

CITY OF SAN DIMAS  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES OF  
March 20, 2012  
Senior Citizen/Community Center

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Margis at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

John Margis, Chairperson  
Caryol Smith, Vice Chairperson  
Georgia Florentine  
Jose Martinez  
Frank Neal  
Amanda Avery  
John Ebiner, City Councilmember

Theresa Bruns, Parks and Recreation Director  
Karon De Leon, Facilities Manager

Absent:

Susan Davis, excused

**APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 17, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

COMMISSIONER FLORENTINE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2012 MEETING AS SUBMITTED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairperson Margis adjusted the order of the agenda to allow an audience member to address the Commission before conducting the Items of Business.

**B. Members of the Audience**

Ms. Vicki Monegan a resident on Avenida Loma Vista was present to provide input on the Walnut Creek Open Space Planning Process. Ms. Monegan requested to address the commission after Director Bruns' update.

**A. Director of Parks and Recreation**

1. Update on Walnut Creek Open Space Planning Process

Director Bruns provided an update and reminded the Commission of the process that has happened and what needs to still occur with the Walnut Creek Open Space Planning Process. She indicated that the City is waiting for the final report from the consultant which will be in a form of a written document that will include a conceptual plan based on the input received from the Community meetings and the stakeholders. The plan will then be reviewed by the City Staff, the Commissions and City Council. Then it

can be received and filed, adopted, amended or placed on hold. She indicated that the Watershed Conservation Authority Board will be going through a similar process with the document.

Ms. Monegan stated that she had moved into the Via Verde area in 1986 and has seen many accidents happen on Avenida Loma Vista, due to speed and the amount of traffic. She indicated that she is “begging” for the City’s consideration not to place the access to the park off of this street and increase the traffic to dangerous levels. She requested that the access to the park be from Valley Center Avenue.

Commissioner Margis inquired about how many of the current Via Verde residents use Avenida Loma Vista as a cut through? Ms. Monegan responded that she did not know that.

Director Bruns mentioned that the City has installed speed bumps to slow traffic and speed enforcement has been conducted by the Sheriff Department in an effort to reduce the speed of the cars traveling on the street.

Commissioner Smith indicated that the introduction of more traffic sounded like it was going from a bad situation to a worse situation.

Ms. Monegan again stated her request to put the access to the park on Valley Center or San Dimas Avenue, or install a path from Avenida Loma Vista, not a road.

Commissioner Margis inquired if the City might approach the Tzu Chi Foundation and make a land swap that would be suited for access to a park. Director Bruns responded that could be considered.

## **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **A. Review of Nominations and Selection of the 2012 Distinguished Service to Youth Award Recipients**

Director Bruns reported the Department has revised the timeline and the presentation of the awards to better work with the calendar of the schools.

She distributed the submitted nomination packets and reviewed the nomination criteria and purpose for each category. The nominees in the Volunteer Category were: Wayne Bishop, Suzy Crawford, Loretta Flores, Andy Grimes, Gary Hunter and Kurt Smith. The nominees in the Professional Category were: Laura Arguijo, Rita Kear, Shara Lyons and Michael-john Morgan. The nomination for the Group Category was: San Dimas Little League. The Commission unanimously approved all nominees in all categories. Recipients and their nominators will be notified to attend the Distinguished Service to Youth Awards Reception to be held at 6:30 p.m. prior to the April 24 City Council meeting. Awards will be presented at the City Council meeting. Commissioners were encouraged to attend.

### **B. Review the final document for Northern Foothills Trail Study**

Director Bruns indicated that the Northern Foothills Trails Study has been completed and is submitted to the commission for their information and review. She indicated that the document will be used for trail planning as opportunities for funding become available. She reported that at this time there has been no funds budgeted for the development of the trails. There were no comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Neal inquired if the trails will be multi-use and Director Bruns responded, yes.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (continued)**

### **A. Director of Parks and Recreation**

## 2. Calendar of Upcoming Events

The calendar of events for the months of March through May was distributed. The Commissioners were encouraged to attend the upcoming Family Festival/Spring Egg Hunts, which include a Fitness Rally and a Kwenangna Paringa Celebration Presentation.

### **C. Members of the Commission**

Commissioner Margis had hiked the newly renovated Poison Oak trail and shared a photo slideshow with the Commission. He requested that the dead trees that had fallen be removed from the top of the trail.

Commissioner Smith reported that she attended the Tree Trek conducted by the Arborist, and it was most enjoyable. She also reported that the Friends of the Dog Park visited a Senior Living Facility on March 17. She commented that the Bird and Butterfly Haven at Horsethief Canyon Park is starting to fill in nicely.

Commissioner Martinez reported that while at Marchant Park on a weekend he saw a Sheriff patrol car drive through the park several times. He inquired if this was acceptable practice for Sheriff park patrol. Director Bruns responded that the Parks and Recreation Department has asked for park patrols, but not necessarily driving through the park and that she would discuss this with the Captain.

Commissioner Avery announced that San Dimas High School would be conducting a talent show on Friday and an E-Waste collection on May 12 in the school parking lot.

Commissioners Neal attended the San Dimas Bike race and reported he was dripping wet by the end of the day due to the rain. He indicated that 800 racers started the race and only 400 were left to finish on Sunday.

### **D. City Council Liaison**

Councilmember Ebner reported that he had attended the Bike Race event with his son and they enjoyed the event. He reminded everyone of the start of the Farmers Market on April 4<sup>th</sup>. He announced that the City Council had chosen the name Freedom Park for the site where the Veteran's Memorial has been installed. He commented that he would like the San Dimas Little League request for lights at Marchant Park be included in the budget discussions for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:15 P.M.



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Karon De Leon, Facilities Manager