

**CITY OF ONTARIO
RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
JANUARY 25, 2021
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: DEAN, RILEY, NELSEN, OVITT, BINNEY, TRINIDAD CASKEY, BRAVO, ESCOBOSA,

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: GONZALEZ, HUISMAN, HICKEY, MAYOR PRO TEM, WAPNER

MEMBERS ABSENT:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair, Kenneth Dean at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Mayor pro Tem Wapner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S (NELSEN/BINNEY) TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 2020 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ozzie Varela, Inland Valley Soccer League, Inc. submitted an electronic public comment regarding athletic field reservation fee increases will impact sports organizations, parents, youth, and young adults. Many families are struggling financially. He asked that we re-consider the increase or put on hold until things get back to normal.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Monthly Statistical Reports for November and December 2020.

M/S (NELSEN/BINNEY) TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 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 November and December 2020.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Election of 2021 Officers

NOMINATION: (NELSEN/TRINIDAD) FOR KEN DEAN TO CONTINUE AS RECREATION & PARKS CHAIRPERSON FOR THE 2021-2022 TERM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NOMINATION: (NELSEN/OVITT) FOR VIRGINIA RILEY AS RECREATION & PARKS VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR THE 2021-2022 TERM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Introduction of New Recreation & Parks Commissioner, Joe Caskey** – Joe Caskey has worked with Ontario Heritage, Museum Board of Trustees and will be an asset to the Recreation & Parks Commission.

COMMENTS:

WAPNER: “It’s great to be back. I appreciate all the work you are doing and have done. I wish you well with your families and stay safe.”

NELSEN: “I love hearing about the Fire Department and all that they’re doing. Everything was very limited with the Spark of Love Toy Drive. We provided a lot of items for them and I love hearing that they continued to do their best with limited resources due to COVID-19. I was so surprised to hear that the Munoz Community Center will be done in the fall!”

OVITT: “It’s great to have Alan Wapner back. I appreciate working with him. Welcome to the Commission Joe, good to have you on board. The staff has created so many ways to keep our community busy doing creative things and it’s most appreciated. I worked with AmeriCorps; they are a wonderful asset!”

TRINIDAD: “Welcome to Joe Caskey. I look forward to seeing activities returning to normal in 2021.”

CASKEY: “I appreciate the department report. I look forward to serving on this committee, it was a great meeting.”

BINNEY: “Welcome Joe to the Commission. Thanks to the department for keeping things going, it’s really a challenge due to the health department guidelines. You keep things going and keep it fresh. Thank you for your efforts and hard work!”

BRAVO: “Happy New Year everyone! I’m excited for the new Munoz Community Center, I grew up going there!”

ESCOBOSA: “Welcome to Joe! I’m glad that teens aren’t being forgotten that we still have T.A.C. it helps us as we are stuck at home.”

RILEY: “Thank Mayor pro Tem and the Council for reappointing me. I love doing this and I look forward to our in-person meetings.”

DEAN: “Welcome Joe, I’m excited to work closer with you. Mayor pro Tem Wapner, I’m very excited to have you back! Congratulations to Recreation & Community Services Department Director for your 1-year anniversary with the department! What a year and what a challenge this has been and we’re glad to have you on board!”

NEXT RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, 2021 AT 6:00 PM:

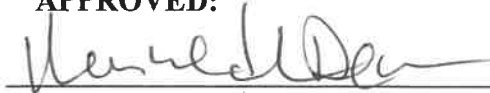
M/S (TRINIDAD/BINNEY) TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROSIE CALVILLA WHO WAS THE FORMER SENIOR LUNCH KITCHEN MANAGER AT ONTARIO SENIOR CENTER AND INEZ GARCIA FORMER VOLUNTEER AND FRIEND TO ALL AT THE ONTARIO SENIOR CENTER.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:15 PM



Ann Huisman, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Dean, Chairperson