

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

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 7:01 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2019, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Ave., Chair Olveda presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commission Members: Crans, Doby, Duran, Hill, Olveda

Absent: Commission Members: Hunter, Murphy

Present: Staff: Ron Noda, Recreation Manager
Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager
Megan Shimada, Recreation Supervisor
Trini Zenovka, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Olveda the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Olveda opened Oral Communications. Mr. Justin Ramsay, Landscape Architecture Major student from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona thanked the Parks Recreation and Cultural Arts (PR&CA) Commission in sharing a vision integrating arts in the community by providing The Weekend of Art in Los Alamitos annually. Mr. Ramsay recommended having the prize winner's art displayed at local businesses storefronts throughout the community.

City staff thanked Mr. Justin Ramsay for his participation last year at the Weekend of Art event, as he was one of many prize winners. Megan Shimada, Recreation Supervisor invited Mr. Ramsay to provide an art demonstration, where as Mr. Ramsay consented to provide live canvas painting on the second day of Weekend of Art event. Chair Olveda thanked Mr. Ramsay on behalf of the PR&CA Commission and closed Oral Communications.

5. MINUTES

Motion/Second: None

Abstain: Duran/Hill – February 6, 2019, Hunter/Murphy March 6, 2019

Motion Carried: The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission deferred approval of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2019 to the next scheduled meeting due to lack of quorum.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Preview of Spring Carnival

Recreation Supervisor, Megan Shimada provided the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission with a preview of the 2019 Spring Carnival. The Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department will be hosting the MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach Spring Carnival presented by AYSO Region 159 at Little Cottonwood Park on Saturday, April 20, 2019. Spring Carnival is one of the many events in which the Recreation Staff coordinate to instill "Quality of Life" directly into the Los Alamitos community by bringing the community together, creating long lasting family memories, and allowing local businesses and nonprofits to be connected to residents. Approximately 2,500 people attend the annual Spring Carnival.

The Spring Carnival will have eggs hunt areas divided according to ages. In each hunt area, a Golden Egg will be hidden and a special prize will be given to the child who finds it. Other activities available includes carnival game booths, face painting, balloon twisting, live entertainment by the band Sugar Lips, a photo area with Peter Rabbit, family games, inflatables, vendors and food trucks.

PR&CA commissioners are encouraged to participate in the Spring Carnival announcement ceremonies and invite family, friends, neighbors and coworkers to the annual event. Commissioner's duties include being the emcee for the event, and awarding prizes to the winners and announce the start of the three egg hunt areas. Chair Olveda and Vice Chair Duran volunteered to assist with commissioner duties for the Spring Carnival.

B. California Park & Recreation Society District 10 Volunteer Merit Award Nominee(s)

Recreation Manager, Ron Noda provided the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission with an opportunity to consider nominees for the 2019 California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS) District 10 Volunteer Merit Award.

The California and Recreation Society (CPRS) District 10 will host their Awards and Installation Banquet on Thursday, April 4, 2019 in the Community of Laguna Woods. The awards program recognizes and honors individuals and organizations who have contributed to the recreation profession and the quality of life within CPRS District 10. Each year the City of Los Alamitos nominates an individual and/or an organization to receive the Volunteer Merit Award. Nominations were taken from individual Commissioners and voted the following.

- Joint Forces Training Base – Motion/Second: Hill/Duran for organization.
- Sherry Kropp, Los Alamitos Unified School District Superintendent
Motion/Second: Duran/ Doby for individual.

The PR&CA Commission recommended the following recommendations tabled and be considered for next year's CPRS 2020 Volunteer Merit Award:

- Marilyn Poe
- Grateful Hearts
- Republic Services

C. Recreation Department Offering Part II

Recreation Manager, Emeline Noda provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with an opportunity to brainstorm part II future program offering for the Recreation and Community Services Department. The Recreation and Community Services Department "Creates Quality of Life" for community members through health, safety, community, family and education. Staff will incorporate the PR&CA Commission's recommendations into the Recreation and Community Services Department sustainability plan in providing the community with desirable programs.

7. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager

- Thanked all the PR&CA Commissioners who participated in the Race on the Base Commissioner Challenge. The recognition of the winning Commission will be awarded a plaque at the April 15, 2019 City Council Meeting.
- Announced Donation, Back Park and Serve LosAl Drives where the City of Los Alamitos collaborates with the Los Alamitos non-profits in the community on Citywide volunteer service event: "Serve Los Al" scheduled for June 21st and 22nd. Over 200 volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of service projects around the City at several of the non-profit locations and City parks and facilities.

Megan Shimada, Recreation Supervisor

- Announced that staff received 153 applications for Weekend of Art Event on March 22-23, 2019. Mrs. Shimada also requested for two judges from the PR&CA Commission for this event (Commissioner Murphy volunteered in February, Commissioner Doby and Chair Olveda volunteered for Friday, Commissioner Hill for Saturday and Vice Chair Duran volunteered for both days).
- Announced that a new pet element will be added to the Serve LosAl event for fleece donations being accepted now through June 21st.
- Announced that Spring Carnival will be held on April 20, 2019 at Little Cottonwood Park. Commissioners will also be requested to volunteer at the event and a future email will be sent in regards to this.
- Announced that the Recreation & Community Services Department is currently hiring and request that the Commissioners share this with family and friends who might be interested in employment.

Ron Noda, Recreation Manager

- Informed the PR&CA Commissioners that preparations for the annual 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular has begun.
- Announced that the Recreation & Community Services Department will be presenting to City Council the Department's Fiscal Sustainability Plan on Monday, March 18, 2019 at the Council Chambers.
- We are pleased to announce our newest "Creating Quality of Life" partner: MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach.

- We are pleased to announce that Chang Orthodontics has agreed on a three year extension as the Youth Sports Sponsor.
- We are currently working on Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) to include Little Cottonwood blacktop resurfacing and Community Center doors ADA compliant and replace roof.
- Announced a free demo day for pickleball at the Laurel Park Tennis Courts on March 16th from 10am-12pm.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Crans

- Nothing to report.

Commissioner Doby

- Volunteered to be a judge for Race on the Base Glow in the Dark Whimsical Run, Friday, February 22, 2019. Recommended for staff to sell large lighted butterfly wings to generate revenue at next year's event.

Vice Chair Duran

- Thanked staff for Race on the Base Event.

Commissioner Hill

- Thanked staff for Race on the Base Event, both he and his daughter participated in the 5K events.

Chair Olveda

- Thanked staff for having dignitaries from State Assembly and Senator Office present at Race on the Base event.
- Requested an update on the Labourdette Park project.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission adjourned at 9:14 p.m.
Motion/Second: Duran/Doby.

Attest:



Steven Olveda, Chair



Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager
Recreation & Community Services Department