

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

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, March 4, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 7:05 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2015, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Ave., Chair Manning presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commission Members: Bell, Decker, Manning, Wilson

Absent: Commission Members: Carvajal, Jempsa, Jorge

Present: Staff:
Corey Lakin, Recreation & Community Svcs. Dir.
Ron Noda, Recreation Manager
Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager
McKenzie Ricks, Community Services Coordinator
Taylor Conley, Community Services Coordinator
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: Wilson/Bell

Unanimously Carried: The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission approved the minutes of the regular meeting of February 4, 2015.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Los Alamitos Volunteer Program (L.A.V.P.)

Staff provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission (PR&CA) an update regarding the Los Alamitos Volunteer Program (L.A.V.P.): Staff provided information that included the background of the L.A.V.P, various areas of involvement, and requirements to remain an active L.A.V.P volunteer. Staff requested assistance from the PR&CA for community service project ideas and topics for workshops.

B. Los Alamitos Spring Carnival featuring the Egg Hunt

Staff provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission an update regarding the Spring Carnival. The PR&CA Commissioners have been requested to judge the entries of the Coloring and Drawing Contest at the April Commission Meeting and choose the top three entries for each division. Staff invited and encouraged the PR&CA Commissioners to participate in the event as an emcee, or awarding prizes to the finders of the Golden Egg.

C. California Park & Recreation Society District 10 Volunteer Merit Award Nominee(s)

Staff provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission the opportunity to consider nominees for the 2015 CPRS District 10 Volunteer Merit Award.

Motion/Second: Manning/Bell

Unanimously Carried: The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission approved Erin Hankhouse of the L.A.V.P and the Los Alamitos Medical Center to receive the 2015 CPRS District 10 Volunteer Merit Award.

7. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Staff informed the Commission that the Race on the Base had 4,444 registered participants and 3,600 participated and finished the various Race event categories.

Staff informed that Monday April 20th at 4:45pm there will be a light dinner at the Community Center to honor the Race Sponsors, and to show our appreciation for their contributions to the Race. This will be followed at 6pm by attending the City Council meeting for the Council to present each sponsor with a Certificate of Recognition for their contributions to the Race. Staff added that \$89,000 was raised by sponsorships making the 2015 Race on the Base the highest year in sponsor contributions.

Staff thanked the Commissioners for volunteering, participating, and initiating the Commission Challenge for the Race on the Base. The date for the next Race on the Base is scheduled for February 27, 2016.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Decker enjoyed volunteering at the Race both Friday and Saturday.

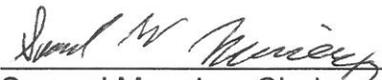
Commissioner Bell and his family enjoyed volunteering at the Race on the Base. His son participated in the 1K Kids Run. Commissioner Bell also thanked staff for how great McAuliffe Field looks.

Commissioner Wilson commented that the Race on the Base was extraordinary and commended staff for a job well done. Commissioner Wilson also informed that it has been reported by residents near to Labourdette Park that during the evening hours there are kids that are loud, destructive, and using controlled substances. He requested regular police patrol in that area.

Commissioner Manning participated in the Race on the Base 5K Run and stated the event was great and seemed to run very smoothly. He also announced that he could possibly be moving to Indiana in the near future.

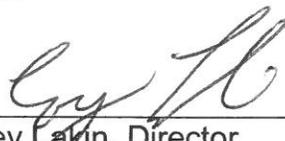
9. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Samuel Manning, Chair

Attest:



Corey Lakin, Director
Recreation & Community Services Department