

**CITY OF ONTARIO
RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 25, 2019
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: DEAN, NELSEN, RILEY, OVITT, BINNEY,
SAUCEDO, CAMARENA, SOTO

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: DOREY, HICKEY, GONZALEZ, SMITH, CHACON,
HUISMAN, WAPNER

MEMBERS ABSENT: TRINIDAD (excused)

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 Julie Dorey, Director, Recreation & Community
Services

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**M/S (BINNEY/RILEY) TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2019 CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public Comments

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Monthly Statistical Reports for October 2019.

**M/S (NELSEN/SAUCEDO) TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT
FOR OCTOBER 2019 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. **Recreation & Community Services** – Julie Dorey, Recreation & Community Services Director narrated a Power Point presentation on department highlights of program activities that occurred in October 2019. Julie also confirmed the temporary operation locations during our construction period for the Anthony Munoz Community Center. The Church of the Nazarene will hold after-school programming and Redeemer Lutheran Church will house contract classes.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Aquatics Report** – Julie Dorey, Recreation & Community Services Director reported that the 2019 Aquatics report will be postponed until the January 2020 Recreation and Parks Commission meeting.
2. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW FULL TIME STAFF-** Candice Smith, Senior Supervisor, De Anza Community & Teen Center introduced the new Teen Coordinator, Jessica Chacon who joined our staff this past August.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMINDERS:

1. Commission and Board Annual Holiday Dinner, Monday Night, December 2, 2019, 5:00 PM, Ontario Convention Center.
2. Please R.S.V.P. for the Public Works Annual Awards Banquet which will be held at the De Anza Community and Teen Center December 11, 2019.
3. 2019 Annual 5K Reindeer Run, December 14, 2019 7:00 AM

COMMENTS:

RILEY: “Congratulations on your retirement Julie! Good luck and I know we will see you around! I look forward to the Reindeer Run and the new route. I’ve registered my team.”

OVITT: “Julie, I’d like to say thank you for all that you’ve done over the years, you’ve impacted thousands and thousands of our residents in a positive way! We wish you well. We really missed the judging of the Halloween Costumes this year. I’m looking forward to all the opportunities to participate in the upcoming 2020 programming!”

BINNEY: “Julie, it’s been just a few years we’ve had the opportunity to work together. It’s been the greatest privilege to see your leadership and awesome ideas and see you offer so much to our department to make our city a better city. That’s on you! I am so privileged to have been mentored by you, we all are! I hope my colleagues have a Happy Thanksgiving and a happy and safe holiday season.”

CAMARENA: “Thank you Julie for everything, I have loved your presentations every month. I can vouch that Jessica Chacon is a very good Teen Coordinator! She doesn’t let any of us slack. I love the way she communicates!”

SOTO: “Thank you Julie and I have enjoyed your enthusiasm and optimistic feeling when you present. I appreciate everyone’s presentations each month. I hope to see you around Julie especially at De Anza playing Pickleball! Thank you for everything!”

SAUCEDO: “Welcome Jessica in joining the staff. I look forward to seeing what new things you bring on board. Your enthusiasm is contagious. Julie, it’s been an honor to know you. My only regret is I haven’t been on board long enough to know you more years. I wish you all the best. The fruits of your labor and all the staff that works for you that’s a reflection of you. All the ideas and positivity that you exude is contagious as well. I’m going to miss you. I’m hoping I will still see you around. Maybe we’ll run into each other at a store or a restaurant or something and we can catch up then!”

NELSEN: “Julie, I’ve known you for so many years. I met you at when my kids were much younger. You recruited me to be your guest speaker coordinator for Kiwanis. I’m still doing that ten years later! I thank you for all the fun we’ve had. For what you did for Fred and putting on the funeral luncheon. We’ve been through a lot! Back then, I never knew I’d eventually be here in this position and you’d oversee the Recreation Department. We are going to miss you. The Halloween event was beautiful and seeing all that were involved with the community and gathering of old friends. Congratulations to Jessica and I thank you for coming tonight to meet us all. I’m glad you’re on our team. I hear that you do your job quite well and your enthusiasm is wonderful. I also want to thank Ann, you do such a wonderful job calling and reminding me, even when you are sick! You never stop! I appreciate all that you do! Again Julie, we all admire and appreciate you and all that you’ve done for this community.”

DEAN: “Candice, it’s nice to know you have a perfect fit in Jessica! Julie, we all thank you for your years with the City of Ontario. We thank you for putting up with our traits and quirks. Knowing our thoughts and ideas matter and you’ve let us feel valued and important to the process. You’re like family, we are going to miss you.”

At this point in the meeting, Ken called Julie to the dais and the Commission presented her with a flower vase with flowers engraved with congratulations on 34 years of serving the City of Ontario Recreation & Community Services Department.

M/S (NELSEN/OVITT) ADJOURNED THE MEETING. NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 6:35 PM



Ann Huisman, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Dean, Chairperson