

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

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, February 3, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 7:01 p.m., Wednesday, February 3, 2016, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Ave., Chair Wilson presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commission Members: Carvajal

Present: Staff: Corey Lakin, Recreation & Community Svcs. Dir.
Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager
Ron Noda, Recreation Manager
Trini Zenovka, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

5. MINUTES

Motion/Second: Decker/Jorge

Unanimously Carried: The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission approved the minutes of the regular meeting of January 6, 2016.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Pool Update

After several meetings between the Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) staff and City staff and elected officials took place over the past year, in mid-January the City received a briefing on the transition of the pool back to the JFTB Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR). JFTB MWR will be assuming maintenance and operations of the pool as of March 1, 2016. The JFTB Department of Public Works (DWP) will be taking over repairs and maintenance and MWR will take over operations. Their plan is to have a "transition" time between March 1 – August 31, 2016 that will allow the City to continue to act as the scheduler for the pool during that time at \$62-98/hour. Staff has been working toward determining the financial implications of continuing City-operated programs and present to the City Council with alternatives to determine the future of the City's aquatics program.

Staff has spoken with nearly all of the current Pool User Groups to discuss the implications, with most organizations expressing their concern about the significant increase in pool rent. Rumors have already begun to impact participation in City and User Group programs, causing participants to begin looking for alternative clubs and locations for swimming lessons.

Commissioner Bell and Chair Wilson have requested to review the financial implications.

B. Southland Credit Union 35th Annual Los Alamitos Race on the Base

Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager brought samples of our new swivel medals for the Commission to view before being distributed. Race on the Base (ROTB) has grown to be the City's largest special event and draws thousands of people to Los Alamitos and the JFTB. Registration is currently down quite a bit from last year and is likely due to many competing events, specialized in a variety of themed races that make it difficult for runners to commit and the threat of "El Nino" weather predictions.

Community Charity Partners and Official Charity Partners allow non-profit organizations to fundraise for their cause while participating in the event and fundraise on behalf of their charities at ROTB. Charity Participation and Cheer Station Challenge was created to add excitement to the course and encourage participants during their race with creative themed cheer stations while fundraising for local charities.

There will be a large Registration and Vendor Expo Tent, adjacent to the Start and Finish Line again this year. Continued from last year is an expansion of the health and wellness component of the event with the expansion of the Los Alamitos Medical Center Health and Wellness Expo. The majority of parking for vendors, volunteers, participants, and spectators will be on the tarmac. On Friday traffic onto the base will be through Lexington only and Saturday will through Lexington gate and exiting will take place through the Orangewood gate as it was effective at the 4th of July event.

Chair Wilson had attended both Traffic and Planning Commission meeting and staff invited the Personnel Appeals and Cable Commissions to participate in the Commission/Council participation challenge.

7. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Corey Lakin, Recreation and Community Services Director reported that City Council is very excited and supportive of the Weekend of the Art in Los Alamitos. In the coming weeks staff will be working with Commissioner Bell to finalize additional details.

The Spring Brochure will be pushed out a few weeks late February or early March and registration will start right away, classes begin in April, allowing changes to the aquatic programs and venue the Music and Movies.

Ron Noda, Recreation Manager provided an update on McAuliffe field, stating that it will reopen on February 16, 2016. Our volunteers will be volunteering at Katella Senior Living helping to make door hangers on February 9.

We have a new Police Chief Eric Nunez who came from the City of La Palma and Chief Todd Mattern retired two weeks ago. The new Chief is very involved and supportive of our Department and staff is excited to work with him.

California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Conference will be in Long Beach March 8-11, 2016. If you are interested in attending the conference or vendor expo, please let us so that we can make arrangement for you to attend.

Corey Lakin reported that he was elected to one of 12 Board Members for the State Board of the CPRS for the next two years and very excited to be the Region 5 Representative, serving members from San Diego to Los Angeles.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Jempsa did not have any items to report.

Commissioner Jorge and his family will be attending ROTB.

Chair Wilson has accepted Councilmember Edgar's ROTB time challenge. He was happy to get support from City Council for Weekend of Art in Los Alamitos and in support of Councilmember Hasselbrink's discussion item to appropriate \$40,000 for special events to reduce some of the burden on staff fundraising. He had a great experience at the pool with swim lessons and feel very passionate in keeping this for the community.

Vice Chair Decker requested to be added to the ROTB volunteer group for both Friday and Saturday.

Commissioner Bell and his son distributed ROTB posters throughout the City.

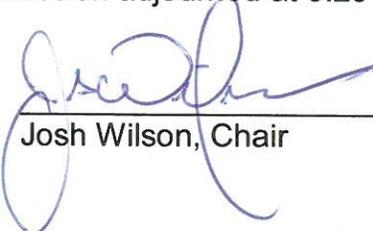
9. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Attest:



Corey Lakin, Director
Recreation & Community Services Department



Josh Wilson, Chair