

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

**SPECIAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY, November 12, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Special Session at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 12, 2014, in the Recreation & Community Services Department, 10911 Oak St., Chair Carvajal presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** Commission Members: None

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

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. INSTALLATION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS**

Staff installed Emil Jorge and Josh Wilson as Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commissioners.

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**6. MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Singer, seconded by Commissioner Manning, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of October 1, 2014.

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Review of the Draft Individual Joint Use Agreement for McAuliffe & Oak Fields & Draft Master Joint use Agreement with the Los Alamitos Unified School District**

Staff provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with the Draft Individual Joint Use Agreement (IJUA) for McAuliffe Middle School Field, Oak Middle School field, Outdoor Basketball Courts, Community restrooms, Bike/Walk Path to Coyote Creek Park and the revised Draft Master Joint Use Agreement (MJUA) between the City of Los Alamitos and the Los Alamitos Unified School District (LAUSD). A portion of this item was first submitted to the Commission on

October 1, 2014. Since then, three additional IJUAs were drafted for the Commission to review. The Commission reviewed with minimal suggested changes for the City Council to proceed.

**B. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Survey**

Staff provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with the opportunity to provide input on possible survey questions that will be posed to the Los Alamitos community regarding the City's future participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Spectacular and options regarding the legalization of Safe and Sane Fireworks.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carvajal, seconded by Commissioner Lindsey, and unanimously carried for the Commission to advise the City Council, that based on the poor performance of previous surveys and unless the City Council is willing to invest in a survey, the Commission is not in favor of sending out a general survey. Leave the event as it is and we should concentrate our efforts on trying to find revenue sources to offset costs and not include Safe and Sane Fireworks as an option.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson that if City Council wants a survey anyways, then they proceed with the 4 survey questions with minor changes. There was no second to this motion.

A motion to amend the previous motion was made by Commissioner Carvajal, seconded by Commissioner Manning that if City Council decides to move forward with the survey, request to bring back to the Commission in order to give input on the survey questions.

**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 informed the Commission that there are five (5) PR&CA Commissioner positions open at this time. Staff encouraged the Commissioners to reapply and informed that the deadline is November 20, 2014.

Staff announced that the Holiday Dinner Dance for seniors will be on Saturday, November 22, 2014 from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

Staff informed the Commission that Laurel Park will be closed for twelve (12) weeks starting in mid-December.

**10. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Lindsey commented that the Trunk or Treat was very well run and a great event.

Commissioner DeWitt reminded about the Winter Wonderland event at the St. Isidore Plaza on Saturday, December 6, 2014 and about the Lady of Guadalupe in the St. Isidore Chapel on Monday, December 22, 2014.

Commissioner Singer requested to have a discussion on a future Agenda regarding the goals and objectives of the PR&CA Commission. Staff informed that information is being compiled with the City Clerk and this item will be on a future Agenda, after the City Council sets their goals.

Commissioner Wilson commented that the Winter Wonderland event is great and he encouraged the Commissioners to attend and support the City and the Chamber of Commerce.

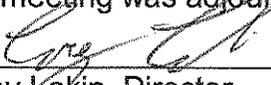
Commissioner Jorge shared that he attended and worked the Wings, Wheels and Rotors event and was very impressed with this event.

Commissioner Manning would like to discuss on a future Agenda the effects of a drought on the City and a plan for limiting water usage; especially for fields. He would like to have staff recommendations of a plan, and the Commission to give input.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lindsey, seconded by Commissioner Manning and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Wednesday, December 3, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

  
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Corey Lakin, Director  
Recreation & Community Services Department