

**MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS**

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, December 3, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 3, 2014, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Ave., Chair Carvajal presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commission Members: Carvajal, DeWitt, Jorge, Manning, Singer, Wilson

Absent: Commission Members: Lindsey

Present: Staff: Corey Lakin, Recreation & Community Svcs. Dir.
Ron Noda, Recreation Manager
Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager
Darlene Pawling, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Carvajal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. INSTALLATION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

Tabled to January 7, 2015

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Carvajal opened Oral Communications. There being no one present wishing to speak, Chair Carvajal closed Oral Communications.

6. MINUTES

Motion/Second: Manning/Singer

Unanimously Carried: The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission approved the minutes of the special meeting of November 12, 2014.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. 2014 Winter Wonderland at the Plaza Preview

Staff provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with a preview of the 3rd Annual Winter Wonderland at the Plaza event that is co-produced by the City of Los Alamitos and the Los Alamitos Area Young Professionals on Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. This event continues to expand and

grow each year with higher attendance, and more sponsors, vendors and food vendors.

B. Cultural Arts Offerings

Staff provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with a review of current offerings for cultural arts.

Commissioner Carvajal requested a future Agenda item to discuss ways to further expand and partner the current cultural arts programs and discuss new cultural arts program ideas.

8. ITEMS OF INTEREST

None

9. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Staff informed the Commission that the Holiday Decorating Contest will be Monday, December 15, 2014 and asked the Commissioners to be a judge.

Staff asked if the Commissioners were interested in challenging the City Council and other Commissions to participate or volunteer for the Race on the Base. Commissioner Carvajal asked to add this discussion to the next Agenda to include the new Commissioners and how the challenge will be implemented.

Staff thanked Commissioner DeWitt and Commissioner Singer for their support and dedication to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission.

10. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Manning thanked Commissioner DeWitt and Commissioner Singer for their service to the Commission.

Commissioner Singer thanked staff for letting him be a part of the Commission.

Commissioner DeWitt expressed that it has been an honor to serve and work with her fellow Commissioners and staff. She asked staff to please inform her when there is a date set for the opening of Coyote Creek.

Commissioner Wilson thanked Commissioner DeWitt and Commissioner Singer. He encouraged the Commissioners to attend the Winter Wonderland event and to participate in the Grateful Hearts canned food drive.

Commissioner Jorge thanked Commissioner DeWitt and Commissioner Singer for their years of service to the Commission and community.

Commissioner Carvajal thanked Commissioner DeWitt and Commissioner Singer for their years of service and invited them to come back in the future if there are any Commissioner openings. He also informed the Commission that he attend a City Council meeting and was

pleased that the City Council agreed to shoot the fireworks higher at the next 4th of July Fireworks event to see if this remedies the issues before looking to move the fireworks or take any other action.

Commissioner Carvajal also thanked staff for all of the hard work that went into the Joint Use Agreement with the Los Alamitos Unified School District.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Pete Carvajal, Chair

Attest:



Corey Lakin, Director
Recreation & Community Services Department