

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

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, May 1, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 7:01 p.m., Wednesday, May 1, 2019, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Ave., Chair Olveda presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commission Members: Duran

Present: Staff:
Ron Noda, Recreation Manager
Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager
Les Johnson Development Services Director
Trini Zenovka, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

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

5. MINUTES

Motion/Second: Doby/Murphy - February 6, 2019, Doby/Hill – March 6, 2019

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

Motion Carried: The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission approved the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2019 and March 6, 2019.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Facility and Park Maintenance Update

Recreation Manager Ron Noda provided the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission with a biannual update on facility and park maintenance. 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. Development Services Director Les Johnson, was present to introduce himself to the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission and to answer any questions they might have.

B. Proposition 68

Recreation Manager, Ron Noda provided the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission with information on California Proposition 68 - the Parks, Environment, and Water Bond. The General Election vote supported the measure to authorize \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for state and local parks, environmental protection projects, water infrastructure projects, and flood protection projects. Staff is seeking recommendations from the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission on how they would like to utilize the money if the City of Los Alamitos was awarded any funding.

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission initially voted on utilizing the potential funding, if received, on enhancements to the Community Center. Staff is seeking alternative direction from the PR&CA Commission for alternative recommendations as current discussion of plans for a potential new Civic Center including the Community Center has been discussed. The PR&CA Commission voted and recommended the following (Motion/Second: Doby/Hunter):

- Re-surfacing of the Laurel Park Tennis Courts (including a Pickleball Court)
- Labourdette Park Project
- Renovation of the Little Cottonwood Softball Diamond

The PR&CA Commission requested staff a report listing the Recreation CIP List for 2019-2020 at the next scheduled meeting.

C. Race on the Base 2019

Recreation Manager Emeline Noda provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with an update of the Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department 2019 Race on the Base. The Los Alamitos Race on the Base is the City's largest special event and draws thousands of people to Los Alamitos. Race on the Base events include the popular 95.9 The Fish Reverse Triathlon, Jr. Reverse Triathlon, 10K Run, Honoring Our Fallen 5K Run/Walk with the Virtual 5K, 10K Wheelchair Race, and the popular Southland Credit Union Glow in the Dark Whimsical Fun Run. This year was the 38th annual event featuring military static displays with live music throughout the course, post-race food, a two-day Health & Fitness Vendor Expo, free race clinics, and newly designed traditional finisher medals and sublimated shirts that had a patriotic theme.

Sponsors play a significant role in the Race on the Base, not only financially, but also by helping to spread the word about the event to the patrons who frequent their businesses. The final amount in cash received and in in-kind sponsorships decreased due to Southland Credit Union's vacancy of title sponsorship.

Staff will add the following recommendations to the 2020 ROTB Event:

1. Submit Forms to State for Military Static Displays in April/May
2. Solicit static displays once approval is received
3. See about working with a race car group for static displays to attract a different crowd in addition to current participants

The winners of the 2019 Race on the Base Council & Commission Participation Challenge was awarded to Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with the Largest Number Attending the event of six Commissioners and Highest Percentage of Participation at 85%. A plaque was presented to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission at the April 15, 2019 City Council Meeting.

7. **ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Ron Noda, Recreation Manager

- Thanked our newest "Creating Quality of Life" partner MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach and AYSO 150 of Los Alamitos for their partnership with Spring Carnival on April 20, 2019. He acknowledged those on the PR&CA Commission who attended as well as our staff: Recreation Supervisor - Megan Shimada, Recreation Coordinator - Steve Kim, Recreation Specialist - Samantha Kenny, Senior Recreation Leader - Samantha Todini and the rest of the recreation staff for organizing and working a great community event for all to enjoy.
- Encouraged the PR&CA Commission to invite all of their coworkers, friends and neighbors to the Recreation & Community Services Department's summer programs, camps, and events. The focus of the Department this summer is to improve all programs, camps, and events and the improvements that have been implemented will excite the community.

Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager

- Announced Donation Drives, Backpack, Fleece for Serve Los Al. The City of Los Alamitos collaborates with the Los Alamitos nonprofits on the Citywide volunteer service event "Serve Los Al" scheduled for June 21 and 22, 2019. Over 200 volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of service projects around the City, at several of the nonprofit locations, and City parks and facilities. We invite the PR&CA Commission to spread the word to encourage people to sign up for "Serve Los Al".
- The City of Los Alamitos collaborated with HomeAid Essentials to host a Diapers and Wipes and local nonprofit Paper Goods Donation Drive. Mrs. Noda invited the community to join the City of Los Alamitos in this community-wide effort. Collections will be accepted Monday through Friday 7:30am to 5:30pm at the Los Alamitos Community Center through Wednesday, May 8th.
- Senior Prom's Enchanted Forest will take place on Saturday, May 11, 2019 for Ages 50+ at the Los Alamitos Community Center. Tickets are currently on sale at the Community Center.

8. **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Doby

- Nothing to report

Commissioner Hunter

- Nothing to report.

Commissioner Crans

- Nothing to report

Commission Hill

- Nothing to Report.

Commissioner Murphy

- Commissioner Murphy encouraged staff to continue to build relationship with incoming Los Alamitos Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Andrew Pulver.

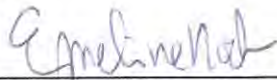
Chair Olveda

- Chair Olveda was very pleased to see Vice-Chair Duran along with Superintendent Dr. Sherry Kropp and Council member Shelley Hasselbrink on the cover of Wednesday, April 24, 2019 Event-News Enterprise titled "New Era begins for Los Al Unified".

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission adjourned at 9:01 p.m.
Motion/Second: Commissioners Doby/Murphy.

Attest:



Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager
Recreation & Community Services Department



Steven Olveda, Chair