

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

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, March 12, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 12, 2014, in the Recreation and Community Services Department, 10911 Oak St., Vice Chair Singer presiding and then turned over to Chair Carvajal.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commission Members: Carvajal, Landon, Lindsey, Manning, Matsubara, Singer

Absent: Commission Members: DeWitt

Present: Staff: Corey Lakin, Recreation & Community Svcs. Director
Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager
Ron Noda, Recreation Manager
Frank Fontes, Community Services Coordinator
Tony Brandyberry, Public Services Superintendent
Darlene Pawling, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. MINUTES

A motion was made by Manning, seconded by Landon, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2014.

The minutes from February 5, 2014 were tabled to the April Commission meeting due to a lack of quorum for a motion.

At this time staff introduced Frank Fontes as the new Community Services Coordinator who will oversee the Aquatics Program.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Coyote Creek Park Construction Update

Staff provided the Commission with an update on the progress of Coyote Creek Park. Plants have been planted for three weeks now and power was connected to the irrigation buster pump two weeks ago. Twelve small trees, gates and signs will be installed in the next week or so, and the maintenance period will begin when the project is completed. The City will take over maintenance of the park which is

estimated to be around September 2014.

B. McAuliffe Field Update

Staff provided the Commission with an update on the McAuliffe Field rehabilitation and resting. The rehabilitation of the field was successful in spite of a problem with migrating Canadian Geese. The plan is to rest the field as much as possible while Oak Field is still under modernization until fall 2014. Laurel Park is also being utilized instead of McAuliffe to help rest the field.

C. California Park & Recreation Society Awards Nominees

Staff provided the Commission the opportunity to consider nominees for the CPRS District 10 Volunteer Merit Award. A motion was made by Lindsey, seconded by Manning and unanimously carried to nominate Tom Stretz and Sunburst Youth Academy for the CPRS Society Award.

7. ITEMS OF INTEREST

None

8. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Staff provided an update on the Race on the Base. There were a total of 4,438 registered participants and the weather was fabulous. The Race made \$26,000 for charities; there were 600 volunteers, 200 staff and 80 vendors. A power point presentation will be shown at the next Commission meeting which will include the results of a survey from participants.

Staff announced that the Spring Carnival will be on April 19th at Little Cottonwood Park. The Commissioners were encouraged to attend and informed that there is need for a host, and emcee. At the April Commission meeting the Commissioners will judge the art/drawing contest and pick the winners. Winners will be announced at the Spring Carnival.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Singer would like to develop expectations and goals of the PR&CA Commission. Once developed then evaluate periodically to see if the Commission is reaching goals and meeting expectations.

Commissioner Manning inquired about the military housing next to Little Cottonwood Park and what will happen to that land. He would like to know the potential problems, health hazards and what action will be taken. Staff advised that the military has finally received funding to abate the housing. Staff will keep the Commission updated on the progress of this abatement.

Commissioner Lindsey informed he has visited some of the City parks complimented how well they are cared for.

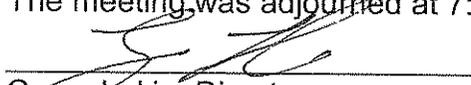
Commissioner Carvajal requested to have a representative from Sunburst Academy speak and to add to a future Agenda.

Commissioner Carvajal suggested that the City keep informed and proactive about what happens to the military housing land and the possibility that in 2017 there may be military base closures.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Lindsey, seconded by Commissioner Matsubara and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Corey Lakin, Director
Recreation & Community Services Department