

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

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, April 5, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 7:04 p.m., Wednesday, April 5, 2017, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Ave., Chair Carvajal presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commission Members: Chirco, Carvajal, Doby, Hill, Jorge, Olveda

Absent: Commission Members: Estrada

Present: Staff: Corey Lakin, Recreation & Community Svcs. Dir.
Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager.
Megan Shimada, Recreation Coordinator

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Carvajal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

5. MINUTES

Motion/Second: Olveda/Chirco

Abstain: Estrada

Unanimously Carried: The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission approved the minutes of the regular meeting of March 1, 2017. Deferred approval of minutes of December 7, 2016 and January 4, 2017 to next schedule meeting.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. Los Alamitos Spring Carnival featuring the Egg Hunt

Megan Shimada, Recreation Coordinator, provided an overview of the Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department's annual Spring Carnival at Little Cottonwood Park on Saturday, April 15, 2017. The carnival will feature the popular egg hunt, vendor booths, food vendors, carnival games, bounce houses, arts and crafts, and a photo area with Peter Rabbit.

Parks Recreation and Cultural Arts (PRCA) Commissioners are invited to participate in this year's event. Chair Carvajal volunteered to be this year's Spring Carnival Emcee and Commissioner Doby volunteered to start the Egg Hunt and hand out awards to the finders of the Golden Egg.

B. Race on the Base 2017

Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager, provided pertinent information on the City's largest special event, Southland Credit Union Los Alamitos Race on the Base (ROTB). This year was the 36th annual event included the Reverse Triathlon, Jr. Reverse Triathlon, 10K Run, Honoring Our Fallen 5K Run/Walk with new Virtual 5K, 10K Wheelchair Race and the newly expanded Glow in the Dark Fun Run. The event also featured a sublimated technical short-sleeved shirt for all participants and volunteers, post race food, a two-day Health & Fitness Vendor Expo sponsored by the Long Beach Memorial, Community Hospital Long Beach, Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach, free race clinics, and traditional dog tag finisher medals.

An update was provided on sponsors, volunteers, registration, vendor expo, charity campaign and recommendations on how to improve the 2018 ROTB event. The winners of the 2017 Race on the Base Council & Commission Participation Challenge goes to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with the largest number and highest percentage attending the event.

C. Los Alamitos Aquatics Programming

Recreation and Community Services Director Corey Lakin provided the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission an overview of the Los Alamitos Aquatics Program over the last few years. At the March 20, 2017 Special Meeting of the City Council, the Los Alamitos City Council instructed staff to continue operating an aquatics program through the summer and requested the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission provide their insight into the future of the aquatics program. Several options were provided that include continuing the program, eliminating the program, altering the program by eliminating some offerings and/or times of the year certain programs are offered, or contracting some or all of the services through another organization or business.

Chair Carvajal recommended this item to be deferred to next month's meeting for community input and further discussion. Staff was instructed to provide additional resources and information on the Aquatics Program, other organizations, businesses, and individuals to determine the best course of action to recommend to the City Council for consideration. Motioned/Second: Chair Carvajal/Commissioner Jorge, all in favor.

D. Off Leash Area at Little Cottonwood Park

Recreation and Community Services Director Corey Lakin provided the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission an overview of what it might take to place an off leash area/dog park at Little Cottonwood Park. At the January 17, 2017 Council Meeting, City Council requested Staff to have the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission discuss and provide a report on the possibility of having an off leash dog park at Little Cottonwood Park.

Chair Carvajal recommended this agenda item be deferred to a later date for further discussion and community input and instructed staff to explore a possibility of a small dog pocket park at Little Cottonwood Park. Motioned/Second: Chair Carvajal/Commissioner Jorge, all in favor.

8. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Recreation and Community Services Director Corey Lakin provided an update on Coyote Creek Bike Trail and will provide a date for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at a future meeting. Thanked the PR&CA Commission and all those who attended the dedication of Orville R. Lewis Park Playground and provided an update on the resurfacing of Little Cottonwood Park. The cleaning and polishing the Memorial Sundial located at City Hall will be completed next month in preparation for a rededication of the Sundial prior to the City Council Meeting on Monday, May 15, 2017.

Recreation Manager Emeline Noda reminded the PR&CA Commission of April 17, 2017 City Council Meeting recognizing race sponsors and presentation of plaque for the winners of ROTB Council & Commission Participation Challenge. This year Spring Camp will be the week of April 17-21, 2017 and announced that the social media card is being finalized to be available at next meeting.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hill attended the Orville R. Lewis Park Playground Dedication, said it was fantastic and everyone was happy.

Commissioner Doby, was not able to attend the Orville R. Lewis Park Playground Dedication but will be having a future play date at that location and very excited.

Commissioner Olveda attended the Orville R. Lewis Park Playground Dedication and was very pleased with all the personal touches such as the little planes, cookies and glider over head.

Commissioner Jorge, attended the Orville R. Lewis Park Playground Dedication and was very pleased with the attendance and thanked staff for such a wonderful job on this event. Commissioner Jorge would like the community to come together from this point forward and look for opportunities to come together and voice our concerns with the JFTB relating to community events at the base.

Commissioner Chirco, attended the Orville R. Lewis Park Playground Dedication and received positive feedback from his neighbors about the event and the playground.

Chair Carvajal attended the Orville R. Lewis Park Playground Dedication and was very please on how quickly this project was completed and expressed how staff continues to amaze him with all that they do, with the size of the staff, the challenges they face and expressed his appreciation for their dedication.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission adjourned at 10:06 p.m.



Pete Carvajal, Chair

Attest: 

Corey Lakin, Director
Recreation & Community Services Department