



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
City Hall Council Chambers
Wednesday, February 6, 2013

MINUTES

Chairperson Jimmy Mendoza called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Richard Legaretta

1. ROLL CALL

Attendance: Shiela Archuleta, Jennie Carlos, Fred Earl, Sally Gaitan, Richard Legaretta, Andrea Lopez, Jessie Mendoza, Jimmy Mendoza, Angie Miranda, Arcelia Miranda, Raul Miranda, Vaib Narang, Brandy Ordway-Roach, John Salgado, Mark Scoggins, Linda Short, and Luigi Trujillo

Absent: Ken Arnold, Jose Avila, Miguel Estevez, David Gonzales, Bernie Landin, Frank Leader, and Janet Rock

Staff: William Rounds, Council Liaison
Carole Joseph, Executive Secretary
Michelle Smith, Parks and Recreation Supervisor

Guests: Jonathan Passafiume

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Arcelia Miranda and seconded by John Salgado to approve the Minutes of January 9, 2013. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember William Rounds reported a Health Fair was held at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center (GVNC) on Saturday, January 26. Various service organizations were present and shared information with all who attended. This was the second opening of the GVNC. The actual dedication of the GVNC occurred in November. Both events were well attended. He shared that the facility is beautiful and he looks forward to hosting functions at the center. Bill suggested the possibility of committee meetings being held there in the future.

Mr. Rounds stated that The Clarke Estate is undergoing ground improvements with the installation of artificial turf. The replacement of artificial turf is cost effective as it

will reduce maintenance and allow the Estate additional time to be available to the public. Bids will also go out to replace the carpeting of the facility. The funds secured by County Supervisor Don Knabe were able to cover the cost of the artificial turf, carpet replacement and storage areas. The repair of the decking took place last year. The Clarke Estate is the City's largest revenue source as it is reserved continuously throughout the rental season on Friday's, Saturday's and Sunday's.

Councilmember Rounds mentioned that he has received positive feedback in relation to the newly opened 7/11 store at Telegraph Road and Painter Avenue.

The children from the Family Center Child Care Program have been relocated to the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center modules temporarily. The City is looking into screening a secure play area, as well as addressing concerns related to security system and security measures. In addition, the City will be looking at other alternatives to house the Child Care Program in the future.

Mr. Rounds noted that the "Cannonball" bronze sculpture located in front of the Aquatic Center was stolen on Saturday. Also, there have been several reports of copper wire being stolen throughout the City. Carole stated that it has occurred at Jersey Fields and at Lake Center Park.

Brandy inquired regarding the Villages Home Development. Councilmember Rounds indicated that at the last City Council meeting, homeowners appealed the Planning Commission's decision to allow for the developer to build rental properties. In a majority vote, the City Council ratified the Planning Commission's decision allowing the condominiums to be built and rented out.

Brandy also inquired if the playground equipment from the Family Center will be relocated to the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. Carole mentioned that there have been discussions in reference as to which equipment could be moved there and installed safely. At this time, however, she has no further information.

Councilmember Rounds reported that there is a decline in graffiti within the City of Santa Fe Springs. He asked if anyone has noticed any graffiti in the community. Brandy reported tagging at park benches and picnic area at Los Nietos Park. Lynda also reported that she deals with graffiti almost on a daily basis on the sidewalks, trees, and handball courts at Lake Center School. Lynda mentioned Paul Brascia from Intervention is out every morning prior to school starting checking on graffiti on the handball courts. Discussion ensued regarding the waiting period once graffiti is reported as well as the lack of lighting at the north facing handball courts. Councilmember Rounds will recommend that an assessment be made of the area.

5. PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee reviewed the programs and projects.

Jimmy encourages the public to attend the Penny Carnival featuring carnival games hot dogs, soft drinks, and crafts. Carole noted that many people came last year, and she and staff are preparing for large crowds.

- Lincoln's Birthday Holiday – Monday February 11th, 2013– All parks open 12 – 5 p.m.
- President's Day Holiday – Monday, February 18th, 2013– All parks open 12 – 5p.m.
- President's Day Carnival – Monday, February 18th at Lakeview Park – 2 – 4:00 p.m.
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting on March 6, 2013

6. PROGRAM REVIEW

The Committee reviewed and discussed the programs.

Carole stated there are about forty *Hoopstar* players enrolled this year. Also, there are six teams in Division B basketball and four teams in Division C basketball. She encourages members to stop by the Activity Center and watch the children practice.

