



MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011, 7:00 P. M.
SAN DIMAS COUNCIL CHAMBERS
245 E. BONITA AVENUE

PRESENT:

Mayor Curtis W. Morris
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Templeman
Councilmember Emmett Badar
Councilmember Denis Bertone
Councilmember John Ebner

City Manager Blaine Michaelis
City Attorney J. Kenneth Brown
City Clerk Ina Rios
Assistant City Manager of Community Development Larry Stevens
Assistant City Manager Ken Duran
Director of Development Services Dan Coleman
Director of Public Works Krishna Patel
Director of Parks and Recreation Theresa Bruns
Recreation Services Manager Leon Raya

1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the flag salute.

2. RECOGNITION

- Proclaim July as Parks and Recreation Month

Parks and Recreation Director Bruns said the Department is represented by Facilities Manager Karon DeLeon, Recreation Services Manager Leon Raya, and Recreation Coordinator Tanya Orr. She noted that Mr. Raya has a presentation and participants will share their comments.

Recreation Services Manager Raya presented the various ways the Parks make life better not only in San Dimas but throughout the state. Mr. Raya cited statistics from a survey conducted by the California Parks and Recreation Society and concluded that 98% of people regularly attend a park or recreation services. He said to help proclaim July as Parks and Recreation Month, he invited a few customers to share their comments on their parks and recreation experience.

- 1) Sandra Boutros spoke highly of all the classes offered at the Parks and Recreation and said she and her children participate in various activities including choir, karate, soccer, cooking, gymnastics, and swimming.
- 2) Delia Garcia Lee said her favorite Parks and Recreation place is the Senior Center, where she has made friends and participates as a volunteer, joined the morning walkers, exercise program, canasta club, and served as first Vice President of the Senior Club. She thanked the Council for all the senior programs and senior trips.
- 3) Amy Robertson appreciates the activities and is grateful she can put her kids in so many reasonably priced programs, to give them a head start to Kindergarten.
- 4) Shannon and Douglas Tubbs, represented San Dimas Softball, a nonprofit organization in San Dimas, with enrollment of approximately 150 girls, ages 5-14, said they enjoy working with the City Council, Parks and Recreation Department, and School District to keep the girls active and involved.

5) Douglas Tubbs thanked the City Council for coming out to their opening and closing ceremonies to represent the girls' endeavors. He thanked Mr. Raya for his dedication and protecting the girls.

6) Karina and Miranda Reese, San Dimas High School, enjoy being a part of the Teen Action Committee, an organization comprised of volunteers who help at various events.

7) Dawn Jackson thanked the Council for the Kids Fun Club which provides a safe, secure place for children to see their classmates, go on excursions, and participate in swimming, skating, baseball games, movies, and other activities.

Manager Raya thanked the guests who came tonight for Parks and Recreation month and said he is proud of what they do. He concluded that Parks make life better, provide a place for everyone in the community for friends, family, and fun; a place for quiet introspection and appreciation of nature; a place for girls to learn to play softball, and a place for teens to feel safe and appreciated; a place parents know their children will be well supervised and have fun; a place for families to get together to learn, grow, stay fit, and enjoy a healthy lifestyle; a place for older adults to meet friends, continue learning, and enjoy experiences. He thanked the City Council for proclaiming July as Parks and Recreation month.

Mayor Morris congratulated and praised Parks and Recreation Director Bruns and her staff for the outstanding job they do and presented to Recreation Services Manager Raya a Proclamation designating July as Parks and Recreation Month.

3. PRESENTATIONS

➤ Pui-Ching Ho, Librarian, San Dimas Library

Pui-Ching Ho, Library Manager, said the Summer Reading Program just began and will continue through July 30. She invited the community to enjoy a variety of science experiments; animal program; puppet show; board games; music and magic; and a survival workshop. She encouraged adults to join their book party and check out a book. For detailed information, contact the Library at 909/599-6738.

