

**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
April 22, 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**

T. Leon

**ROLL CALL**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Gerardo Mouet, Executive Director  
Ron Ono, Administrative Services Manager  
Jenny Rios, Recreation Superintendent  
Mike Lopez, Parks Superintendent  
Athena Martinez, Board Secretary

**PRESENTATIONS**

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – APRIL AND MAY, 2009**

Sgt. Dennis Rios was present to accept this award on behalf of Luis Monter for April, 2009.

Vianey Munguia was present to accept this award for May, 2009.

*F. Acosta arrived at 5:37 p.m.*

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

Catherine Cate was present to accept this award.

*J. Hills arrived at 5:39 p.m.*

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION:** W. Tobiska

**SECOND:** K. Nguyen

**VOTE:** AYES: Acosta, Hills, Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Orea, Stroud, Tobiska (8)

NOES: None (0)

**ABSENT:** (at voting) None (0)

**1. MINUTES**

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting held on March 25, 2009.

**2. ABSENCES**

All Board Members were present.

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

**BUSINESS CALENDAR**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. BUDGET UPDATE**

Executive Director Mouet gave a brief verbal update on the Agency’s budget situation.

**2. CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT UPDATE**

Executive Director Mouet gave a PowerPoint presentation on the California Endowment award to the City. Handout on file with the Recording Secretary for review.

**3. DISCUSSION ON LIBRARY SERVICES**

Discussion about the Library Agency becoming a department of PRCSA. It was also suggested that the duties of the Library Board be handled by a committee in the manner and makeup of the Committee on Field Use (CoFU).

*Student Representative J. Espinoza left at 6:43 p.m.*

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

Motion to nominate Rebuilding Together for their recent contributions to the Santa Ana Zoo.

**MOTION:** K. Nguyen      **SECOND:** W. Tobiska  
**VOTE:**      **AYES:**      Acosta, Hills, Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Orea, Stroud, Tobiska (8)  
                 **NOES:**      None (0)  
**ABSENT:**      *(at voting)*      None (0)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

May:              Board meeting moved from May 27<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>

May 2<sup>nd</sup>:          Fisher Park Playground Pre-Build Day

May 9<sup>th</sup>:          Fisher Park Playground Build Day

## **STATUS/UPDATES**

1. COMMITTEE ON FIELD USE (CoFU) – Sports organizations have been notified that the City will no longer be able to co-sponsor field use fees for ANY organization due to the current budget situation. The lottery process is being reviewed.
2. COMMUNITY CONTACT REPORTS AND UPDATES – Reviewed.

*K. Nguyen left at 6:55 p.m.*

*D. Orea left at 6:57 p.m.*

3. PENDING ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS  
No new items presented.

## **COMMENTS**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public present.

### **STAFF/CONSULTANT COMMENTS**

G. Mouet

- Will be serving on a Joint Use panel in Los Angeles on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ron Ono will be in charge of the Agency in his absence.
- Will be speaking at a National Institute of Medicine conference in Washington, D.C. May 5-7 on the prevention of childhood obesity. Ron Ono will be in charge of the Agency in his absence.

R. Ono

- Received an email from the State that portions of Prop 12 State Bond monies will be released incrementally, which means that the Jerome Center renovation will continue to complete. Prop 40 and other awards are still being reviewed.
- Centennial Ring Road work should be completed by April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Staff will be moving out of the headquarters building located at 888 W. Santa Ana Blvd. The Administrative Services section will move April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Recreation Services section will move May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Fisher Park Playground Build Day scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>. The site has already been excavated and concrete has been poured.
- Luan Aubin from the State will be out to visit proposed projects submitted for grants.

J. Rios

- Recreation Services and Reservation Administration will be moving on May 14<sup>th</sup>. All reservation staff will be located at Corbin Center. Recreation supervisors and staff will be located at various centers.
- Will be reviewing Santa Ana 2000 scholarship applications at Santa Ana College this week.

M. Lopez

- Has already been relocated to the City Yard with Lucy Castillo.
- Pool season is coming and staff is working hard to ensure all pools will be ready. Memorial pool is currently empty, but will be operational by the Memorial Weekend opening day.
- The landscape contract awards will be on the May 18<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda for approval for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.
- Now working on the Request for Proposal for pool maintenance services.
- Received funds from Metropolitan Water District to expand/centralize the irrigation system. Will be doing a Request for Proposal for that work as well.

### **BOARD/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS**

J. Stroud

- Stated that the grass at Riverview Park is very brown. Staff will go to the park to see what can be done.
- Still waiting for the price of bollards. Staff indicated the estimated cost per bollard including installation would be \$500. Information will be emailed to Commissioner Stroud.

W. Tobiska

- Thank you Athena for everything you do for the Board.

F. Acosta

- Thank you Athena.

T. Leon

- Thanks Athena.
- Happy Mother's Day to all the moms.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at El Salvador Recreation Center, located at 1825 West Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.**

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Athena Martinez  
Recording Secretary