

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

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, August 6, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 6, 2014, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Ave., Chair Carvajal presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commission Members: Lindsey, Matsubara

Present: Staff: Corey Lakin, Recreation & Community Svcs. Director
Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager
Ron Noda, Recreation Manager
Steven Mendoza, Community Development/Public Works Director
Darlene Pawling, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. MINUTES

The approval of the minutes of July 2, 2014 was tabled to the September meeting due to Commissioner DeWitt not present at July meeting.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. General Plan Update – Draft Open Space, Recreation and Conservation Element

Staff provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with a redlined version of the Open Space, Recreation and Conservation Element to review and recommend approval to the City Council. Commissioner DeWitt requested one change on page 15, second paragraph.

A motion was made by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Commissioner Singer and unanimously carried to approve the redlined version of the Open Space, Recreation and Conservation Element of the General Plan as amended and recommend approval to the City Council.

B. The Youth Center Agreement

Staff provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with information regarding the agreement between the City of Los Alamitos and the Youth Center for the joint use of the "Community Recreational and Social Center" which includes the Community Center, Youth Center and Oak Gymnasium buildings. Staff provided the current version that was created on November 23, 1992 and the version that was amended on September 25, 2000. The 50-year agreement between the City of Los Alamitos and the Youth Center that originated in 1973 is effective until September 25, 2023.

C. 2014 July 4th Fireworks Spectacular Overview & Wrap-up

Staff provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission the opportunity to review and discuss the 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular. An estimated 25,000 viewers and participants attended this event. The location was once again held on the tarmac and runways of the military installation. The event was relocated last year and kept there this year for several reasons.

Commissioner Carvajal inquired about a petition from a group of residents that are petitioning for the 4th of July fireworks to be moved back to the original location on the Joint Forces Training Base. Staff confirmed that the petition was presented at the last City Council meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Carvajal, seconded by Commissioner DeWitt and unanimously approved to recommend to the City Council that the fireworks remain where they are currently, specifically because they are better suited for the health, well being, and fundamental safety of the Community.

7. ITEMS OF INTEREST

None

8. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Staff informed the Commission that the last Music & Movies will be on Saturday, August 9th with music provided by Identity Crisis and featuring The Goonies movie. Staff encouraged the Commissioners to attend.

Staff announced that the new On-line Registration software will go live in approximately October for the winter brochure registration. Staff will be e-mailing each Commissioner a step by step screenshot of instructions to set-up a log-in in order to provide input to staff before the on-line registration goes live to the public.

Staff provided the new fall brochure to each Commissioner and announced this is the first time all design has been done "in-house" by staff which provides a cost savings.

Staff informed the Commission that a pool project to include painting and new lights will be presented to the City Council on August 18th. Due to the cost, the request to City Council will be for only one of the projects to be done.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner DeWitt inquired about the Coyote Creek grand opening and the progress of the plants. Staff informed there is no grand opening date set yet. The Commission will be informed when the date is set. Staff also added that the California native plants will take about 3 years to take hold and mature.

Commissioner DeWitt inquired about the reopening of Oak Field. Staff informed that Oak Field has encountered a problem with gooseneck weed and the reopening of Oak Field has been rescheduled to November.

Commissioner Singer requested information on a future Agenda regarding what programs, events and activities were eliminated or replaced over the last several years. Commissioner Singer also requested for staff to share some of the events/programs that other cities have and what staff would like to see our City do in the future.

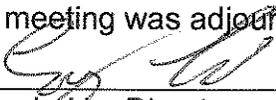
Commissioner Manning informed that he received a piece of correspondence from a water-safe swim school in Los Alamitos and inquired if this program will conflict with the City aquatic program. Staff informed that the new water-safe swim school should not affect the City aquatic program.

Commissioner Carvajal shared that he was privileged to accept the Proclamation for "Parks Make Life Better" Month at the City Council meeting on July 21st. He also commented that he was very impressed with the Music & Movies at the JFTB Pool on July 26th and that staff was very energetic.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.



Corey Lakin, Director
Recreation & Community Services Department