



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
City Hall Council Chambers
Wednesday, May 1, 2013

MINUTES

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Jimmy Mendez

1. ROLL CALL

Attendance: Ken Arnold, Jennie Carlos, Fred Earl, Miguel Estevez, Sally Gaitan, Bernie Landin, Richard Legaretta, Andrea Lopez, Jessie Mendoza, Jimmy Mendoza, Angie Miranda, Arcelia Miranda, Raul Miranda, Vaib Narang, Brandy Ordway-Roach, John Salgado, Mark Scoggins, and Linda Short

Absent: Shiela Archuleta, Frank Leader, Vaib Narange, Janet Rock (Excused), and Luigi Trujillo

Staff: William Rounds, Council Liaison
Carole Joseph, Executive Secretary
Teresa Clift, Administrative Clerk II

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Sally Gaitan and seconded by Arcelia Miranda to approve the Minutes of March 6, 2013. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Bernie Landin reported that on Tuesday he saw bile and broken glass at the entrance of restrooms located at the Athletic Fields. Carole will follow up with staff.

Sally Gaitan inquired why members of the Community Playhouse were not requested to participate in the Art Fest. Carole will follow up and call Sally.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember William Rounds announced that the City Council has begun reviewing the 2013/2014 budget. A town hall meeting was held with the community last month where the budget process was discussed and community questions were addressed. Mr. Rounds explained that several subcommittees comprised of staff and two councilmembers have been meeting to bring recommendations to the whole council for a vote. In addition, the City Council is reviewing the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) list. Currently, there is a total worth of \$170 million in CIP projects outstanding for consideration of which \$37 million worth of projects have been determined high priority. There are two funding sources, 1) bond funds - \$18 million is restricted to where previous redevelopment monies were allocated to; and 2) the

general fund - \$3 million towards projects of which the City Council will be identifying. The highest priority is the City Hall air conditioning unit and is estimated at \$1 million. Bids to design the unit will be accepted then a request for bids to replace the unit will be advertised.

Councilmember Rounds reported that the local economy is doing well. Sales tax and housing is increasing. The Villages housing development is underway and all 60 larger homes have been sold. Furthermore, Mr. Rounds anticipates the City having a balanced budget and no programs will be dropped. One example is the relocation of the Child Care Program, which is faring well at its new location at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center and will remain there for a year. City Council and staff will be looking at a future permanent location.

Mr. Rounds partook in the Al Sharp Memorial Scholarship award interview panel. The Sharp family has selected the winners.

Councilmember Rounds reported on the status of the Promenade Shopping Center. He and Councilmember González have met with management and requested to be kept apprised. He will also be attending an upcoming RECon (Real Estate Council of Shopping Centers) convention. An Auto Zone will be established on the east side of the property, a 99 Cents store is moving into the previous JAX market site and some vendors will remain at their current locations. Mr. Rounds will keep members apprised.

Lastly, Councilmember Rounds mentioned that he was impressed with a young man by the name of Tsunami of 12 years of age who made a presentation to the City Council regarding his Eagle Scout project consisting of establishing a butterfly garden at Heritage Park.

Bernie Landin inquired if the City receives any revenue from the existing oil wells. Mr. Rounds explained that the City receives tax per barrel; however, it is his understanding that the quantity being pumped is low at this time. The City is in negotiations in pumping the oil and if there is no agreement, the City may be able to put this issue on the November ballot for voters to determine if the City may impose a barrel tax to increase the revenue. Councilmember Rounds will keep members apprised.

5. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Art Fest 2013 - Carole reminded members that the City will be hosting an Art Fest exhibition on May 30 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Clarke Estate where 140 local artists will be showcasing their art pieces. Pre-selected artworks will be displayed at the Library during the month of June. Carole encouraged members to come and enjoy an evening of music, food, and culture.

Farmers Market – Carole announced the beginning of a farmers market at the Town Center Plaza every Thursday commencing on Thursday July 11 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Carole is working with a certified farmers market manager to help

establish the program. She hopes to attract the business community and residents. Carole encourages everyone to come.

Carole notified members that Recreation Supervisor Jeff Mahlstede is on leave for approximately 4-6 weeks. In the interim, any issues may be directed to Carole Joseph.

5. PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATE

The Committee reviewed the programs and projects.

- Soccer walk-in registration for residents begins May 1, 2013
- Memorial Day Holiday on May 27, 2013
- Resident walk-in registration for Recreational Classes & Day Camp begins June 4, 2013
- Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting on June 5, 2013
- Nonresident walk-in registration for Recreational Classes & Day Camp begins June 11, 2013

6. PROGRAM REVIEW

The Committee reviewed the programs.

