

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
October 28, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER** El Salvador Recreation Center  
1825 E. Civic Center Drive  
Santa Ana, CA 92703  
5:34 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** J. Hills

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

STAFF PRESENT:  
Gerardo Mouet, Executive Director  
Heather Folmar, Library Services  
Mike Lopez, Parks Superintendent  
Kent Yamaguchi, Zoo Manager  
Suzi Furjanic, Associate Park/Landscape Planner  
Athena Martinez, Board Secretary

**PRESENTATIONS**

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER, 2009**  
Terri Ibarra was present to accept this award.

**SPECIAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY – OCTOBER, 2009**  
Tessa Horner was present to accept this award.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**1. MINUTES**  
Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting held on September 23, 2009.

**2. ABSENCES**  
Excused:                      David Orea

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

**BUSINESS CALENDAR**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. COUNTY UPDATE ON SANTA ANA RIVER TRAILS – JEFF DICKMAN**

PowerPoint presentation made by Jeff Dickman regarding updates to improvements along the Santa Ana River bike trail system.

**2. NAMING OF LIBRARY TEEN ACTIVITY ROOM**

Motion to recommend to Council the renaming of the “Library Teen Activity Room” to the “Estella R. Shulse Teen Activity Room”.

<b>MOTION:</b>	K. Nguyen	<b>SECOND:</b>	W. Tobiska
<b>VOTE:</b>	AYES:		Acosta, Hills, Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Stroud, Tobiska (7)
	NOES:		None (0)
<b>ABSENT:</b>	(at voting)		Orea (1)

**3. BOARD DECEMBER MEETING / HOLIDAY PARTY**

December meeting date set for December 16, 2009 due to the Christmas holiday during the week of the regularly scheduled meeting date. Meeting will occur at Southwest Senior Center, with a holiday party for the entire Agency immediately after.

**4. INDOOR SOCCER**

Update provided to Board regarding California Youth Soccer League’s creation of an indoor soccer facility approved by both the Planning Commission and City Council.

*Brief recess taken at this time to administer Oath of Office to F. Acosta*

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

- Shade Tree Nursery for years of tree donations.
- Operation Clean Slate for their recent work at Memorial Center

Motion to designate Shade Tree Nursery as the November recipient and Operation Clean Slate as the December recipient.

<b>MOTION:</b>	W. Tobiska	<b>SECOND:</b>	J. Hills
<b>VOTE:</b>	AYES:		Acosta, Hills, Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Stroud, Tobiska (7)
	NOES:		None (0)
<b>ABSENT:</b>	(at voting)		Orea (1)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Calendar for November, 2009 reviewed.

**STATUS/UPDATES**

1. COMMITTEE ON FIELD USE (CoFU) – Committee is still reviewing the policies and procedures manual for changes and updates. Draft will be brought to the Board in January

for review. Santa Ana residency requirement raised to 70%. Lottery system and CoFU membership also being reviewed.

2. LIBRARY AD HOC COMMITTEE – Structure of committee discussed, application process and form being developed. Past Library Board members have expressed interest in serving on committee. Presentation on tutoring program made by Lupita Vega. Ad Hoc committee currently meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.
3. COMMUNITY CONTACT REPORTS AND UPDATES – Discussion ensued regarding resolution of all items on Rosita Park contact form. Staff will follow up.
4. PENDING ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS
  - Establish and Define Role of Library Committee (future)
  - Update on Willard / Prop 84 and Joint Use (Nov)
  - Car Wash Policy (future)
  - Management of Fiestas Patrias (Jan)
  - Rosita / T-Mobile Cell Tower Update (future)
  - Park Signage Update (future)

**COMMENTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**STAFF/CONSULTANT COMMENTS**

G. Mouet

- Really enjoy having the Library under the Agency's area of responsibility.
- Concerned about the City's budget challenge – it's not over.

H. Folmar

- The Teens will be presenting their annual Haunted House in Room A, October 27 and 28, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

M. Lopez

- City is working on the State's Model Landscape ordinance, trying to meet the January 2010 deadline toward water conservation efforts.
- Water-conserving landscaping will be installed in the Civic Center area, between the Law Library and the State building.
- The City's three largest parks (Thornton/Griset/Centennial) will go to a reclaimed water irrigation system soon.

K. Yamaguchi

- Boo at the Zoo has been very successful. The final evening will be October 30.
- The movie filmed at the Zoo last summer, "Old Dogs" with John Travolta and Robin Williams, will be released in November. Most of the shots on the trailers currently being aired were scenes filmed at the Zoo.
- Anteaters will be moved into their new holding area of the Tierra de las Pampas exhibit in November. They will not have access to the exhibit area until the landscaping has been established, hopefully by Jan/Feb. There will be a grand opening in April, but you may get a sneak peak at them if you ride the train as it goes right through the exhibit.

**BOARD/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS**

W. Tobiska

- Please remember to Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat!

M. Madrid

- Able to secure 700 toys from Toys for Tots for the holiday activities at the recreation centers.
- Toys for Tots also donating pallets of books to the Zoo.

J. Hills

- Will all parks eventually use reclaimed water for irrigation? How about medians and walkways? Staff responded that is all in the works.

T. Leon

- Requested update on the Rosita/T-Mobile Cell Tower issue.
- Would like to have a future Board meeting at the Newhope Library.
- Don't forget daylight savings is this weekend...fall back!
- Happy Halloween.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at Santa Ana Main Library, located at 26 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA, 92701.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:34 P.M.**

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Athena Martinez  
Recording Secretary