it is requested by Council or Staff.

## **BOARD/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS**

J. Stroud

- Inquired about status of the Graffiti Court Referral Program. Executive Director indicated still with Agency for now.
- Inquired about the status of the Catalina Excursion. Executive Director indicated that it is still scheduled to occur.
- Was able to confirm a \$1,000 donation to the Catalina Excursion from Assemblyman Jose Solorio.

W. Tobiska

- Shared recent problems with Time Warner Cable Service. Executive Director will inform Cable Consultant for follow up.
- Would like to discuss, at a future meeting, why Santa Ana does not allow for more than two providers as other cities do.

M. Madrid

- As of April 15<sup>th</sup>, will be working part time as a Youth Coordinator for Senator Lou Correa.

K. Nguyen

- Inquired about where staff would be moving to as the Administrative building is being vacated. Executive Director shared relocation plans.

T. Leon

- Inquired about the status of the monies raised for the Farmers' Market at a previous Rubber Boot Race. This will be an agenda item for a future meeting.
- Would like to see the Jerome Community Garden open to the community more than just one day a week. This will be an agenda item for a future meeting.
- On April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., there will be a Cesar Chavez film premier, featuring Dolores Huerta as the Key Note Speaker, at the Yost Theater. There will also be informational booths outside the theater from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- The ring road at Centennial Park will be repaved the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, April 22, 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 7:04 P.M.**

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Athena Martinez  
Recording Secretary