

CITY OF SAN DIMAS  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES OF  
Community Meeting  
Tuesday, June 18, 2013  
San Dimas City Hall

**CALL TO ORDER**

The community meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Martinez at 6:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

Jose Martinez, Chairperson  
John Margis, Vice Chairperson  
Thomas Diaz  
Kevin Kenney  
Frank Neal  
Kathryn Perkins  
Amanda Avery

John Ebiner, City Councilmember  
Theresa Bruns, Parks and Recreation Director  
Leon Raya, Recreation Manager  
Steven Farmer, Landscape Manager  
Karon De Leon, Facilities Manager

**APPROVAL OF THE MAY 21, 2013 COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES**

COMMISSIONER MARGIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2013 COMMUNITY MEETING AS SUBMITTED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KENNEY AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

**DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION BY STAFF**

Director Bruns introduced herself and asked the Commissioners to introduce themselves. Councilmember Ebiner introduced himself and Director Bruns introduced the staff in attendance. She stated the purpose of conducting community meetings is to gather information from participants of the department programs and as well as from those groups and individuals that utilize parks and facilities.

Director Bruns presented a power point presentation that demonstrated the scope and provided a perspective of what the City's Parks and Recreation Department offers in programming and the facilities that are operated and maintained by the department.

## **AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION – COMMUNITY INPUT**

Chair Martinez thanked the members of the community in attendance. He asked that if anyone did not feel comfortable to speak during the meeting, they could complete the survey and the Parks and Recreation Department would respond to their comments, questions or concerns. He then opened the meeting to the members of the community for their input and comments.

Josh Wolford, local outreach coordinator for the Christ Church of the Valley, stated that he and volunteers from the church have been involved with several programs with the Parks and Recreation Department and he looks forward to continuing to collaborate with the City. The Church also provides assistance for the homeless, conducts a food pantry program and many other community oriented activities.

Christi Avery indicated that she was attending the meeting to observe what her daughter, Amanda Avery; the youth commissioner had been participating in as a commissioner.

Chair Martinez thanked them for attending the meeting.

## **REVIEW OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PLAN FOR VIA VERDE PARK**

Director Bruns presented the playground design elements for the Via Verde playground equipment replacement. She reviewed the different components of the separate play areas proposed, comparing the new elements with the current equipment. She reported that the current equipment will be removed completely and replaced with the new pieces and new wood chip/bark ADA compliant surfacing. She informed the commission that the new elements will include more active components and the required signage for each play area. Manufacturer renderings of the proposed equipment were provided for the commission to review.

Councilmember Ebner inquired if the entire play surface area would be the new bark, Director Bruns responded affirmatively.

Chair Martinez asked if this project was included in this current fiscal year budget. Director Bruns responded that the project was in the 2012-2013 Park Development fund.

Commissioner Perkins inquired what amount was in the budget for the project. Director Bruns reported that \$160,000 was budgeted, but the bid for the project is \$136,000.

Commissioner Kenney wondered if the proposed bark replacement created a surface that promoted more injuries than other surfaces available. Director Bruns responded that the play area at Horsethief Canyon Park currently has the bark and we have had no reported injuries due to the surface.

Mr. Wolford inquired whether the new equipment was designed for use by the special needs population. Director Bruns replied that the new equipment will provide for ADA access, although it is not a specific special needs designed playground.

Councilmember Ebner requested that the placement of the single riding elements be reviewed for locating them closer to each other. Director Bruns commented that the placement of the elements will be reviewed and if items can be relocated that would be considered.

Chair Martinez questioned if there was seating around the playground equipment, Director Bruns reported that there are benches and picnic tables located throughout the park and beside the play areas.

Commission Diaz asked about the status of the Proposition A funding for the City. Director Bruns responded that the City should receive notification after July 1, 2013 regarding the status of the funding. She reminded the commission that monies received from Prop A have been slated for Phase I of the Walnut Creek Open Space development.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

#### Calendar of Upcoming Events

Manager Raya highlighted the upcoming activities such as Music in the Park, the many family excursions and recreational classes being offered throughout the summer. He also informed the commission, that a new Recreation Coordinator, Dominique Borba, has been hired, and she will begin working in late June.

### **B. City Council Liaison**

Councilmember Ebner commented that the new playground equipment looks good. He also reported that the County Library is offering summer reading programs for children through adults. He updated the commission on the progression of the housing element at the "Fresh N Easy" site and indicated that no decision has been received about the future ownership of the Walker House, due the dissolution of the City's Redevelopment Agency. He informed the commission that he and members of the City staff have met with a LA filming non-profit organization that is trying to keep filming local and provides references for film companies of all types.

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

Commissioner Avery stated that she will be attending college in the fall; that this will be her last meeting, and she has enjoyed her time on the commission.

Chair Martinez encouraged the staff to look into the water district's rebate programs. Manager Farmer responded that he would do so.

Commissioner Margis reported that he had participated in the Department's Brackett to Bonelli hike and enjoyed it very much.

Commissioner Neal updated the commission on the progress of the upcoming Family Bicycle Day being conducted on October 26 by the Parks & Recreation Department. He also distributed a "Save the Date" announcement.

Director Bruns added that July is going to be proclaimed as Parks and Recreation month by the City Council at their meeting on July 9 and invited the commissioners to attend.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:25 P.M.



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Karon De Leon, Facilities Manager