

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 24, 2010

CALL TO ORDER Santa Ana Senior Center
424 West Third Street
Santa Ana, CA 9271
5:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE T. Leon

ROLL CALL BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS
MEMBERS/STUDENT REPS PRESENT
Frank Acosta, Tish Leon, Max Madrid, Ken
Nguyen, Julie Stroud, Jonathan Espinosa

STAFF PRESENT:
Gerardo Mouet, Executive Director
Ron Ono, Administrative Services Manager
Jenny Rios, Recreation Superintendent
Mike Lopez, Parks Superintendent
Kent Yamaguchi, Zoo Manager
Heather Folmar, Library Operations Manager
Anthony Novella, Recreation Supervisor
Athena Martinez, Board Secretary

PRESENTATIONS

SPECIAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD – MARCH 2010
Betty Thompson was present to accept this award.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: J. Stroud **SECOND:** K. Nguyen
VOTE: AYES: Acosta, Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Stroud (5)
 NOES: None (0)
ABSENT: (at voting) Hills, Orea, Tobiska (3)

- 1. **MINUTES**
Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting held on January 27, 2010.
- 2. **ABSENCES**
Excuse the absence of David Orea and Wendy Tobiska.
Unexcused absence of Jerry Hills.

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

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items taken out of order to accommodate schedules

NEW BUSINESS

1. BUDGET UPDATE

Executive Director Mouet shared that the City's deficit for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is now at \$23.5 Million and that he is working diligently to avoid the closure of recreation centers, senior centers and libraries, and to avoid a reduction of hours to services provided to the community. The efforts to accomplish this would mean a great deal of restructuring of the Agency, which equates to the reduction of staff.

2. LIBRARY CARD UPDATE

Handout reviewed and discussed.

3. SHOWMOBILE CO-SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

Handout reviewed and discussed.

4. CELL TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH OMNIPOINT AT ADAMS PARK

Motion to recommend to City Council to approve a lease agreement with T-Mobile West Corporation for an underground cellular equipment vault and a sports lighting monopole cell tower at Adams Park.

MOTION:	J. Stroud	SECOND:	M. Madrid
VOTE:	AYES:	Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Stroud	(4)
	NOES:	Acosta	(1)
ABSENT:	<i>(at voting)</i>	Hills, Orea, Tobiska	(3)

5. CELL TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH OMNIPOINT AT RIVERVIEW PARK

Motion to recommend to City Council to approve a lease agreement with T-Mobile West Corporation for a cellular equipment building and monopine cell tower at Riverview Park.

MOTION:	J. Stroud	SECOND:	F. Acosta
VOTE:	AYES:	Acosta, Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Stroud	(5)
	NOES:	(0)	
ABSENT:	<i>(at voting)</i>	Hills, Orea, Tobiska	(3)

6. UPDATE ON DOG PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY

Handout reviewed and discussed.

Public Comment
Art Pedroza

- Surrounding cities do not like Santa Ana residents going to their dog parks.
- Currently no control of licensing or vaccinations.
- Suggest "off shelf" technology to swipe entry into dog park to help verify licensing, vaccinations, and no staff needed for this.
- Costa Mesa and Irvine have heavily used dog parks.
- If we can find a low cost way to provide a dog park, this will be one more service provided to residents.
- Please be open-minded. You may think that a dog park does not serve "people" when in fact it does - it serves people who own pets.

7. NOMINATIONS FOR SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD TO THE COMMUNITY

The following candidates were discussed:

- Maria Franco, Southwest Senior Volunteer
- Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo (FOSAZ)
- Zoo Docents
- Friends of the Library

Motion to make the following presentations as indicated:

- Maria Franco in April
- Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo and the Zoo Docents in May
- Friends of the Library in June

MOTION:	K. Nguyen	SECOND:	F. Acosta
VOTE:	AYES:		Acosta, Leon, Madrid, Nguyen, Stroud (5)
	NOES:		None (0)
ABSENT:	<i>(at voting)</i>		Hills, Orea, Tobiska (3)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Calendars for April and May, 2010 were reviewed and discussed. Special Items of Note:

- April 17: Grand Opening of Tierra de Las Pampas exhibit at the Zoo.
- April 24: Dia de Los Niños event combined with the Library’s 50th anniversary celebration.

STATUS/UPDATES

1. COMMITTEE ON FIELD USE (CoFU) – No report.
2. LIBRARY SERVICES COMMITTEE – No report. Next meeting scheduled for April 21.
3. COMMUNITY CONTACT REPORTS AND UPDATES – Reviewed and discussed.
4. PENDING ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Done during Item 6 above.

STAFF COMMENTS

G. Mouet

- During the Parks, Recreation, Education and Youth (PREY) Council Committee meeting of February 25, 2010, staff was directed to disband the CoFU committee. Suggestions were made by Commissioners to recognize CoFU committee members at a future Council and/or Board meeting for their many years of service.
- Council will be voting on the home run fence at Hector Godinez High School at their April 5, 2010 meeting. The item is being presented as a removable fence, not a permanent one.

M. Lopez

- Two new landscape maintenance contracts were approved by Council on April 1, 2010. The Agency now has seven agreements and five companies overseeing all facilities.

J. Rios

- The new leisure class brochure for spring is done (distributed to Commissioners).

K. Yamaguchi

- All Commissioners are invited to the grand opening of the Tierra de Las Pampas exhibit on April 17.
- The Zoo will be hosting a "Party for the Plant" on April 24 as part of the many Countywide Earth Day celebrations.
- A baby saki monkey was born on February 13.
- A large tree branch fell onto one of the monkey exhibits, but all animals are fine and the tree will be trimmed back.
- Keepers have discovered two other monkeys are pregnant.
- Still hoping to fill three vacant keeper positions really soon.

A. Novella

- Happy to be here today.
- Will be working with Recreation Superintendent on the Dog Park Feasibility Study.

BOARD/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

J. Espinoza, Student Representative

- Be sure to sign up for the Governor's Health Fitness Challenge at Segerstrom High School.

J. Stroud

- Inquired about the fencing up around the Civic Center area. Staff responded that the turf is being renovated and that the seeds need to germinate.
- Inquired about the repair of the chain at the entrance to Riverview Park. Staff confirmed that the chain had been repaired by General Maintenance staff.
- Very disappointed that the City is allowing the Fiestas Patrias celebratory festivities to occur on September 11th, when it is a time of mourning for many others.

K. Nguyen

- Since CoFU is being disbanded, will staff have a due process to address sport organization violations? Staff confirmed that a procedure will be in place to address such matters.

T. Leon

- There will be a Community Action Day on March 28 by the Station District (Lacy Neighborhood Association) from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- The City Attorney's office lost a very dear and valuable employee, Ben Kaufman, the end of March. Would like to adjourn this meeting in memory of him.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at the Southwest Senior Center, located at 2201 W. McFadden Avenue, Santa Ana, CA, 92704.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

In Memory of Benjamin Kaufman
Chief Assistant City Attorney

Athena Martinez, Recording Secretary