

**CITY OF ONTARIO
RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 23, 2020
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: DEAN, RILEY, NELSEN, OVITT, BINNEY, TRINIDAD SAUCEDO, BRAVO

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: GONZALEZ, HUISMAN, HICKEY, MICHALAK, ESCAMILLA, VALENCIA

MEMBERS ABSENT: ESCOBOSA (NON-EXCUSED), OVITT (EXCUCSED)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair, Kenneth Dean at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Larry Trinidad, Commissioner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M/S (TRINIDAD/BINNEY) TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2020 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public Comments

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Monthly Statistical Reports for October 2020.

M/S (SAUCEDO/NELSEN) TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2020 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. **Recreation & Community Services** – Nicholas Gonzalez, Recreation & Community Services Director, narrated a PowerPoint presentation on department highlights of program activities that occurred in October 2020.

A copy of this presentation is available upon request from the Commission Secretary.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **No Old Business**

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Parks and Maintenance Wind-storm Response** – Adrian Escamilla, Parks & Maintenance Manager, reported on the windstorm that occurred on October 26, 2020. Adrian is the city arborist and handles the citywide urban forestation program. The winds gusts were from 50-70 mph. Adrian shared photos of the devastating tree loss within the city. City staff really showed the art of teamwork from administration to the workers out in the field. Adrian thanked city staff, West Coast Arborists, city contractors, Integrated Waste, and Risk Management. As of this report, staff have completed 70% of the citywide clean up. Daniel Saucedo praised the staff in keeping our public safe and he appreciated the hard work they put in.

COMMENTS:

VALENCIA: “Nick and staff, you are doing an amazing job. To all the staff and Commissioners, I wish you a very happy Thanksgiving. It is not going to be the same this year. I will miss our holiday get together. Please take this time to be with your families and be safe out there so the numbers turn down and not up. Thank you for hanging in there and for your participation!”

BINNEY: “I’m wishing everyone a happy & safe Thanksgiving. You are one of a kind and we do not want to lose you so, be safe. You all give so much to the community it is so unbelievable. It’s a big step up to handle all of these challenges and it is a lot of work.”

NELSEN: “You’re all doing a phenomenal job. I love it that Adrian and his crew are out taking care of Ontario and cleaning up our city. I drove by and looked at the Munoz facility. Its’ huge and so impressive. I cannot wait for the grand opening. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.”

TRINIDAD: “Thank you to Nick in stepping up to do this job! What a year to become a director! Thank you for handling the department. Adrian thank you for your hard work and please everyone, be safe out there.”

SAUCEDO “All the hard work you do, and we appreciate it. A lot of our residents appreciate it too. If you are going to be out for this Thanksgiving or holidays, be safe, kind, and courteous to people. Be respectful to our fellow citizens.”

BRAVO: “I liked the presentations and I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving, please be safe!”

RILEY: “No comments other than thank you and happy Thanksgiving to everyone. It looks like we won’t be meeting until January 2021 so Merry Christmas and hope to see you all at the Reindeer Run!”

DEAN: “I have one question, now that we are going to make use of the picnic shelters soon, will there be a cleaning process after each use due to COVID-19?”

GONZALEZ: “We are currently updating our guidelines and will be working with Public Works on a pressure washing schedule. We will also have a “Hold Harmless” waiver form for each reservation holder to sign.”

NEXT RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 25, 2021 AT 6:00 PM:

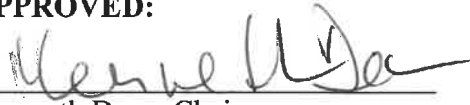
M/S (BINNEY/RILEY) TO ADJOURN.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:10 PM



Ann Huisman, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Dean, Chairperson