➤ Update from HEROES Committee

Janie Graef, HEROES Committee, outlined the requirements for getting Veterans' names on the monument and reminded the community that names must be submitted by August 1, 2011 to meet the November 11, 2011 dedication. She said approximately 350 names have been added to the monument to date. Ms. Graef highlighted fundraisers including the purchase of pavers; Golf Tournament on September 12, 2011 and said representatives are at the Farmers Market each Wednesday and will be at the Sheriff's Boosters Car Show and City Barbecue.

Gary Enderle provided an update on the plan check process and said calculations will be submitted with the resubmitted plans. He said the Committee is looking at the possibility of using pavers instead of decomposed granite for the walkways and next week will submit information on the pole lights. He invited the City Council to join members at their booth at the Farmers Market on Wednesday night. He noted that names submitted by August 1, 2011 for the monument will be engraved at no charge. He distributed the application forms to the City Council Veterans and thanked them for their financial support to the program.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Members of the audience are invited to address the City Council on any item not on the agenda. Under the provisions of the Brown Act, the legislative body is prohibited from taking or engaging in discussion on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. However, your concerns may be referred to staff or set for discussion at a later date. If you desire to address the City Council on an item on this agenda, other than a scheduled public hearing item you may do so at this time or asked to be heard when that agenda item is considered. Comments on public hearing items will be considered when that item is scheduled for discussion. The Public Comment period is limited to 30 minutes. Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes.)

a. Members of the Audience

- 1) Dennis Phillips reported that the box car is being used solely for recreation and not habitable space.
- 2) Ginny Phillips asked the City Attorney to respond to her letter on the determination of her three-sided property.
- 3) Michael Pope, Tiburon Condominiums, asked the City Council to consider posting signage on Tanglewood and Puddingstone Drive to avoid abuse of parking by patrons of Raging Waters. He stated that residents are forced to endure the overflow of parking from visitors who litter their neighborhood and play loud music late into the night. He was especially concerned that cigarette butts might cause a fire in the dry brush.
- 4) Mabelle Pou, Tiburon complex, reported that kids throw rocks at parked cars and picnickers litter the Complex grounds, play loud music, and scream late into the night. She said she contacted the Sheriff's Station and they suggested she address the City Council.
- 5) Sue Carpio, Tiburon Townhouse Association, said in addition to the liquor bottles, evidence of drugs, and filthy language, she witnessed a woman removing her clothing.

Mayor Morris directed Public Works Director Patel to take a look at this situation to find a solution and report back to the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Templeman suggested the Sheriff Captain be included and inform the City Council if tools are needed to remedy the situation.

- 6) Susie Crawford, representing the Branch Hands, displayed the new brochure *Tree Trek*, which shows a map starting at Rhodes Park, and highlights the various trees in the historic downtown area. She said the map was funded by a grant from the U. S. Forestry and is available in the Parks and Recreation Department.
- 7) Rick, Ranch Town Market & Deli, asked the City Council to consider amending the sign code to allow small businesses to advertise using banners, portable signs, and more than 5% window display.
- 8) Niam Younan, owner/operator of San Dimas Liquor, said small businesses cannot afford to lose any customers and depend on window signs and banners to advertise their stores. He asked the City Council to work with them to find a solution to this problem.
- 9) Nick Diab, Clete's Liquor, said they need to advertise and Health Department signage takes up the 5% space.

In response to Mayor Morris, Assistant City Manager of Community Development Stevens replied that window signs and banners are on the list of items that staff is evaluating for potential revisions to the Sign Code, based on a forum held in March by the Planning Commission. He stated that in the interim when a

complaint is received, staff is still required to enforce existing regulations. Staff is still conducting comparisons with surrounding cities on each of the areas identified at the forum and he anticipates that the public hearing will be scheduled soon.

Mayor Morris encouraged the three men to submit their comments to Mr. Stevens for consideration in the Planning Commission and City Council public hearing process.

10) Mitch Crawford, Chairman, San Dimas Chamber of Commerce, invited the community to the San Dimas Birthday party on Saturday, August 6, 2011 to celebrate 51 years of incorporation. He said dinner will be served from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and tickets are available at the City Hall, Chamber of Commerce, Golden State Water Company, and Senior Citizen/Community Center.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

(All items on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion unless a member of the City Council requests separate discussion.)

