

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

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, May 3, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 7:06 p.m., Wednesday, May 3, 2017, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Ave., Vice Chair Estrada presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commission Members: Carvajal

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Estrada led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Chair Estrada opened Oral Communications.

Janice Akins, City of Los Alamitos Employee, Fitness in Swimming (FINS) Instructor, Nonresident

McKenzie Ricks, Former City of Los Alamitos City Employee, Private Lessons Participant, Resident

Sheryl Beard, FINS participant, Nonresident

Kathleen Gonzalez, FINS Participant, Nonresident

Sandra Field, FINS participant, Resident

Thomas Heydorff, FINS participant, Resident

Speakers provided their experience and involvement with the City of Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Programs offered at the Joint Forces Training Base. All of these individuals commented about their experiences in both the FINS and Private Lessons programs offered through the City and expressed the importance of preserving these programs and expressed how essential and valuable they are to the community.

Vice Chair Estrada thanks all those present at commission meeting for their attendance and comments to the commission about the existing aquatics programs offered by the City of Los Alamitos. Vice Chair Estrada closed Oral Communications.

5. MINUTES

Motion/Second: Jorge/Olveda - January 4, 2017

Motion/Second: Estrada/Chirco - April 5, 2017

Unanimously Carried: The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission approved the minutes of the regular meeting of January 4, 2017 and April 5, 2017. Deferred approval of minutes of December 7, 2016 to next schedule meeting.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Los Alamitos Aquatics Program Discussion

Recreation and Community Services Director Corey Lakin provided an overview to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission of the Aquatics Program progression over the last few years and options on how to proceed with the program. At April 5, 2017, PR&CA Commission meeting, staff was asked to bring the items back with additional information with regards to other local aquatics offerings and notify past aquatics participants about the topic up for discussion in May.

Offering water safety programs and classes as well as aquatic-based fitness programs is an important component and a core service the Recreation and Community Services Department would like to offer with the price remaining competitive, but affordable. Several options were made available for how to proceed with the City's Aquatics Programs: first option was to eliminate the program; second to continue offering the City-operated aquatics programs with the same or modified offerings; third option was to continue offering an aquatics program, but with a contracted instructor/organization.

After lengthy discussions, Commissioner Jorge motioned to recommend to the City Council that the City negotiate a deal with the Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) Morale Welfare & Recreation (MWR) to undertake services favorable to the City. If this cannot be achieved, continue offering these aquatic programs. Olveda/Second. All voted in favor.

7. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Recreation and Community Services Director Corey Lakin thanked all the of the individuals that attended tonight's meeting to discuss aquatic programs offered the City of Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department.

Recreation and Community Services Director Corey Lakin thanked all Commissioners who attended Spring Carnival and invited the PR&CA Commission to attend a Mother/Son and Father/Daughter Dance on May 12, 2017 at the Community Center, Hollywood Glam Senior Prom on Saturday May 13, 2017 and Veterans Memorial Sundial Rededication prior to the City Council Meeting on Monday, May 15, 2017.

Recreation Manager Ron Noda thank all the PR&CA Commissioners who attended California Parks and Recreation Society District 10 awards and installation banquet on Thursday, April 20, 2017 in Garden Grove. Announced Community Choice selection for Music and Movies event at Laurel Park on August 5, 2017 as Moana.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Jorge, provided an update on the waiver coming from Virginia: General Lathrop wrote a letter recognizing that we get a new waiver and General Baldwin who is in charge of all California and wrote a personal recommendation where he supports the City events and Wings, Wheels, and Rotors, along with United States Representative Alan Lowenthal, Assemblyman Travis Allen and our Mayor.

Commissioner Doby attended the Spring Carnival and said that it was a wonderful event.

Commissioner Chirco attended the Spring Carnival with his children along with family members and said that they all enjoyed the event.


10. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Attest:



Corey Lakin, Director
Recreation & Community Services Department



Judy Estrada, Vice Chair