

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF
May 18, 2010

Senior Citizen/Community Center Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Kane at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Maurice Kane, Chairperson
Susan Davis, Vice Chairperson
Shannon McKee
Caryol Smith
John Margis
Georgia Florentine

Leon Raya, Recreation Services Manager
Karon De Leon, Facilities Manager
John Ebner, Councilmember

Absent: Jose Martinez, unexcused

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 16, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

The Commissioners noted that their Commission packets were missing the second page of the minutes. At the request of the Commission, Manager Raya read page two aloud.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2010 MEETING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARGIS AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Chairperson Kane amended the Agenda and moved Item B, Staff Demonstration of the Parks and Recreation Department Online Registration System to the first part of the agenda as Item A. The Commission then continued the meeting in the Senior Citizen/Community Center Computer Lab.

A. Staff Demonstration of the Parks and Recreation Department Online Registration System

Manager Raya introduced the Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Secretary, Karen Dudics. Secretary Dudics welcomed the Commission to the computer lab and asked each to take a seat at a computer station. She then demonstrated to the Commission how to navigate the City's home page to access the online issue of the Frontier. The Commission was then provided a demonstration of the City's online registration site. Each Commissioner opened an online

account and was shown how to find various recreation classes and activities. The Commission thanked Secretary Dudics for the demonstration and returned to the Senior Citizen/Community Center Meeting Room.

Upon return they were joined by Mr. Frank Neal as a member of the audience. Mr. Neal introduced himself and noted that he would be joining the Commission in July. Each of the Commissioners and staff then introduced themselves to Mr. Neal.

B. Review of the Nominations and Selection of the Distinguished Service to Youth Awards Recipients

Manager Raya distributed the nominations that were received by the Parks and Recreation Department. The Commission reviewed the nominations in the Volunteer category.

COMMISSIONER MARGIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FIVE NOMINATIONS FOR THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARDS IN THE VOLUNTEER CATEGORY. SECONDED BY COMMISISONER DAVIS, AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The recipients of the award in the Volunteer category are:

Rae Jean Caldarone
Leonard Hayes
Charles Warren
Salvador Rivera
Susy Griffith

The Commission reviewed the nominations in the Professional category.

COMMISSIONER MARGIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FIVE NOMINATIONS FOR THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARDS IN THE PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY. SECONDED BY COMMISISONER DAVIS, AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The recipients of the award in the Professional category are:

Edward Telarroja
Ron Sutton
Maria Rodriguez
Donna Heinemann
Janine Courville

The Commission reviewed the nominations in the Group category.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FIVE NOMINATIONS FOR THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARDS IN THE GROUP CATEGORY. SECONDED BY COMMISISONER SMITH, AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The recipients of the award in the Group category are:

San Dimas Senior Citizens Club
Costco Wholesale
San Dimas Rodeo

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Director of Parks & Recreation

1. Calendar of Upcoming Events

Manager Raya distributed the calendar of events through July noting; the start of summer registration on May 24, Swim Team registration on May 31, the Distinguished Service to Youth Awards on June 8, the first Family Outdoor Recreation campout on June 11-12, the beginning of all summer programs on June 14, Music in the Park beginning June 16, and the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on July 20. He also added that there are weekly family and teen excursions and many other special events that will be taking place throughout the summer.

2. Other

Manager Raya discussed that the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy is releasing \$200,000 for the Vista Verde project. Funds will be used to initiate the planning process to include community and stakeholder input. It is hoped that this will begin sometime in the first quarter of the fiscal year.

Manager Raya discussed the new Park Watch program which began last month in collaboration with the San Dimas Sheriff's Department. He distributed the Park Watch brochure and magnets. He noted that Park Watch signs were posted at all parks, and residents in the immediate neighborhoods were notified of the program when Recreation staff and Sheriff volunteers walked each neighborhood. The program is similar to the Neighborhood Watch Program and empowers neighborhood residents to report any suspicious behavior that they see in the park.

The City Council approved the reappointments of Commissioners Florentine, Margis, Smith, and Davis. This will be Chairperson Kane's last meeting. Frank Neal will be the new Commissioner and his first meeting will be the July meeting. Manager Raya thanked Chairperson Kane for his past support and advocacy for the Parks and Recreation Department in particular his annual judging of the Halloween Costume Contest. He invited Chairperson Kane to continue volunteering with the Department.

B. Members of the Audience

No comment.

C. Members of the Commission

Vice Chairperson Davis asked staff about the timeline for the day of activities for the upcoming City Birthday event. Staff gave a brief overview and indicated that a flyer would be coming soon.

Commissioner Margis shared that he participated as a judge at the State Science Fair at Exposition Park. He also attended the Chamber's Civic Academy. He encourages everyone to visit Horsethief Canyon Park to view the flora that is in full bloom.

Commissioner Florentine stated that she recently visited Oregon and their dog parks do not compare to ours.

Commissioner Smith announced that the Friends of the Dog Park now have over 1800 members on their email distribution list. She distributed the Happy Tails newsletter and noted that the turf is looking very good. There was discussion on the danger that the Foxtail weed can present to dogs. Commissioner Smith noted that the City does a good job maintaining the park and with the help of the Friends weeding parties, the Foxtail issue is kept to a minimum.

Commissioner McKee reported that she will be competing at the CIF Track and Field meet this Saturday and that there is a chance for the San Dimas High School girl's team to compete for the team championship.

Commissioner Kane thanked all the Commissioners for their work with the Commission over his six years of service. He has enjoyed it very much. He attributed his public service and involvement to his late father and mother who were very involved in civic activities all their lives.

D. City Council Liaison

Councilmember Ebner asked staff to brainstorm ideas to get public input in the Vista Verde process. Manager De Leon noted that Director Bruns has begun to list some ideas. Commissioner Margis volunteered his assistance. He complimented bowling instructor Ralph and noted that his son enjoys the class very much. He thanked Chairperson Kane for his outstanding service to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:25 P.M.

Leon Raya, Recreation Services Manager