

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

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, April 6, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 7:05 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at the Los Alamitos Community Center, 10911 Oak Street, 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
Megan Shimada, Recreation Coordinator
Tony Brandyberry, Public Works Superintendent
Trini Zenovka, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Jempsa 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/Wilson

Unanimously Carried: The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission approved the minutes of the regular meeting of March 3, 2016 and deferred approval of minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 2016 to next month due to lack of quorum.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Quarterly Park Maintenance Update

Tony Brandyberry, Public Works Superintendent provided the 2016 second quarter park maintenance activity update to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission. The report listed all maintenance and repair activities and yielding the opportunity for the commission to provide feedback to Staff on current and future maintenance concerns they may have. Staff also recognized additional maintenance and repairs that are essential and will provided an update at the next quarterly meeting.

Chair Wilson inquired about the existing issue with mosquitoes at Stansbury Park.

Tony Brandyberry, Public Works Superintendent provided information on Vector Control and will also request for a service call at this location.

Commissioner Bell requested progress report on McAuliffe field from staff.

Ron Noda, Recreation Manager, provided an update on McAuliffe field and said that Tony Brandyberry, Public Works Superintendent is currently looking at DG (decomposed granite) material to be used on the track. Progress is moving forward and heading in the right direction.

B. Preview of the Weekend of Art in Los Alamitos

Megan Shimada, Recreation Coordinator, provided The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission with a preview of the Weekend of Art in Los Alamitos scheduled for Friday, April 29 – Sunday, May 1, 2016. The three-day visual art exhibition will feature local artists in the following mediums: sculpture, pottery, ceramics, jewelry, photography, painting, drawing, fiber arts, wood working, and print and will take place at the Community Center. The local newspapers have been contacted and provided literature to disperse through online and print media. Staff will continue to distribute through as many avenues as possible to spread the word about this exciting event.

C. Race on the Base 2016

Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager, provided a final wrap up on the City's largest special event, Southland Credit Union Los Alamitos Race on the Base (ROTB). This event draws thousands of people to Los Alamitos and the Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB). The addition of the live 80's cover band Knyght Ryder at Packet Pick Up and the new Glow in the Dark 1K Kids Run brought Friday night Packet Pick Up to life with excitement. The event also featured a sublimated technical long-sleeved shirt for all participants and volunteers, post race food, a two-day Health & Fitness Vendor Expo sponsored by the Los Alamitos Medical Center, free race clinics, and a special edition 35th Anniversary finisher medals.

An update was provided on sponsors, volunteers, registration, vendor expo, charity campaign and recommendations on how to improve 2017 ROTB event. Honoring Our Fallen has scheduled a meeting with staff to see how they can become even more involved in the event to raise funds for their charity. The winners of the 2016 Race on the Base Council & Commission Participation Challenge goes to the City Council with the largest number and highest percentage attending the event. Revenues for the 2016 Race on the Base event totaled approximately \$90,078 above the direct costs associated with the event.

7. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Corey Lakin, Recreation and Community Services Director reported that we currently have an opening to fill our last Commissioner spot and will remain open until filled. There will be several of us attending the CPRS banquet on April 14th in Newport Beach and we will carpool and caravan. This event is now sold out and the Volunteer Merit Award will be presented to Sir Speedy and Karen Klabouch. PRCA Commissioners are

invited to attend the April 18, 2016, Council meeting to meet and recognize our Race on the Base Sponsors.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Carvajal is very pleased with maintenance at Orville Lewis.

Vice Chair Decker was very excited about volunteering at ROTB start line on both event days. Vice Chair Decker along with Corey Lakin, Director of Recreation and Community Services Department, attended the Long Beach Convention Center Expo in March and will also be attending the California Parks and Recreation Society District awards and installation banquet later this month.

Commissioner Jempsa thanked staff for keeping the City an active place and is glad to live here.

Commissioner Bell thanked staff for all their hard work and recommend to add a People Choice category award for next year's Weekend of the Art Event.

Chair Wilson thanked staff for a job well done on the Spring Carnival Event, recommended to have age specific candies for the younger children and expand space for egg hunt.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Attest:



Corey Lakin, Director
Recreation & Community Services Department



Josh Wilson, Chair