

**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
September 24, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Jackson Elementary School Library
1143 Nakoma Drive
Santa Ana, CA 92704
6:25 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

M. Madrid

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT:
Gerardo Mouet, Executive Director
Ron Ono, Administrative Services Manager
Mike Lopez, Parks Superintendent
Lorraine McCarty, Community Affairs Manager
Jenny Rios, Recreation Superintendent
Jose Sandoval, City Attorney
Katherine Bowers, Cable Consultant
Athena Martinez, Board Secretary

PRESENTATIONS

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD – SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 2008

David Madrid was present to receive the award for September.

Mary Carrion will attend the October meeting to accept her award.

SPECIAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY – AUGUST 2008

Two senior representatives were present to accept this award on behalf of Santa Ana Towers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: F. Acosta

SECOND: W. Tobiska

VOTE: **AYES:** Acosta, Hills, Madrid, Nguyen, Orea, Stroud, Tobiska (7)

NOES: None (0)

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

1. MINUTES

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting held on August 27, 2008.

2. ABSENCES

Excuse the absence of the following Board Members:
Tish Leon

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. SUMMER 2008 SUMMARY PRESENTATION

A PowerPoint slideshow was presented summarizing the Agency's programs and activities for the summer of 2008. Handout on file with the Recording Secretary for review.

2. REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION – AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Motion:

Recommend to City Council to approve agreement with Orange County Water District to install water monitoring wells at Fisher Park and Santiago Parks.

MOTION: W. Tobiska **SECOND:** M. Madrid

VOTE: **AYES:** Acosta, Hills, Madrid, Nguyen, Orea, Stroud, Tobiska (7)

NOES: None (0)

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

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

Motion made to recognize the volunteers of the Catalina Campout Excursion.

MOTION: J. Stroud **SECOND:** F. Acosta

VOTE: **AYES:** Acosta, Hills, Madrid, Nguyen, Orea, Stroud, Tobiska (7)

NOES: None (0)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendars for October and November 2008 were reviewed and discussed. Events of note:

- October 5: Youth Expo at Santa Ana College beginning at 11:00 a.m.
- November 4: General Elections
- November 5: Remove Parks, Recreation, Education and Youth Council Committee meeting from calendar.
- November 9: East LA Classic Theater "Much Ado About Nothing, Mariachi Style" at Santa Ana High School, free admission.

STATUS/UPDATES

1. COMMITTEE ON FIELD USE (CoFU)
Committee did not meet, but congratulations to Reservations Team regarding the Los Angeles Times article regarding Santa Ana's progress on field usage.
2. OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
No report.
3. EVENTS AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
Citywide Employee Picnic went very well. The Agency received some Employee Quality Service Awards for the KaBOOM! Playground Build, fundraising for Tierra de Las Pampas, Seniors on the Go program and the Contract Administration process. Fiestas Patrias was very well attended. Santa Ana Business Expo was a great success. The Tom Lamere dedication went well. Youth Expo should be a great event.
4. COMMUNITY CONTACT REPORTS AND UPDATES
Reviewed and discussed.
5. CABLE UPDATES
 - Time Warner conducted annual cable theft study. Provider is working on improving system to deter cable theft.
 - Time Warner currently has 20,514 subscribers in Santa Ana and customer service is at 73%. AT&T currently has 800 subscribers in Santa Ana, however no customer service statistics have been gathered as of yet.
 - The Candidates Forum is scheduled for September 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and will be aired live.
 - Obtained a new public service announcement on Lifelong Literacy.
 - New spots for CCN have been filmed and are being edited. Segments are the new Santiago Wildlife and Watershed Center, the Central City Neighborhood Association, Solar Green, and the Bristol Street Widening.
 - Be sure to visit the Dia de Los Muertos events at the Artists Village on November 1st.
6. PENDING ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS
 - Landscape Contract Presentation (November)
 - CoFU Policy Update (Future)

COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public present.

STAFF/CONSULTANT COMMENTS

G. Mouet

- Staff will do a presentation on Agency Special Events at the October meeting.

R. Ono

- Working with SAUSD on various items. The Willard Joint Use proposal has been presented and being considered.
- Bids have been opened for the Jerome Center Renovation. Awards are scheduled for the October 6, 2008 Council Meeting.
- The City will be entering into ten-year agreements with SAUSD for Angels Park and the Machander Tennis Center at First and Flower.

A. Martinez

- Welcome to new Commissioner representing SAUSD, Jerry Hills. Glad to have you on board and look forward to working with you.

BOARD/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

K. Nguyen

- Welcome to Jerry.

F. Acosta

- Welcome to Jerry.
- Attended the Carrousel opening at the Zoo.
- Four year old daughter is participant of the Matchpoint Tennis Academy at Cabrillo Tennis Center.

W. Tobiska

- Welcome Jerry.
- Glad to see the Twist-Basler House completely moved.
- Shared info about "Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat", put on by the Thespian Society at Orange County High School of the Arts.

M. Madrid

- Welcome Jerry.

J. Stroud

- Will be sending pictures of Cabrillo Park parking lot to Parks Superintendent for consideration of adding trees to site.
- Requested update on status of new trash cans. Staff advised they are being ordered and designs are being developed for both "trash" and "recycle" receptacles in English and Spanish.
- Received complaint about the condition of the bathrooms at the stadium during the Mater Dei vs. Centennial game. Staff indicated that there were 9,000 spectators in attendance, so the bathrooms were heavily used.

D. Orea

- Welcome Jerry.

J. Hills

- Thanks for having me!
- Inquired as to how Cable Updates relates to the Board of Recreation and Parks. Staff explained the previous existence of a Cable Board, which has been dissolved and incorporated into the Board of Recreation and Parks.
- Inquired if fees obtained for advertising on the stadium scoreboard remain with the stadium. Staff provided response.
- Reported ivy growing over a mural at Griset Park. Staff explained that at a previous Joint Policy Meeting, the school district had approved the planting of the ivy to deter vandalism of the mural.

J. Espinoza, Student Representative

- Welcome Mr. Hills
- There was a Youth Expo workshop on September 20 where attendees brainstormed ideas for the letter being composed to the presidential candidates. The meeting was lead by a great consultant.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 22, 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.

Motion to adjourn meeting.

MOTION: F. Acosta **SECOND:** W. Tobiska

VOTE: **AYES:** Acosta, Hills, Madrid, Nguyen, Orea, Stroud, Tobiska (7)

NOES: None (0)

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 P.M.

Athena Martinez
Recording Secretary