

**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
July 22, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Santa Ana Zoo, Red Barn
1801 E. Chestnut
Santa Ana, CA 92703
5:38 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

W. Tobiska

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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

PRESENTATIONS

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – JULY AND AUGUST, 2009

Ray Cospers was present to accept this award for July.
Ethan Fisher was present to accept this award for August.

SPECIAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY – JUNE 2009

Michelle Kerns was present to accept this award on behalf of Deloitte.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: W. Tobiska **SECOND:** M. Madrid
VOTE: **AYES:** Hills, Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Orea, Stroud, Tobiska (7)
 NOES: None (0)
ABSENT: (*at voting*) Acosta (1)

1. MINUTES

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting held on June 24, 2009.

2. ABSENCES

Unexcused: Frank Acosta

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

BUSINESS CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

1. UPDATE ON RECREATION PROGRAMS

Recreation Superintendent Jenny Rios provided a handout on program updates, on file with the Recording Secretary for review.

2. SANTA ANA ZOO UPDATE

Kent Yamaguchi, Zoo Manager, and Jon "Rip" Ribble, President of the Friends of Santa Ana Zoo Board, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Zoo and FOSAZ Board updates, respectively. Handout of PowerPoint slideshow on file with the Recording Secretary for review.

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

Motion to nominate Think Together for their successful summer programs serving the youth of Santa Ana.

MOTION: W. Tobiska **SECOND:** K. Nguyen

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

STATUS/UPDATES

1. COMMITTEE ON FIELD USE (CoFU) – No report.
2. COMMUNITY CONTACT REPORTS AND UPDATES – Reviewed.
3. PENDING ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS
 - Park Maintenance Update
 - Library Presentation
 - Agency Organization
 - CCN Update
 - Catalina Campout Summary
 - Status of After School Programs

COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve McGuigan –

- Thanks to Staff for assistance with Relay for Life event this year. Due to changes imposed by American Cancer Society, there were a few glitches, but staff worked hard to make things happen.

Jon "Rip" Ribble – Friends of Santa Ana Zoo

- This year's Zoofari event will be on Saturday, August 22nd and the Zoo and the theme is "Funky Monkey".
- A volunteer recruitment video for the Zoo was produced by a Santa Ana College student and would be a great thing for the Board to see.

STAFF/CONSULTANT COMMENTS

G. Mouet

- Will be on vacation beginning July 24, back in the office on August 3.

R. Ono

- City Council approved the Forest Paul park site project at their meeting on July 20. This will be a half acre of park land.
- City Council tabled the Rosita cell tower project for 60 days.

M. Lopez

- Thank you to staff who are doing a great job during these very challenging times: Juan Lopez, Robert Hernandez, Ali Borujerdi.

K. Yamaguchi

- Thanks to the Board for selecting the Zoo as the meeting venue.
- Thank you to FOSAZ for all your support of the Zoo.

J. Rios

- Survived Catalina! The volunteers were outstanding, especially the kitchen crew. There were 60 kids, 22 staff/volunteers, total of 82 attendees.

BOARD/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

D. Orea

- Thanks to all for great presentations.
- It was great to be at the Zoo.

J. Hills

- Ditto comments above.
- Thanks to parks staff, they really are doing a great job throughout the City.

J. Stroud

- Thanks to Kent for hosting and for allowing Bindi the Bearcat to visit.

M. Madrid

- Is working with Senator Correa's office and the Youth Senators program, about 60 youth. Trying to bring them to Santa Ana to provide volunteer assistance where needed in areas of park maintenance. Also have 60 youth through the probation program ready to help. Could possibly assist with graffiti removal. Will work with staff on these concepts.

W. Tobiska

- Thank you to Kent, staff and FOSAZ.
- Really loved Bindi's visit.

K. Nguyen

- Thank you to Kent and FOSAZ.
- Has not been to the Zoo in a long while – amazed to see so many improvements. Very pleasant! Really need to work on making the Zoo more visible.

T. Leon

- Thank you to all commissioners for contributing to the provision of snacks.
- Regarding Zoo Master Plan concepts, would like this item to be brought to the Board before moving forward with any plans.
- Santa Ana Zoo really is a gem in the City.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 26, 2009 in meeting room A of the Santa Ana Main Library, located at 26 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA, 92702.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 P.M.

Athena Martinez
Recording Secretary