

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

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, February 4, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 4, 2015, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Ave., Chair Manning presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commission Members: Bell, Carvajal, Decker, Jempsa, Jorge, Manning, Wilson

Absent: Commission Members: None

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Manning led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

5. MINUTES

Motion/Second: Decker/Carvajal

Unanimously Carried: The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission approved the minutes of the regular meeting of January 7, 2015.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Water Conservation

Tony Brandyberry, Public Services Superintendent, provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission (PR&CA) with current information about the State of California drought and steps that the City of Los Alamitos is taking to conserve water while planning for the future. In Los Alamitos, Golden State Water is enforcing the Governor's water conservation efforts and the Public Works Department has previously self-enforced the Governor's regulations. Public Works continues to work

closely with Golden State Water Company to maintain conservation. Staff will continue to keep the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission up to date should further water rationing need to take place.

Chair Manning would like to continue to be proactive, within the PR&CA jurisdiction, and discuss, on a future Agenda, ways to conserve water in the next 1-2 years and in the future years. Chair Manning would also like to discuss a contingency plan to prioritize water conservation within the PR&CA jurisdiction. Chair Manning would like to know at what point Golden State Water Company will implement further water restrictions and what kind of advance notice would be given.

B. Facility Usage

Staff provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with information about several facilities that are available for use and rent to the public, including the USA Water Polo National Training Center, Community Center, Tennis Courts at Laurel Park, Oak Gymnasium, McAuliffe and Oak Fields, Laurel, Orville Lewis and Little Cottonwood Parks and Picnic Shelters.

7. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Staff informed the Commission that Oak field lights have been repaired and are now working. Also, McAuliffe and Laurel Field will be opening on February 16th.

Staff informed the Commission that there is a maintenance contract in place for the mowing, edging, and blowing of all medians and grass facilities except McAuliffe field.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Bell expressed his appreciation for the improvement in the visual arts portion of the City website.

Commissioner Jempsa spoke briefly about a class for seniors regarding avoiding falls that she attended in 2009 and suggested this would be good class for the City to offer. Staff will share this with the current Balance and Fitness instructor for seniors for something possible in the future.

Commissioner Decker is excited to be a Race on the Base volunteer this year.

Commissioner Wilson will be running the Race on the Base 5K event. He attended the State of the City and was glad to hear the positive acknowledgement of the Winter Wonderland event.

Commissioner Wilson inquired about the number of Recreation classes that are cancelled. Staff informed it varies each session and could supply a report for more accurate statistics.

Commissioner Wilson also inquired about the swings at Soroptimist Park being dug out and if any City parks have infant child swings. Staff informed that Public Works does rake all

City parks regularly and that Little Cottonwood Park and possibly Labourdette Park do have infant child swings.

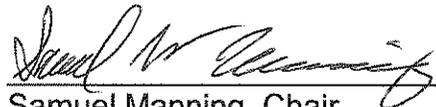
Commissioner Jorge and his family will be participating in the Race on the Base 5K Walk. He would like staff to provide information, on a future Agenda, regarding the re-negotiations of the JFTB pool with the Base.

Chair Manning is pleased with the response from the other Commissions regarding the Race on the Base Challenge and he informed that he will be participating in the 5K Run.

Chair Manning requested to bring back the PR&CA portion of the General Plan once it is finalized.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission adjourned at 8:49 p.m.



Samuel Manning, Chair

Attest:



Corey Lakin, Director
Recreation & Community Services Department