

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

SPECIAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY, December 7, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 7, 2016, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Ave., Chair Wilson presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commission Members: Bell, Carvajal, Decker, Estrada, Jempsa, Jorge, Wilson
Staff: Corey Lakin, Recreation & Community Svcs. Dir.
Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager
Tony Brandyberry, Superintendent, Public Works

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Wilson opened Oral Communications.

Mark Chirco introduced himself to the Parks Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission as a new incoming commissioner.

The PR&CA Commission welcomed new the commissioner, Chair Wilson closed Oral Communications.

5. MINUTES

Motion/Second: Carvajal/Decker

Unanimously Carried: The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission approved the minutes of the regular meeting of November 2, 2016.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Quarterly Park Maintenance Update

Public Services Superintendent Tony Brandyberry provided a quarterly update on all maintenance activities under the purview of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission for fourth quarter of 2016. The intent of the update is to inform the Commission on previous maintenance, repairs, future repairs, and any changes in regulations pertaining to parks, sports fields, or playgrounds. 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.

B. Race on the Base 2017

Recreation Manager Emeline Noda provided the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission with pertinent information on the 36th Annual Southland Credit Union Los Alamitos Race on the Base (ROTB). This is the City's largest special event and draws thousands of people to Los Alamitos and the Joint Forces Training Base. Our goal is to create a sustainable event, provide a positive image of the City of Los Alamitos and the Joint Forces Training Base by creating a memorable community event for all participants, sponsors, vendors, volunteers, and spectators.

Registration for ROTB is currently at the same level as last year at this time, although registration was down slightly last year compared to previous years. Several local races are also experiencing lower registrations due to many competing events, making it difficult for runners to choose an event.

This year's campaign includes Community Charity Partners and Official Charity Partners. Honoring Our Fallen and Rock For Vets are fundraising for their causes by participating in the event and increasing awareness. Official Charity Honoring Our Fallen has partnered this year with ROTB for the Honoring Our Fallen 5K Run/Walk to Remember in honor of fallen soldiers. There is also an Honoring Our Fallen Virtual 5K Run/Walk to Remember that allows participation all over the world.

Staff promotes Race on the Base with a contest to kick off registration, Facebook and Twitter posts, email blasts and staff begins to attend different racing events throughout the region leading up to the Race. Staff is continuously evaluating ways to keep fresh and up to date on current trends. This year staff has an expanded Glow in the Dark Fun Run presented by Southland Credit Union which now includes all ages, a Glow in the Dark Costume Contest and Family Pricing Package and a longer distance option of ½ mile of 1 mile.

Post race food will be distributed at the finish line again to avoid long lines after their event. A large Registration and Vendor Expo Tent will be adjacent to the Start and Finish Line. Long Beach Memorial, Miller Children's & Women's Hospital of Long Beach and Community Hospital of Long Beach is sponsoring the expanded expo, helping participants meet local medical, wellness and health-related businesses and organizations.

Parking will be handled by City staff, volunteers from the Civil Air Patrol and contracted parking personnel from 24/7 Event Services to maximize efficiency. The majority of parking for vendors, volunteers, participants, and spectators will be on the tarmac. Placing the Expo Tent off of the airfield also enables more cars to park on the tarmac. Traffic into and out of the base will be through both the Lexington and Orangewood gates.

Staff provided samples of both the participants camouflage short sleeve and glow run long sleeve t- shirts and announced toddler shirts will to be offered for the first time at this year's event. Staff also provided a sample design of the 3rd evolution of the OC California Race Series medal.

7. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Recreation and Community Services Director Corey Lakin thanked the commission for coming to the Holiday Commission Dinner on December 6. A special thank to those of you not

returning next month, it has been a pleasure to with each of you and appreciate your service. It has been an honor to work with all of the commissioners this past year.

Recreation Manager Emeline Noda reminded the commission that the Holiday Decorating Contest judging will take place next week and if anyone is interested in judging please let us know tonight.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commission Jempsa thanked staff for those who planned the Holiday Commissioner Dinner event and as her and her husband were very pleased with the event.

Commissioner Bell expressed how pleased he was for having served on the commission and also thanked staff for work on the Veterans Memorial Sundial and Weekend of Art.

Commissioner Estrada was not able to attend Winter Wonderland, but her family was able to join in the festivities and received great reviews from her neighbors.

Commissioner Carvajal thanked the commission for being awesome to serve the community. The Commission is among the best that he has served with, having looked at things in a different and positive way and challenging staff and Council to improve. We are going to miss a lot of you and those of staying will continue to search for new and better ways of doing things and looks forward to serving with the new commissioners.

Commissioner Jorge also thanked both staff and the commission for participating and serving our community. He enjoyed volunteering at the snow area and looks forward to it next year. Commissioner Jorge provided an update on Wings Wheels and Rotors and thanked everyone that attended as they plan on expanding on this event next year.

Vice Chair Decker thanked staff for the Holiday Commissioner Dinner and attended the Winter Wonderland, volunteering at the slide area and also agreed to judge the holiday decorating contest! Commissioner Decker thanked everyone for allowing her to serve on the commission the past two years and plans on attending future event.

Chair Wilson, enjoyed the Holiday Commissioner Dinner and attended Winter Wonderland where he was introduced as Councilmember Elect. He thanked the commission for their support and looks forward to working with the Commission.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Pete Carvajal, Chair

Attest:



Corey Lakin, Director
Recreation & Community Services Department