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Templeman, seconded by Councilmember Ebiner, and carried unanimously to accept, approve and act upon the consent calendar, as follows:

a. Resolutions read by title, further reading waived, passage and adoption recommended as follows:

(1) **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-34**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY 2011.

b. Approval of minutes for regular City Council meeting of June 28, 2011.

c. Award of Cash Contract 2011-04, concrete maintenance project at various citywide locations, to Grigolla & Sons Concrete, in the amount of \$65,000.00.

d. Award of Cash Contract 2011-05, asphalt maintenance project at various citywide locations, to PAVECO, Inc., in the amount of \$100,000.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

6. SAN DIMAS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Mayor Morris recessed the regular meeting at 7:57 p.m. to convene a meeting of the San Dimas Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:34 p.m..

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

a. Members of the Audience (Speakers are limited to five minutes or as may be determined by the Chair.)

1) Ginny Phillips said staff explained what yards are and she was informed that staff has complete authority to rezone existing properties. She said staff could have said that a three-sided property is unique and has the potential to go to the Development Plan Review Board to negotiate terms with the City Council.

Councilmember Ebiner left at 8:33 p.m. and returned at 8:36 p.m.

b. City Manager

There were no comments.

c. City Attorney

There were no comments.

d. Members of the City Council

1) Reappointments to the Public Safety Commission.

Terms expired for Public Safety Commissioners Ortiz and Wiles. Both are eligible for reappointment and have expressed a willingness to continue to serve.

It was moved by Councilmember Bertone, seconded by Councilmember Ebiner, to reappoint Frederick Ortiz and Norman Wiles to the Public Safety Commission for another term to expire February 10, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

2) Reappointment to the Equestrian Commission.

Equestrian Commissioner Pike's term will expire at the end of July, 2011. She is eligible for another term and has expressed a desire to be reappointed.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Templeman, seconded by Councilmember Bertone, to reappoint Rebecca Pike to the Equestrian Commission for another term to expire July 31, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

3) Councilmembers' report on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency.

There were no comments.

4) Individual Members' comments and updates.

a) Mayor Pro Tem Templeman thought it would be beneficial to get a report at a future meeting from Public Works Director Patel on the schedule and scale of the Gladstone Street rehabilitation project.

b) Councilmember Ebiner expressed his disappointment with the impasse over the debt ceiling and other related issues, and the lack of negotiation in Washington with respect to the State Budget. He mentioned that former Presidents Carter and Ford became good friends even though they were on opposing parties.

c) Councilmember Bertone encouraged reading "*What Happened: Inside the Bush White House and Washington's Culture of Deception*", written by Scott McClellan, who served as White House Press Secretary under former President George W. Bush.

d) In response to Councilmember Badar, Assistant City Manager Stevens said the sign forums were open meetings and staff presented to the Planning Commission a report and recommendation about potential areas for change; and then addressed the City Council to ensure there were no other areas to consider. Mr. Stevens said staff was directed to research each area of potential change and bring back a draft ordinance with alternatives for hearing by the Planning Commission. Staff is in the process of conducting that activity and will schedule a date for hearing in the early Fall. He added that complaints received on violations will be processed consistent with the existing regulations.

e) Councilmember Bertone requested a written status report on the purchase of the gas station at the intersection of Bonita Avenue and San Dimas Avenue.

f) Councilmember Badar encouraged the Chamber of Commerce to continue the Installation breakfast as a way to get people to attend. He congratulated Mitch Crawford and his new Board of Directors and congratulated Past Chair Margie Green on a great job. He commended retired CEO Ted Powl and Secretary Sandra Neas and said new staff is up and running.

g) Mayor Morris congratulated Past Chair Margie Green and incoming Chair Mitch Crawford.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Morris adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. in memory of Dal Lee, an important contributing member of the community for a long time. The next meeting is on July 26, 2011, 7:00 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Ina Rios, CMC, City Clerk