

**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
June 24, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

City Hall Ross Annex, Room 1600
20 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA 92701
5:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

F. Acosta

ROLL CALL

**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS
MEMBERS/STUDENT REPS PRESENT**
Frank Acosta, Tish Leon, Ken Nguyen, Julie
Stroud, Wendy Tobiska

STAFF PRESENT:

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

PRESENTATIONS

SPECIAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY – MAY 2009

Darlene Glenn-Wolff was present to accept this award.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: F. Acosta

SECOND: K. Nguyen

VOTE: **AYES:** Acosta, Leon, Nguyen, Stroud, Tobiska (5)

NOES: None (0)

ABSENT: *(at voting)* Hills, Madrid, Orea (3)

1. MINUTES

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting held on May 27, 2009.

2. ABSENCES

Excused: Frank Acosta Jerry Hills

Unexcused: David Orea

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

BUSINESS CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

1. THE GRAIN PROJECT PRESENTATION

Nick Spain and Lara Montagne spoke on the Jerome Park Community Garden and the Santa Ana Farmers' Market, respectively. Powerpoint Presentation on file with the Recording Secretary for review.

2. CITY ADULT SOCCER LEAGUE UPDATE

Staff updated Board that due to the current budget situation, the City Adult Soccer League will no longer be co-sponsored and will need to follow the same process as all other adult soccer leagues.

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

Motion to nominate Deloitte & Touche for their recent volunteer day at the Santa Ana Zoo.

MOTION: F. Acosta

SECOND: K. Nguyen

VOTE: AYES: Acosta, Leon, Nguyen, Stroud, Tobiska (5)

NOES: None (0)

ABSENT: (*at voting*) Hills, Madrid, Orea (3)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendars for July and August, 2009 were reviewed and discussed.

STATUS/UPDATES

1. COMMITTEE ON FIELD USE (CoFU) – Met today. Violations reviewed. New report card system being implemented. Discussion on leagues adopting parks to help with maintenance.
2. COMMUNITY CONTACT REPORTS AND UPDATES – Reviewed.
3. PENDING ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS
 - Zoo presentation
 - Friends of Santa Ana Zoo presentation

COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public present.

STAFF/CONSULTANT COMMENTS

G. Mouet

- As of July 1, majority of park maintenance staff will no longer be with us and fourteen park sites will cease to be maintained. Part Time positions have been authorized by the City Manager, and many of the full time staff affected by the lay offs have accepted part time positions.
- Have received calls from volunteer groups offering to assist with park maintenance projects in the fourteen affected parks. Such calls will be routed to Recreation Supervisor of the park's ward to handle. Best we can do because of liability issues would be to allow volunteers to pick up trash.

M. Lopez

- Thank you to Commissioners Nguyen and Madrid for taking a proactive approach with volunteer services. Will work to see how to move things forward.

BOARD/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

W. Tobiska

- OCHSA fundraiser event at the El Salvador Center raised \$250 for the center. The students had a great time.

T. Leon

- Commissioners will each contribute five dollars at each meeting toward the purchase of refreshment for the meeting.
- Have a happy Fourth of July.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, July 22, 2009 on the second floor of the red barn at the Santa Ana Zoo, located at 1801 E. Chestnut Avenue, Santa Ana, CA, 92703.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 P.M.

Athena Martinez
Recording Secretary