

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

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, June 3, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 7:07 p.m., Wednesday, June 3, 2015, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Ave., Chair Manning presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commission Members: Carvajal, Jempsa

Present: Staff: Corey Lakin, Recreation & Community Svcs. Dir.
Ron 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: Wilson/Jorge

Abstain: None

Unanimously Carried: The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission approved the minutes of the regular meeting of May 6, 2015 with the correction of Item 7, 3rd paragraph.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Water Conservation Follow up

Staff provided the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission the opportunity to continue discussing the effects of California's drought on the City of Los Alamitos. Tony Brandyberry, Public Works Superintendent informed the Commission that the California drought has not improved. Golden State Water Company (GSW) has informed the City of Los Alamitos to reduce water usage by 16%. The City Council is expected to vote on the level of enforcement of ordinance 95-05 at the June City Council meeting and this will determine what stage of water restriction the city will enforce. Staff is working with the GSW to minimize the effects on the City owned

and maintained parks and fields, while ensuring water consumption is reduced by at least 16% while not affecting the sport turf fields.

Motion/Second: Wilson/Jorge

Unanimously Carried: The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts, in the interest of public safety, approved to recommend to Council for Public Works to engage with Golden State Water to acquire various options to water greater than two (2) days per week, while also maintaining water reduction use by at least 16%.

B. Recreation and Community Services Department 2015 Summer Preview

Staff provided the PR&CA a preview of the Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department's 2015 summer programs, classes (including swim lessons), camps, and events. With summer approaching, the department experiences an increase in staffing levels, including volunteers, and revenue generated as a majority of these programs, events, camps, and classes occur throughout this season. Staff added that Friday Night Lights Flag Football is this year's Music and Movies sponsor, offsetting the cost of the four (4) movies. Staff invited the Commissioners to participate by being the emcee at each of the movies events.

7. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Staff took a moment to recognize and thank Commissioner Manning for his support of the City and staff, and his contribution to the Commission, including his youthful perspective of ideas.

Staff took a moment to recognize Darlene Pawling, Department Secretary for her service to the Commission and the Recreation Department, as she is retiring after 15 years of service.

Staff informed the Commission that there is no license agreement for the 4th of July yet, however negotiations are still taking place.

Staff informed the Commission that there will be an item discussion at the June 15th City Council meeting regarding the JFTB pool negotiations for the Council to discuss several options.

Staff informed the Commission that Friday, June 5th is the Recreation Department In-Service that includes 65-70 summer staff participating. The Recreation Department has recently hired approximately fourteen (14) new Recreation staff and approximately ten (10) new Aquatic staff.

Staff informed the Commission that over Memorial Day weekend the Oak Field lights were vandalized and underground wires were stolen. An electrician worked for two days to resolve the situation.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Decker gave her well wishes to Commissioner Manning and Darlene Pawling, Department Secretary. She will attend the June 27th Music & Movies.

Commissioner Decker informed staff that a gentleman has inquired on the nextdoor.com if anyone knows about the scope of work for the fence and such at Labourdette Park. Staff will check with Tony Brandyberry about the status in order for Commissioner Decker to reply to the gentleman through nextdoor.com.

Commissioner Bell expressed his well wishes to Commissioner Manning and Darlene Pawling, Department Secretary.

Commissioner Wilson commented that he and his son have been enjoying some of the park sites in Los Alamitos.

Commissioner Jorge expressed his gratefulness to Darlene Pawling for her professionalism and for Commissioner Manning's years of service, tenure, and wisdom.

Commissioner Manning gave a brief history of his term as Commissioner stating he began in summer 2009 after his high school graduation and feels he has matured and grown in his knowledge. He thanked the Commission and staff for their support and service to the community.

9. PR&CA COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

A. Nominate New Chairperson

Motion/Second: Wilson/Bell

Unanimously Carried: The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission approved the nomination of Commissioner Emil Jorge as the new Chairperson.

B. Nominate New Vice-Chairperson

Motion/Second: Decker/Bell

Unanimously Carried: The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission approved the nomination of Commissioner Josh Wilson as the New Vice-Chairperson.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission adjourned at 8:58 p.m.



Emil Jorge, Chair

Attest:



Corey Lakin, Director
Recreation & Community Services Department

