

**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
December 17, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Parks, Recreation and Community Services  
Administration Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
888 W. Santa Ana Blvd.  
Santa Ana, CA 92702  
5:36 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

D. Orea

**ROLL CALL**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Ron Ono, Administrative Services Manager  
Mike Lopez, Parks Superintendent  
Lorraine McCarty, Community Affairs Manager  
Athena Martinez, Board Secretary

**PRESENTATIONS**

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD – JANUARY 2009**

Suzi Furjanic was present to receive this award.

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

Araceli Cazales was present to accept this award on behalf of Toyama Karate-Do.

*F. Acosta arrived at 5:45 p.m.*

**SPECIAL BOARD PRESENTATIONS**

Certificates of Recognition presented to Stadium Facility Attendants.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION:** J. Stroud

**SECOND:** F. Acosta

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

              NOES:       None (0)

**ABSENT:**   (at voting)   Hills (1)

**1. MINUTES**

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting held on November 19, 2008.

**2. ABSENCES**

Excuse the absence of Jerry Hills.

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

**BUSINESS CALENDAR**

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

Motion made to recognize Lilly Mucarsel of the American Diabetes Association for her contributions toward a successful health fair promoting diabetes prevention and awareness in the community.

**MOTION:** F. Acosta                      **SECOND:** M. Madrid

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

**NOES:**            None (0)

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

**COMMENTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public present.

**STAFF/CONSULTANT COMMENTS**

A. Martinez

- Reminder - the Board Holiday Party will be immediately after the meeting at the home of G. Mouet.

M. Lopez

- Merry Christmas to everyone.

L. McCarty

- Merry Christmas to everyone.

R. Ono

- The Zoo's Holiday Lights will happen right after the Tierra de Las Pampas Groundbreaking event.
- The Children's Winter Holiday Party at the Zoo on December 13<sup>th</sup> was a great success.
- netz4Life at El Salvador Park was a great event, stop by and check out the new courts.

**BOARD/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS**

J. Espinoza, Student Representative

- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

D. Orea

- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

J. Stroud

- Betty Peterson, a former recreation staff member from long ago, passed away. Her funeral will be on December 18, 2008. Requested to close the meeting in her memory.

M. Madrid

- Toys for Tots came through this year, but still need more toys for older children as plenty have been received for children ages 2-4. There are still many orders to fill.
- Will be having knee surgery on January 8, 2009 and does not know if attendance at the January meeting is likely, will depend on progress of recovery.
- Merry Christmas to all, have a safe New Year and don't drink and drive.

W. Tobiska

- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.
- During these difficult economic times, keep in mind the important things in life are family.

F. Acosta

- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. Be Safe.
- Unable to attend the party after the meeting, but have fun and looking forward to a great year in 2009.

K. Nguyen

- Happy Holidays to all.
- Many children will be having a hard time this year, please keep them in your prayers.

T. Leon

- Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holidays to all.
- The Tierra de Las Pampas Groundbreaking is Friday, December 19, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at the Santa Ana Zoo.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, December 17, 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 in the memory of Betty Peterson.

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

**VOTE:**            **AYES:**            Acosta, Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Orea, Stroud, Tobiska (7)  
                         **NOES:**            None (0)

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:13 P.M.**

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Athena Martinez  
Recording Secretary