

**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
July 23, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Southwest Senior Center
2201 W. McFadden Avenue
Santa Ana, California
5:36 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. Orea

ROLL CALL

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS
MEMBERS/STUDENT REPS PRESENT
Tish Leon, Max Madrid, David Orea, Wendy
Tobiska, Jonathan Espinoza

STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT:
Gerardo Mouet, Executive Director
Ron Ono, Administrative Services Manager
Lorraine McCarty, Community Affairs Manager
Jose Sandoval, City Attorney
Athena Martinez, Board Secretary

PRESENTATIONS

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – AUGUST 2008

Juan Lara was present to accept this award.

SPECIAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY – JULY 2008

Arturo Hernandez, director of Balet Folklorico To-Tlali, was present to accept this award.

***Brief recess taken at 5:47 p.m. to tour Jerome Recreation Center
Reconvened at 6:26 p.m.***

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: W. Tobiska **SECOND:** D. Orea

VOTE: **AYES:** Leon, Madrid, Orea, Tobiska (4)
 NOES: None (0)

ABSENT: *(at voting)* Acosta, Nguyen, Stroud (3)

1. MINUTES

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting held on June 25, 2008.

2. ABSENCES

Excuse the absence of the following Board Members:

Frank Acosta Ken Nguyen Julie Stroud

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

BUSINESS CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

1. TAT2 BE GONE PRESENTATION

Jerry Lorito gave presentation on tattoo removal services provided by Tat2 Be Gone.

2. SPURGEON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PORTABLE CLASSROOM

Santa Ana Unified School District will be placing a portable classroom on one of the fields programmed by the Agency. Agency will review joint use agreement and will need to develop plan for field users affected by this action.

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

Motion made to recognize Nick Spain for his continued efforts toward the establishment and success of the Community Garden at Jerome Park.

MOTION: W. Tobiska **SECOND:** D. Orea

VOTE: **AYES:** Leon, Madrid, Orea, Tobiska (4)

NOES: None (0)

ABSENT: (*at voting*) Acosta, Nguyen, Stroud (3)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendars for August and September 2008 were reviewed and discussed. Events of note:

- July 26: Madison Park Adopt-a-Park
- August 2: Antique and Classic Car Show at Portola Park
- August 9: Madison Park Walk-a-Thon, Faire and Concert
- August 23: Zoofari

STATUS/UPDATES

1. COMMITTEE ON FIELD USE (CoFU)

Review use of Little League fields as soccer fields during Little League season. CoFU would like to make recommendations on this issue, however, need to work within role as advisory body.

2. OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
No report.
3. EVENTS AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
Discussed during review of calendars. Santiago Creek Wildlife and Watershed Center Ribbon Cutting will take place immediately before the August 27th Board meeting.
4. COMMUNITY CONTACT REPORTS AND UPDATES
Reviewed and discussed.
5. CABLE UPDATES
No report.
6. PENDING ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS
 - CoFU Policy Update (Future)
 - Presentation by Park Naturalist (August)
 - Santiago Park Projects Update (August)
 - Landscape Contract Presentation (November)

COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public present.

STAFF/CONSULTANT COMMENTS

G. Mouet

- In response to previous request for street banners to advertise Agency events, due to current budget situation, would be too costly to order and install due to frequency of change. Would need to identify events that would benefit from this type of advertising. Recommendation was the Rubber Boot Race held annually in January.
- On behalf of Parks Superintendent Mike Lopez, Angels Community Park and Madison Park playgrounds will be receiving new sand. Park rules are prominently at all parks. The Little League backstop at Riverview has been removed.
- As the budget situation is pretty dire, and if we can no longer offer leisure programs taught or lead by Agency staff, then we may need to begin considering contracted leisure programs.

J. Sandoval

- Two opportunities will be offered in September to complete the mandatory AB1234 training.

A. Martinez

- Seeking commissioners to serve as judges for the Talent Show on August 14th.
- Board shirts have been ordered and will be here before the next meeting.

BOARD/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

J. Espinoza, Student Representative

- Would like to report that the lake at Thornton Park is frequently flooded and seeps onto the walking trail along Segerstrom and Bear.

M. Madrid

- netz4Life will be finishing their six week program this week. Have done a terrific job over the past five weeks and have served over 50 youth. They do a great job, and their attendance has doubled this year. Great program and we need to continue to support it.

T. Leon

- Go to the Zoo to see the new carousel, the artwork on the animals is amazing and should be up and running by August 30th.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 5:30 p.m., immediately following the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Santiago Creek Wildlife and Watershed Center, located at 600 E. Memory Lane, Santa Ana, California.

Motion to adjourn meeting.

MOTION: W. Tobiska **SECOND:** T. Leon

VOTE: AYES: Leon, Madrid, Orea, Tobiska (4)

 NOES: None (0)

ABSENT: (*at voting*) Acosta, Nguyen, Stroud (3)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 P.M.

Athena Martinez
Recording Secretary