- Easter Egg Hunt at Los Nietos Park was held on March 30, 2013 - @ 10 a.m.
- Spring Day Camp was offered April 1- 5, 2013 at Little Lake Park
- Recreation and Leisure classes began the week of April 1, 2013
- Children's Day – Heritage Park was held on Saturday, April 13, 2013 – 12 p.m.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

None.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Ad Hoc Committee – John Salgado reported that he is conducting some further research and will bring back his findings at the next meeting for discussion. This issue will be added to the June 5, 2013 agenda.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Aquatic Center - Carole announced that the City is interested in outsourcing the Aquatic Center and plans to open on June 17 for summer swim lessons. She is awaiting approval to contract with the City of La Mirada to manage the aquatics program. Also, the wading pools will be open at all parks for the summer.

Councilmember Rounds noted that this issue is scheduled for further discussion by City Council at their next meeting of May 9. Moreover, City wading pools do not meet ADA requirements of building a lift or ramp for access. The City Council is also looking into this topic as part of the CIP priority list. Restrooms at Lakeview Park will also be recommended for renovation under the CIP priority list.

Easter Egg Hunt – Carole shared with members issues that the Parks and Recreation staff confront with the 2 year old and under age group category and asked for any suggestions that may be implemented for next year's program.

Recommendations included having smaller groups, enclosing an area for children only with special prizes instead of a hunt, or eliminating the program for this age range.

Members commended staff on being well organized and doing a great job.

Councilmember Rounds thanked the Sister City Committee for the pancake breakfast. Jimmy stated that the breakfast was a success and sales were good.

Dog Park - Carole indicated that this project is on the CIP list. The City Council is considering an area at Santa Fe Springs Park. Carole is obtaining information from other cities. Some recommendations from members included having drinking fountains, benches, and an area to prepare dogs before being unleashed. Carole will keep members apprised.

10. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Community Outreach – John Salgado
Presentation on Social Services - Rebecca Lira

11. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

None.

12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ken Arnold announced that Santa Fe High School baseball team won against Whittier Cardinals today.

Jennie Carlos wished a happy Mother's Day and a safe Memorial Day.

Sally Gaitan offered an invitation to the Calvary Chapel Church Day to Honor Veterans event on May 26 at Lake Center Park from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Special presentations to Santa Fe Springs families who have lost their loved ones while serving this country.

Also, Sally reported that the lights at the veteran fountain plaque located on the ground are out. In addition, she announced that her husband is retiring from the police department after thirty-three years of service. Sally also wishes everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Andrea Lopez extended everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Jimmy Mendoza wished Mark Scoggins a happy birthday.

Brandy Ordway-Roach commented that she still has the fish her children won two months ago.

John Salgado mentioned that he is looking forward to the Art Fest.

Mark stated that the Community Playhouse will be conducting auditions for all youths for their production of *The Little Mermaid* on June 1. Opening is anticipated in mid – July. The committee is seeking a location to rehearse and to present the show. The Committee is currently awaiting the school district to vote at their meeting of May 14 to determine if they approve the use of the school venue.

Lynda Short announced the following occasions in the month of May: 5 de mayo, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day. Also there are 225 days until the Christmas Float opening. In addition, Lynda stated that this year, the Lake Center Middle School is celebrating its 60th year of being founded in 1953. Alumni names may be submitted to Lynda who is compiling a list for their celebration.

Councilmember Rounds announced that he may not be able to attend the meeting of June 5. He will make arrangements with another Councilmember to attend in his absence.

Mr. Rounds stated that Fire Station No. 2 grand reopening will be on May 8. Also on the same day, the Burn Victim Relay will be coming through Santa Fe Springs with a scheduled stop at Station No. 2 between 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend.

In addition, Miss Santa Fe Springs Pageant sponsored by the Soroptimist Club will be held on May 11 at Santa Fe High School Café at 5:00 p.m.

Lastly, Mr. Rounds mentioned that on May 15, the City of Santa Fe Springs celebrates its anniversary of incorporation. On the same day, he and his wife celebrate their 14th marriage anniversary. He also stated that his five-month old granddaughters, Eva and Paisley, are doing well and he and Mrs. Rounds are enjoying all six grandchildren.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jenny Carlos and seconded by Ken Arnold to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, June 5, 2013

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Joseph
Executive Secretary

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