

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

SPECIAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 7:10 p.m., Wednesday, August 1, 2018, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Ave., Chair Doby presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commission Members: Crans, Doby, Duran, Hunter, Murphy, Olveda

Absent: Commission Members: Hill

Present: Staff: Ron Noda, Recreation Manager
Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Doby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. INSTALLATION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

Recreation Manager Emeline Noda gave the Oath of Allegiance and installed Jonathan D. Crans as Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts (PR&CA) Commissioner.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATION

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

6. MINUTES

Motion/Second: Olveda/Hunter – June 6, 2018.

Motion/Second: Duran/Olveda – July 11, 2018.

Motion Carried: The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission approved the Regular Meeting of June 6, 2018 and Special Meeting of July 11, 2018 as written.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. 2018 Park/Facility Tour

Recreation Manager Ron Noda provided the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission with a tour of various parks and facilities the City manages, owns and programs. The tour provided commissioners the opportunity to become familiar with amenities at each site. The PR&CA Commission visited Orville R., Lewis, Sterns, Little Cottonwood Park, Labourdette Park, Soroptimist Park, Stansbury Park, Coyote Creek Trail and Bikeway, Oak Middle School, Roberts Park, and the Youth Center.

The PR&CA Commission requested staff to provide an update on the following items at a future meeting:

- Request Public Works staff to remove kite ribbon in tree at Sterns Park.
- Request staff to add a decorative, separating divider and a third railing to the fence that separates the basketball courts and parking lot at Little Cottonwood Park.
- Request staff to research exercise equipment placement throughout Little Cottonwood Park.
- Request Public Works to power wash Soroptimist Park playground equipment from bird droppings. The Commission also requested background/information on the naming of this facility.
- Request to remove graffiti from Stansbury Park play equipment.
- Chair Doby requested staff to research golf classes at the Navy Golf Course and offer Track and Field programs for younger children than currently offered.

8. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager

- Mrs. Noda announced exciting information on the only Escape Rooms in the City of Los Alamitos that will be offered at the Community Center. The Escape Room provides an interactive experience for small groups of family, friends, or coworkers during the months of October and November. A minimum age of 14 is recommended for "The Living Dead Lab" while all ages are welcome in the "Kidnap Mystery" room as this room is more family friendly. Parental/guardian supervision of all minors is required for both Escape Rooms. To book your adventure please contact the Community Center; bookings are available on Fridays, Saturday, and Sundays from 5-10 PM.
- The City of Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department is having its annual Toy Drive of new and unwrapped toys at the Community Center and Winter Wonderland event on December 1, 2018. Drop off deadline at Community Center is December 5, 2018.

Ron Noda, Recreation Manager

- Announced the 7th annual Trunk or Treat event at Little Cottonwood Park on October 27, 2018. This year we will not be offering the treasure hunt as this candy will be used to supplement the demand for trunk participants to hand out.
- The City held its second interview with the Development Services Director candidate today and will provide an update at the next schedule commission meeting.
- In the fall, we will be offering a new 7-week After School sports program (soccer and basketball) at the Los Alamitos Unified School sites to keep children active and engaged in a fun, safe and positive group environment at a low cost. We will also be offering a 10-week Coed Youth Volleyball at the elementary and middle school sites beginning later this month. For the winter season, we will offer Coed Basketball and Song Team programs at the elementary and middle school sites.
- We are looking into offering Drivers Training class through our recreation programs.

- Provided an update on the status of Labourdette Park and Playground Equipment.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No items to report

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission adjourned at 8:23 p.m.
Motion/Second: Hunter/Duran.

Attest:



Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager
Recreation & Community Services Department



Tanya Doby, Ghair