

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

**REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, December 2, 2015**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 7:01 p.m., Wednesday, December 2, 2015, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Ave., Vice Chair Wilson presiding.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commission Members: Bell, Carvajal, Decker, Jempsa, Wilson

**Absent:** Commission Members: Jorge

**Present:** Staff: Corey Lakin, Recreation & Community Svcs. Dir.  
Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager  
Ron Noda, Recreation Manager  
Tony Brandyberry, Superintendent, Public Works  
Trini Zenovka, Department Secretary

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chair Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**5. MINUTES**

Motion/Second: Bell /Decker

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

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. State Mandated Water Restrictions Update**

California is currently entering the fourth year of one of the worst droughts in its history. On April 1, 2015, Governor Brown imposed emergency regulations for statewide water conservation calling for, among other things, a reduction of 25% for all water suppliers. Golden State Water (our local water district) has mandated the target to a 16% water reduction for each and every water meter (not a total reduction for all meters combined).

City Parks and arterials are showing some signs of browning with McAuliffe Field taking the biggest hit. The field is inundated with goose grass weed which thrives on dry, turf grass dirt. The field was shut down for its annual winter rehabilitation on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Watering during the rehabilitation and afterwards is essential, so staff is hoping for a consistent, yet moderate "El Nino."

Commissioner Carvajal, recommends as the City goes about replacing landscaping regardless of El Nino that we look into drought tolerant plants. Commissioner Carvajal recommended that we begin to look at different avenues to address our deteriorating field conditions, which are closed 25% of the year as the fields continue to get worse. This goes back several years and it comes down to our failure as a community to invest in these fields. Commissioner Carvajal also inquired about flooding and what the City is doing to prepare for adequate drainage throughout the city.

Tony Brandyberry, Public Works Superintendent said that there are many originally contributing factors with McAuliffe field going back several years. This field was not leveled correctly nor was it equipped with the proper drainage due to available funding (reference PRZ report). Public Works has taken many precautions in preparing for El Nino in clearing out storm drains and address flood areas. Information relating to El Nino is available on the City's website.

Vice Chair Wilson recommended that the commission request City Council at midyear to invest in our fields to be competitive with other Cities and Municipalities.

**B. 2016 Music and Movies Event Series Themes and Movie Selection**

The City of Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department typically conducts four (4) Music and Movies events throughout the summer months. This series of free events includes a live band, children's activities, arts and crafts followed by a movie. In an attempt to create community by offering a variety of activities throughout the City, Recreation staff would like the Commission to discuss and make a recommendation on the location for the Series, the themes, and the movies.

Commissioners voted to hold 2016 Music and Movies utilizing different park sites in the following order (Motion/Wilson and Second/Carvajal):

1. Laurel Park – Theme: Hollywood Nights; Movie: "Minions"
2. Orville R. Lewis Park – Theme: Disney Classics; Movie: "Toy Story"
3. Little Cottonwood Park – Theme: Community Choice; Movie choices:  
"Inside Out"  
"Aladdin"  
"Good Dinosaur"
4. JFTB Pool – Theme: Making Waves; Movie: "Finding Nemo"

**C. Art Exhibition**

On October 7, 2015, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commissioners discussed their desire for the City of Los Alamitos to host a fine arts exhibition. The Commission requested staff work with Commissioner Michael Bell and put together a plan and bring it back to the Commission. Based on the several recommendations of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts (PRCA) Commission, the event should be a three (3) day Visual Arts Exhibition held late spring with a schedule of: Friday 5 - 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday 12 noon - 5 p.m.

Commission voted for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ribbon awards (24 ribbons combining ceramics and pottery for each of the mediums, plus two (2) additional awards in acrylics for Mayor's and Commission Awards, total of 26 awards). Each artist will receive a certificate of appreciation. Judges will be selected from City Council Members and PRCA Commissioners.

Commissioner Bell motioned and Commissioner Decker second for the official title of the art exhibition to be "Weekend of Art in Los Alamitos."

Commission recommended for staff to select a specific weekend around City and School District calendar events.

Vice Chair Wilson, recommended for event be funded by the City from General Fund Reserves.

Vice Chair Wilson, with full support of the commission recommended to City Council to fund and create A Weekend of the Art in Los Alamitos. Vice Chair Wilson motioned, Commissioner Carvajal second.

**7. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

It is our 4th Annual Winter Wonderland at the Plaza presented by Arrowhead Products. We will honor several sponsors for their generous donation.

Commissioner Holiday Dinner will be at Old Ranch Country Club in Seal Beach off of Lampson on Tuesday, December 8, 2015.

We are in need of judges for the Holiday Decorating Contest on December 15, 2015 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Community Center.

We have tallied Commissioners votes in the selection order for the following three (3) theme nights and complementing movies for 2016:

1. Disney Classics - Toy Story
2. Hollywood Nights - Inside Out
3. Making Waves- Finding Nemo
4. Community to Vote Surfs Up, Aladdin and Good Dinosaur

All of these movies are Disney and have licensing restrictions, which may require Recreation staff to alter movie choices should the Disney viewing window prohibit availability of certain films.

Our brochure was mailed out before our last meeting and Winter Camp begins December 21, 2015.

We are in need of Recreation Leaders and Water Safety Instructors if you know of anyone who would be interested.

McAuliffe field will be down for 12 weeks as well as Laurel Park for 4 weeks due to rehabilitation.

**8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

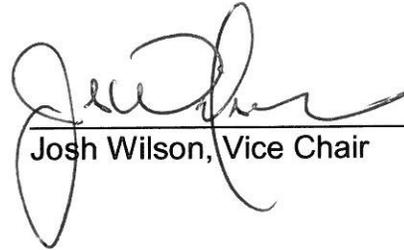
Commissioner Jempsa and Decker did not have any comments at this time.

Commissioner Bell recommended having the Police Department present on how to prepare in handling similar situations such as the San Bernardino incident.

Vice Chair Wilson recommends in keeping in scope with PRCA commission is what type training does recreation may need to prepare for a violent situation.

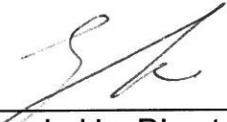
**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission adjourned at 9:16 p.m.



Josh Wilson, Vice Chair

Attest:



Corey Lakin, Director  
Recreation & Community Services Department