

**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
February 20, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Administration Building of  
Parks, Recreation and Community Services  
888 W. Santa Ana Blvd.  
Santa Ana, California  
5:37 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

M. Madrid

**ROLL CALL**

**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS  
MEMBERS/STUDENT REPS PRESENT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Tish Leon, Max Madrid, Ken Nguyen, David  
Orea, Julie Stroud, Wendy Tobiska, Juan  
Guadarrama, Student Rep

**STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Gerardo Mouet, Executive Director  
Ron Ono, Administrative Services Manager  
Mike Lopez, Parks Superintendent  
Lorraine McCarty, Community Affairs Manager  
Katherine Bowers, Cable Consultant  
Athena Martinez, Board Secretary

**PRESENTATIONS**

**SPECIAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY – FEBRUARY 2008**

Orange County Supervisor Janet Nguyen was present to accept this award.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION:** J. Stroud

**SECOND:** W. Tobiska

**VOTE:**     **AYES:**     Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Orea, Stroud, Tobiska (6)  
              **NOES:**     None (0)

**ABSENT:**   *(at voting)*   Acosta, Havlik (2)

**1. MINUTES**

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting held on January 23, 2008 as corrected.

**2. ABSENCES**

Excuse the absences of Frank Acosta and Joshua Havlik.

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

**BUSINESS CALENDAR**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. RUBBER BOOT RACE UPDATE**

Staff provided summary of event and showed PowerPoint presentation of pictures taken at event.

Public Comments:

Nick Spain – The Grain Project

- The Santa Ana Farmers' Market is on hiatus until further notice. Plans had been to reopen early February, 2008.
- Postponement due to reorganizing of the Farmers' Market and the need to fundraise within the City.
- Actively working with civic and downtown business leaders to form a mutually satisfactory arrangement to move forward.
- All aspects of the Farmer's Market are being considered, such as venue, dates, times, etc.

**2. TOM LAMERE DEDICATION AT WINDSOR PARK**

The Agency has received a request from the Windsor Village Neighborhood Association to rename the playground at Windsor Park in memory of Tom Lamere.

Public Comments:

Pat McGuigan – Westend C.O.P. Program

- On behalf of the Westend C.O.P. Program, very much in support of Windsor Village Neighborhood Association's request for this action.

Roy Melcher – Westend C.O.P. Program / Riverview West Neighborhood Association

- Tom and Barbara Lamere were very much involved in both the Windsor Village and Riverview West Neighborhood Associations and the Westend C.O.P. Program.
- On behalf of the Riverview West Neighborhood Association, very much in support of Windsor Village Neighborhood Association's request for this action.

Pat Michel – President, Windsor Village Neighborhood Association

- On behalf of the Windsor Village Neighborhood Association, present to reiterate original request of action.
- Tom is missed very much by his neighborhood association.

Steve McGuigan – Westend C.O.P. Program

- Very much in support of this action.
- Tom and Barbara Lamere are long term residents of Santa Ana.
- Tom's involvement goes way beyond the neighborhood associations.
- This action would be greatly appreciated by his family and would be a great way to remember a great community leader.

Staff indicated that the ceremonies for the playground renaming will coincide with the completion of the parking lot resurfacing.

Motion to recommend to the Planning Commission and the City Council to rename the Windsor Park Playground to Tom Lamere Playground.

**MOTION:** W. Tobiska      **SECOND:** K. Nguyen

**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Orea, Stroud, Tobiska (6)  
                 **NOES:**      None (0)

**ABSENT:**    *(at voting)*    Acosta, Havlik (2)

**3. CHIVAS USA UPDATE**

Staff shared information regarding potential plans for the Willowick Golf Course – a 100 acre property owned by the City of Garden Grove but zoned by the City of Santa Ana. Currently, two concepts are being considered; 1) A Hard Rock Café theme park and 2) a soccer stadium built by Chivas USA.

Public Comments:

Roy Melcher – Westend C.O.P. Program and the Riverview West Neighborhood Association

- Concerned about the resurrection of the 22 Freeway expansion for access to whatever venue comes in.

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

KidWorks for their contributions to the youth of Santa Ana.

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

**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Orea, Stroud, Tobiska (6)  
                 **NOES:**      None (0)

**ABSENT:**    *(at voting)*    Acosta, Havlik (2)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Calendars for March and April, 2008 were reviewed and discussed. Events of special note are:

- March 1 and 2: Santa Ana Zoo's 56<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
- March 8: Chepa's Park Sign and Plaque Unveiling
- March 22: Cesar Chavez Celebration
- March 29: KaBOOM! Playground Build Day, Mural Painting and Community Garden Planting at Jerome Park
- April 19: Nutrition and Fitness Fair