- Walk-in registration for residents began on Tuesday, January 8, 2013
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting on January 9, 2013
- Walk-in registration for non-residents began Tuesday, January 15, 2013
- Hoopstars "Clinic" – Kindergarten – 2nd grade, began Friday, January 18, 2013
- Martin Luther King Holiday – January 21, 2013 - Parks open 12 – 5 p.m.
- Youth Basketball Leagues began the week of January 28, 2013

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Donations for the Community Closet located at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center – Distribution list was given to each member of what is needed to fulfill the community needs. Donations may be made throughout the year.
- b. Christmas Float Sub-Committee Chairperson
Chairperson Jimmy Mendoza elected to reappoint Luigi Trujillo to serve as the Chairperson to the Parks and Recreation Sub-Committee. Luigi accepted to chair the Sub-committee and the election was unanimously carried.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Super Committee – Is a committee formed by all the respective Chairs of the various City committees who meet with the City Manager on a quarterly basis to discuss and share information amongst each other as to what is happening in the City. A list of all the City Committees and respective applications are available on the City's website. Chairperson Jimmy Mendoza will give an update at the next meeting.

- b. John Salgado discussed the idea of a creative partnership for events through the community. This could involve community outreach and volunteerism. John suggested a needs assessment directed and focused as to what we can provide as a city. (Carole stated that a needs assessment is her first objective for the Strategic planning team to determine what the community expects and needs.) John continued to emphasize his goal is to engage the community to work with staff through volunteerism. Working together we can streamline funding and establish goals and other opportunities.
- c. Carole highly recommends members to partake in volunteering and to share any ideas on how we can work closely with the Parks and Recreation Division. Mr. Rounds recommended members to bring their ideas and invite staff to give brief report at future meetings.
- d. Aquatic Center and Swim Team – Brandy inquired on the status of the Aquatic Center and swim team. Carole stated in the past the swim team program would run year round. However, this past summer the swim team ran according to the pool operation of two months. The City is preparing a Request for Proposal to outsource the Aquatic Center for an outside organization to manage and run the program. Carole will keep the members apprised.
- e. The Diamond - Carole is currently preparing the Request for Proposal to outsource the management of the facility. Carole will keep the members informed.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jennie Carlos announced that her mother turned 88 years old. Mr. Rounds advised Jennie that her mother can be acknowledged at a future City Council meeting.

Andrea Lopez thanked John Salgado for all his help on the Christmas float.

Jimmy Mendoza mentioned that the Santa Fe Springs Young Ambassadors will be hosting a pancake breakfast at the Easter festivities at Los Nietos Park on March 30 from 8:00 -11:00 a.m. Menu consists of pancakes, coffee, and sausage at a cost of \$4 per person or \$4.50 at the park location. Funds raised will help send students to Germany.

Raul Miranda congratulated his son who plays football for St. Paul H.S. and achieved all academics award. He also congratulated the Saints Cheer Team who were awarded 1st place at their Las Vegas competition.

Vaibhav Narang mentioned that he and his wife are expecting their first baby...very excited.

John Salgado noted that SPIRITT Family Services will be hosting their second youth conference, *Choices*, a Co-Ed Youth Conference for border-line at-risk students. This year's conference will be held at Rio Hondo College on March 15, 2013 from

8:30 – 1:30 p.m. Santa Fe High School will be sending twenty-five students. Other school participants include students from Norwalk, Pico Rivera, El Monte, and La Puente, as well as all of the Whittier Union School District will be attending.

Mark Scoggins stated that the Santa Fe Springs Playhouse is preparing its spring production of “Romeo and Juliet”. Also, an all youth production of the “Little Mermaid” will be held in July. The specific dates will follow once they have been determined. Mark will keep members apprised.

Lynda Short introduced her grandson, Jonathan who accompanied her at tonight’s meeting. She announced that spring break for Lake Center Middle School and elementary schools will begin on Friday, March 29 and continue April 1 – 5, 2013. Also, the Little Lake School District is in discussions regarding the school year start date. Lynda reminded members of Lincoln’s Birthday on February 11, President’s Day on February 18, and Valentine’s Day on February 14. Furthermore, she reminded everyone day-light savings begins on March 10. Lastly, there are 300 days until the float’s opening on December 7, 2013. She would like to adjourn tonight’s meeting in honor of Becky Mendez.

Luigi Trujillo thanked Jimmy Mendoza and committee for his nomination of Chairperson to the Parks and Recreation Christmas Float Sub-Committee.

Councilmember William Rounds announced that the Christmas Float recognition dinner has been postponed until March, due to conflict of schedules. Members will be advised. Also, Mr. Rounds reminded members that donations can be brought to City Hall and arrangements will be made to take items over to the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Lynda Short and seconded by Raul Miranda to adjourn the meeting in memory of Becky Mendez. The motion was carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, March 6, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Joseph
Executive Secretary

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