

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

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, January 8, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 8, 2014, in the Community Center, 10911 Oak Street., Chair Carvajal presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commission Members: Carvajal, DeWitt, Landon, Lindsey, Manning, Matsubara

Absent: Commission Members: Singer

Present: Staff: Corey Lakin, Recreation & Community Svcs. Director
Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager
Ron Noda, Recreation Manager
Tony Brandyberry, Public Services Superintendent
John Eclevia, Los Alamitos Unified School District
Darlene Pawling, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. INSTALLATION OF NEW COMMISSIONER

Thomas Lindsey was installed as a Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commissioner and he gave a brief summary of his background.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

6. MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner DeWitt, seconded by Commissioner Matsubara, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2013.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. LAHS Track Modernization Project

John Eclevia from the Los Alamitos School District provided the Commission with a handout and a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the Los Alamitos High School Track Modernization Project. The Los Alamitos Unified School District, with the use of Measure K funding, and in cooperation with the LAHS Track and Field Booster Club and Our Los Al, officially opened the John Barns Field on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. The field is open to LAHS sports and school activities with some items still yet to be determined.

B. McAuliffe Field and Facility Use and Maintenance Plan

Staff provided the Commission with an overview on McAuliffe Field use and maintenance in 2014 due to the closure of Oak Field. The City and the School District share the use of McAuliffe Field. The City is responsible for maintenance of field #1 and field #2 while the School District maintains the track and field #3. The City allocates the use of fields from 4:00pm on while the School District utilizes the field before 4:00pm. Staff provided the Commission with important information regarding winter rehab, fertigation and mitigation plan regarding the McAuliffe Field.

C. Park Recommendations

Staff provided the Commission with pertinent information regarding the park recommendations for Laurel Park and the small grass area near the corner of Bloomfield and Cerritos.

Staff provided costs associated with replacing the trash bins located at Laurel Park along with County regulations that need to be followed, and informed that funding is not available at this time. The current rolling trash cans at Laurel Park are provided free of charge by Consolidated Disposal Service and are rolled into the parking lot once each week by Public Works staff and picked up by the CDS truck and then returned to their locations by staff.

Staff provided costs and additional requirements to consider regarding a "Parklet" at the corner of Bloomfield Ave. and Cerritos Ave. Also due to location being in a residential neighborhood outside the front doors of residents, they should be taken into account prior to any construction at that site. There is no money set aside for this project at this time.

D. Coyote Creek Park Construction Update

The City is constructing a low impact recreation parkway area in the SCE (Southern California Edison) right-of-way along the Coyote Creek, behind Oak Middle School and the mobile home park through a grant from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) in the amount of \$1,440,000. The project is nearing completion and is expected to be complete in early 2014.

Staff provided a power point presentation with information including background, map, planting and vegetation, walking paths, curbs, irrigation, seating areas and trash receptacles. Staff informed that Coyote Creek is currently being used by locals.

8. ITEMS OF INTEREST

None

9. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Staff provided the Commission with an update on the Race on the Base. At this time race registrations are up by 200 from last year. Late registration fees take effect

February 10th thru February 14th. Registration totals last year was 4,151 and the hope is to have 4,500 this year. Staff asked the Commissioners to please post the Race on the Base link to their social media and encourage people to register before February 10th, become a volunteer, a vendor, or become a sponsor.

Staff requested the Commissioners to volunteer or participate at the Race on the Base.

Staff informed the Commission that the 2nd Annual Winter Wonderland event on December 7th was very successful. This event more than doubled in attendance from last year and feedback was very positive.

Staff informed the Commission that the Recreation Department has recently lost two part-time Coordinators. The Recreation Department has reorganized by filling these positions with current part-time coordinators to help expand their education and experience. Due to this reorganization, the Recreation Department is now hiring a new Community Services Coordinator for Aquatics.

10. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner DeWitt announced that St. Isidore is having a fundraiser Casino Night on Saturday, February 8th.

Chair Carvajal thanked Tony Brandyberry for all of his efforts regarding fields and parks information.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Lindsey, seconded by Chair Carvajal and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Wednesday, February 5, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Corey Lakin, Director
Recreation & Community Services Department