**STATUS/UPDATES**

1. **COMMITTEE ON FIELD USE (CoFU)**  
Second strike letter issued to Interamerica Soccer League for field violations discussed. Reviewed field closure updates. Stadium programming presentation made by Staff and CoFU members voted to implement as a pilot program with the blessing of the Washington Square and Townsend Neighborhood Associations due to extended hours and potential noise levels. Programming of the stadium is to be fair and equitable for all organizations, with priority given to non-profit organization and City-sponsored events. Request to use field four at the soccer complex from Mater Dei LaCrosse team reviewed. Staff will research impacts to other users.
2. **OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**  
Reports provided on open space aspects of the Renaissance Specific Plan (RSP). Based on public input, new overlay plans for zoning will be created for exiting plan. The proposed Washington Street closure will be removed from the RSP. Committee also discussed the Twist Basler House move to Cabrillo Park, scheduled to occur in March. Caribou Industries will then have eight months to restore house. Pending grants reviewed. Discussed Memorial Park Center renovation project. Discussed Chepa's Park Unveiling event, Tom Lamere memorial and the KaBoom! events. Reviewed the request to remove seven trees from the Sandpointe Paseos.
3. **EVENTS AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**  
Reviewed Black History Parade event – down side was that spectator numbers seemed to be low this year, upside was that the steering committee raised \$39,000 for the parade and faire. Upcoming events also discussed and next meeting scheduled for March 7, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.
4. **CABLE UPDATES**
  - Playback of the Orange County Black History Parade and Faire will be aired on CTV3 for six weeks.
  - Received last round of CCN promotional spots. These big screen spots will also be aired on CTV3.
  - Outreaching to other areas such as earthquake preparedness, anti graffiti, etc.
  - Still working with AT&T on franchise agreement. Once established with the City, will work with them to provide access to education groups.
  - Still working with Time Warner on customer service response time.
5. **COMMUNITY CONTACT REPORTS AND UPDATES**  
Reviewed.
6. **PENDING ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**
  - Committee on Field Use (CoFU) Membership Composition
  - Budget Update

**COMMENTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Steve McGuigan – Friends of Santa Ana Zoo Board Member

- Regarding Sandpointe Paseo tree removal – the Zoo works with a tree trunk artist who makes wood art out tree trunks. Would be glad to have the trees that are being removed.
- Distributed Save the Date flyers for the Sunset at the Zoos scheduled for the summer.

Pat McGuigan – Westend C.O.P. Program

- Regarding last night's council meeting – it is a shame that the Council Meetings are being moved around and that film crews are having to rent equipment to air these meetings when Council Chambers is wired for this.

**STAFF/CONSULTANT COMMENTS**

G. Mouet

- Many staff will be attending the California Parks and Recreation Society's annual conference in Long Beach next week. This conference is very important for staff, providing the opportunity to learn new things in the industry. Youth Commissioners will also be attending, as well as Board Chair T. Leon.
- Is currently working with all groups involved in the Santa Anita Soccer Club issues. Has had to provide updates to some elected officials. The Agency will not be changing course and will move ahead as planned.

L. McCarty

- Distributed Save the Date cards for the Mothers' Day Celebration in May.
- Many of her division staff will also be attending the CPRS conference.

K. Bowers

- Council meeting replay times are Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m., Monday and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Sundays at 1:00 p.m.
- The City is currently researching an "on demand" system to view council meetings on the internet.

**BOARD/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS**

J. Stroud

- Will there be a meeting to recap the Orange County Black History Parade and Faire? Staff indicated that this meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Southwest Senior Center.
- Announced that the Morrison Park Summer Concert is scheduled for September 6, 2008.
- While she was at a housing for Goodwill workers development meeting at the Forest Paul site, Mayor Pulido stopped by while out riding his bicycle. Mayor Pulido indicated that he would like to see this site used for open space.
- Encouraged Commissioners to attend a "Graffiti as Art" event at Santa Ana College on February 21<sup>st</sup> to express that graffiti is not art.

W. Tobiska

- Hope everyone attending CPRS conference is able to get a lot out of the event. Conferences are great opportunities and really would like to go.
- Would like for a Youth Commissioner to make a presentation at the next meeting on the workshops they attended and what they learned.

M. Madrid

- How will the State's 10% cuts across the board affect Santa Ana? Staff indicated this mandate has not come down to the City level as of yet.

T. Leon

- The Parade was a lot of fun! Julie and she were put on a fire truck and had a blast. The VIP breakfast that morning was also very nice.
- What is the status of the annual passes to the Zoo? Staff indicated those will be produced soon.
- What about shirts for all commissioners? Staff indicated that a new order for commissioner polo shirts will be placed.
- Recently spoke to Steve McGuigan about the Relay for Life event. It is understood that the Stadium can no longer be used for this event due to the new synthetic turf. G. Mouet indicated that he has an upcoming meeting with Mr. Braxton of the American Cancer Society to discuss possible venues.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the large conference room of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Administration Building, located at 888 W. Santa Ana Blvd. in Santa Ana, California.

Motion to adjourn meeting.

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

**VOTE:**        **AYES:**        Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Orea, Stroud, Tobiska (6)  
                 **NOES:**        None (0)

**ABSENT:**    (*at voting*)    Acosta, Havlik (2)

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 P.M.**

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Athena Martinez  
Recording Secretary