

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

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, July 1, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 1, 2015, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Ave., Chair Jorge presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commission Members: Bell, Carbajall, Decker, Jempsa, Jorge, Wilson

Absent: Commission Members: None

Present: Staff: Corey Lakin, Recreation & Community Svcs. Dir.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Jorge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

5. MINUTES

Motion/Second: Jorge/Decker

Abstain: Jempsa

Unanimously Carried: The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission approved the minutes of the regular meeting of June 3, 2015, as amended.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. 28th Annual 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular

Staff provided pertinent information on the upcoming 28th Annual 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular scheduled for Saturday, July 4, 2015. One of our goals of this event since 2010 is to make this event revenue direct expenditure neutral. There are several ways that we do parking this is by charging for \$5 parking fee and event is free. We bring in about \$9,000 in revenue, 1,800 vehicles are paid and about 500 – 600 that are none paid military vehicles. We have 19 food and 16 display vendors providing a wide variety of food and drinks that were recruited and raised approximately \$13,500.

Staff contracted with Elite Special Events a Los Alamitos based company to provide variety of mechanical bull rides, bounce houses and sales of tickets. We receive a percentage of their sales, last year we received about \$2,000. We also receive contribution \$8,000 from Seal Beach, \$6,200 from Rossmoor and the rest of the cost is split between us and the City of Cypress. We collect 100% of the revenue for this event as this is a share responsibility and will reimburse both cities for our costs. Any portion left over will be placed in the 4th of July liability account that allows us to carry over funds for several years. 2009 was the last year that the General Fund supported the 4th of July Spectacular. Mr. Kenny Brandyberry wrote the \$15,000 check and since then Republic Services has been contributing \$15,000 annually toward this event and we also recruit heavily for sponsorship. Our expenditure range around \$35,000 for each City and have not impacted the General Fund for several years.

The City of Los Alamitos City Council contributed \$12,000 for larger shells, 5", 6", and 8". This will beat last year show with larger and more firework shells 5", 6" and 8". We have never shot off 8" in the history of this event and will be a spectacular show.

Changes this year, the City of Los Alamitos entered into a license agreement rather than a partnership with the military basically in the past the JFTB has been a sponsor and supporter. This year the City has to pay a little over \$4,800 to rent the base, we have to contract with Orange County Authority, Care Ambulance, Police and secure additional security. Military staff will be checking ID, please expect delays getting onto the base as the military will be checking vehicles thoroughly due several warning of potential terror attacks the 4th of July.

We encourage you and your neighbors to come to the event and make any recommendations or what you hear on how to improve on this event.

B. Pool Lease Renewal Update

Staff provided a brief history of the JFTB Pool, that the US Water Polo took over the pool over 20 years, a few years later the City took over pool operations. Information and discussion on the MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) is set to expire on February 29, 2016 with the Joint Forces Training Base. City staff held initial meeting with military staff to talk about a long term lease. The first meeting was general, all parties wanted to get together to discuss the new format for additional fees. At the second meeting we were asked to pay rent, utilities, overhead environmental charges, administrative charges, rental fees \$2.25 per square feet. The annual fee will be \$167,000 plus \$105,000 – \$155,000 in utilities, repairs, facility and CIP improvement, all-inclusive with an annual 1.8 % CPI increase annually for 5 years. The Mayor sent a letter to expedited resolution to Major General Baldwin from California National Guard Brigade. General Reddicks from Sacramento along with staff met with the City Council to hear our concerns and would provide response by the end of May. The City Council has set aside \$40,000 for repairs and the Aquatic Foundation was going to match that same amount. City Council will hold on these repairs until we receive a response. We have requested our pool users help with

getting the word out to elected officials. The OC breeze also had a great article and Congressman Lowenthal has been briefed. We are waiting for a response from the military and hope to have this information by November as we will need to notify all of our pool users.

7. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Staff will be working on the Councils request with 24/7 to seek residency statistics to find out where the individuals are coming from. We are going to do our best to gather capture these numbers the best we can without delaying traffic onto the base. Staff will provide statistical information to City Council in July and we will bring back to Commission in August.

Commissioner Jempsa inquired about LATV covering the 4th of July event.

Motion/Second: Carvajal/ Jorge

Unanimously carried: The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission approved for staff to meet with the City Manager and discuss LATV as this was not the forum for the commission to discuss.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Decker spoke briefly regarding the first Music and Movies at Laurel Park on June 27, 2015, as she enjoyed the community and being the announcing speaker at this event.

Commissioner Bell briefly spoke about our park programs and also Music and Movies on July 11 and appreciates all the hard work and dedication of our staff.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Emil Jorge, Chair
JOSHUA WILSON
Vice-Chair

Attest:



Corey Lakin, Director
Recreation & Community Services Department