



MINUTES
Recreation and Community Services Commission
Adjourned Regular Meeting held
August 9, 2017

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 5:54 p.m. by Chairperson Winnie Heiss

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Vice Chairperson Kirk Real

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Chairperson Winnie Heiss
 Vice Chairperson Kirk Real
 Commissioner Dave Allen
 Commissioner Ben Delarosa

ABSENT: Commissioner Ted Spaseff

OTHER – REORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION OFFICERS:

Nominations were opened for Commission Chairperson for a term of one year. Commissioner Dave Allen moved and Commissioner Ben Delarosa seconded the motion to nominate Kirk Real to serve as Chairperson. Upon unanimous roll call vote, the motion was approved.

Chairperson Kirk Real extended his thanks and appreciation to Commissioner Winnie Heiss for her leadership as Chairperson of the Recreation and Community Services Commission over the past year.

Nominations were opened for Commission Vice Chairperson for a term of one year. Commissioner Winnie Heiss moved and Commissioner Ben Delarosa seconded the motion to nominate Dave Allen to serve as Vice Chairperson. Upon unanimous roll call vote, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Dave Allen and seconded by Commissioner Winnie Heiss to approve the minutes from the meetings of June 14, 2017 and July 12, 2017. The motion was unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Director Lisa Litzinger previewed upcoming programs and events which includes the final Summer Concert in the Park on August 10 with Escape, a Journey tribute band taking the stage at Del Valle Park at 6:30 p.m. Then on Friday, August 11, Parents Night Out, Kids Night In will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Lakewood Youth Center, and the Adaptive Recreation Program Dance beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Bloomfield Park. A FUN-Tastic Family Night, featuring a musical puppet show presentation of Jack in the Beanstalk is on August 18, and Lakewood Center Mall's Lakewood Community Summer Fest is scheduled on August 19 and will include a variety of activities both inside and outside the mall between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. On August 26, Relay for Life will hold a Bark for Life walk between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The event will end at Home Run Dog Park and will include booths and activities. The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Summer Stampede Car Show will be held at Mayfair Park on August 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. September events include the Patriot Day Concert at Del Valle Park on

September 11 with performances from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Band, and the Golden Sands Chorus, and words of reflection from Mayor Diane DuBois as the keynote speaker, and the Special Olympics Fundraiser on September 15 at the Youth Center. The Lakewood Education Foundation Golf Tournament will be held at Lakewood Country Club on October 9. Please contact your secretary for sponsorship information.

Ms. Litzinger announced the retirement of Environmental Resources Supervisor Cam Castillo, noting that a luncheon for him will be held on August 16. Commissioners were asked to contact their secretary as soon as possible to RSVP for the event. Ms. Litzinger also reminded the group of Al Williams' funeral on August 11. RSVPs have been requested for the reception and detailed information was provided by the secretary.

Vice Chairperson Dave Allen expressed his pleasure with the LYS Awards Ceremony at Del Valle Park. He was very pleased with the turnout for the event, and noted that the adjustments made to the event made it even better than last year.

Commissioner Ben Delarosa stated that he attended the LYS Awards Ceremony held at Palms Park. He added that moving the ceremony to the shade of the basketball courts was a well-received improvement, and noted that turnout for the event there was also very good. Commissioner Delarosa mentioned that he noticed that volleyball will be offered for the older girls in the fall LYS season.

Chairperson Real stated that he attended several of the Summer Concerts in the Park and thoroughly enjoyed the lovely setting provided on those hot summer nights. He mentioned that the crowds appeared to be very large, and that he noticed people saving their spots at the park earlier than in past years. Chairperson Real congratulated Valarie Frost for her presentation at last week's Rotary Club meeting regarding the organization's Costa Rica playground project.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter to Co-Part-Time Employees of the Month, Jose Hernandez and Jennifer Schmid, for the month of June 2017.

Chairperson Real thanked staff for the nicely written letters, and noted the enthusiasm of staff recognized at the Summer Orientation event each year.

The Commission received and filed the letter.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

REPORTS:

1. Activities and Maintenance Report No. 2

A written report and discussion of the Recreation and Community Services Department Programs, Services and Maintenance Activities for the month of July 2017 and a listing of upcoming activities for September 2017.

The Commission received and filed the report.

2. Facility/Programs Tour

The Commission toured of the following facilities:

Weingart Senior Center – The group boarded a DASH bus and proceeded to the Weingart Senior Center where Environmental Resources Supervisor, Mike McDade, showed and explained the new exterior landscaping at the facility. Inside the building, Community Services Supervisor, Sabrina Junkin, showed the group the new seating in the upper and lower lobbies, the new lobby desk, office furniture, and the new paint in the office. Ms. Junkin explained that senior programming ends at 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and that the facility is used for contract classes during the evenings. The group was able to see the Country Western Line Dance class in progress.

McDonald's – Lakewood Youth Hall of Fame – Community Services Manager, Kevin Bright, provided a basic tour of restaurant, noting that it had been remodeled inside and out. Specific features of the remodel were pointed out, such as the updated displays of Lakewood sports history memorabilia focusing on more recent Lakewood sports interests, the video system upgraded to a suite of 10-12 touch screen options with higher quality video and audio, and the modernized overall look of the Hall of Fame portion of the restaurant.

Rynerson Park – From the bus, the group observed many happy people and their dogs at Home Run Dog Park, children and adults enjoying the new fitness and play equipment, and the newly repaired bridges that will undergo additional renovation to improve accessibility to the park. Ms. Litzinger pointed out locations and explained the plan for replacement of the park restrooms and picnic shelters.

Bloomfield Park – Community Services Supervisor Joe Vasquez, along with Kevin Bright lead a tour of the Teen Resource Center, the Adaptive Recreation Program room, and the Activity Room. Mr. Bright pointed out the new floor and paint in the Activity Room and explained future plans for kitchen area. Staff at the park was finalizing plans and decorations for the Adaptive Recreation Prom that will be held in the Activity Room on Friday, August 11.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business brought before the Recreation and Community Services Commission, Chairperson Kirk Real adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. to September 13, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Barbara Di Iorio, Secretary to the
Recreation and Community Services Commission