

**CITY OF ONTARIO
RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
JANUARY 2018
MINUTES**

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

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: DOREY, CHASE, PEREZ, HUISMAN, HICKEY

MEMBERS ABSENT: WAPNER, SAUCEDO, NAVARRO-LOPEZ, TON

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Student Representative, Larry Trinidad,
Commission Member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M/S (BINNEY/RILEY) TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2017 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Monthly Statistical Reports for November and December 2017.

M/S (TRINIDAD/OVITT) TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2017 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. **Recreation and Community Services** – Julie Dorey, Assistant Director narrated a Power Point presentation on department highlights from December 2017.

Anthony Munoz Community Center - 150 community participants were invited to the center's Christmas dinner. A big thank you to the following sponsors for the event: Stater Bros. gift cards; Mr. Hank Perkins bicycles and Colony Ballroom Dance Club \$200 Walmart gift card.

- Munoz T.A.C. Christmas Party was hosted by our staff to show appreciation for their willingness to help with special events and daily programs. The teens enjoyed making gingerbread houses, a potluck and bike raffle.
- 2017 Munoz Improvements - Tiny Tot room included adding new wood grain vinyl flooring and a tot sink to the classroom. Other improvements included repair of interior flooring tiles and re-plastering of the pool floor.

De Anza Community and Teen Center - held their annual Christmas party on December 19. Participants created Christmas wreaths. The larger toys were raffled off. Staff member Ramiro led the group in the *Cha-Cha Slide* and all children received a toy, thanks to the *Ontario Fire Department* and the *Sparks of Love Toy Drive*.

- MLK Jr. Party was held on January 11. Participants enjoyed a discussion on who Martin Luther King Jr. was. They enjoyed a craft on *How to Change the World*.
- 2017 Improvements - De Anza Community Center improvements included: new flooring in the MPR, hallway and dance room. A temporary wall in the dance/fitness room was made permanent.
 - All classroom floors are in the process of being refinished!
- T.A.C. visited the Mission Inn on December 15.
- G.I.R.L.S. Club enjoyed a holiday potluck and a night out shopping on December 20. For most of the girls, it was their first time visiting Victoria Gardens.

Dorothy A. Quesada - 193 children and adults attended DAQ's annual Christmas party. Special thank you to Freedom Mortgage for providing over 200 toys. Participants enjoyed crafts, outdoor games, Santa, toy distribution and refreshments. No child left the event empty handed.

- All part time DAQ staff enjoyed a special dinner and awards recognition. Full time staff wanted to thank them for a successful year. The *Rec Dog Award* was presented to Andrea Gutierrez. *Community Champion* was presented to Mirian Garrafa. We said "farewell" to Norma Lopez who has been a faithful part time staff member at DAQ who has now accepted the position of "Planning Intern" with our city Planning Department! Congratulations to our award winners and to Norma!

Ontario Senior Center - Kris Kringle Kraft Fair was held on December 6 with 29 vendors and more than 350 visitors!

- St. George Elementary school visited the OSC in December offering their student carolers talents by spreading smiles and holiday spirit.
- Winter In-Service Training was held on December 18. 91 part-time staff participated in the activities based on becoming an *Agent of C.H.A.N.G.E.* Guest speaker, San Bernardino Unified School District Demonstration Teacher, Sarah (Huisman) Gapp walked the team through the tough world of *triggers* and how to step up and be what so many youth and adults need - an *Agent of C.H.A.N.G.E.*
- *Christmas on Euclid* was kicked off on December 1 with the *Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony*. T.A.C. members helped children get into the holiday spirit by decorating a festive cookie.
- *Breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Clause* participants enjoyed a festive craft, delicious breakfast and a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. T.A.C. members from Westwind and De Anza helped participants, including our adaptive program participants in making their own Christmas stockings.

Westwind Community Center - All About Teens Event took place on January 5. Fifteen teens attended, games included dodgeball, scavenger hunt and *Celebrity Heads Up*. Healthy snacks were provided.

- 2017-2018 Westwind renovations included:
 - A redesign of the pool showers to include new tile and fixtures that have given the pool a fresh new look.
 - The gym floor was resurfaced in preparation for the upcoming Youth Basketball season. All sports programs are benefitting from the polished new floors.
 - The Westwind game room lights were upgraded to LED fixtures.

Thank you to our maintenance staff Caesar and Valentine for their efforts.

Armstrong Center Rehab - Armstrong was very much in need of some major repairs this past fall. Rotting eaves and stucco damage were repaired as well as the entire exterior was painted. A special thanks for our facilities staff, Tom De Young, Valentine Aguilar, Rudy Martinez, Jeff Grant and Uriel Granados for their time and hard work on this project.

Tiny Tots - during the week before Christmas, each parent brought a secret gift for their child. The gifts were for Santa to give out during the center Tiny Tot parties. Parents provided healthy snacks, as they are supportive.

Agua Caliente Clippers of Ontario - hosted an event on December 19 at De Anza Park to dedicate the newly refurbished basketball courts. During the event, they provided a basketball clinic for Ontario youth and teens with the team players and coaching staff. Mayor Paul Leon came out to enjoy and support the event. He offered thanks for the Agua Caliente Clippers of Ontario and their General Manager for sponsoring the refurbishment of the courts. The court dedication and clinic are part of the *NBA Cares Season of Giving*. In addition to sponsoring the refurbishment of the basketball courts, the team also provided all youth with shirts, backpacks, hats and Christmas ornaments and raffled off a few bicycles.

2017 Facility Reservations Report - There were over 4,217 field and picnic shelter reservations in 2017. This number included 9 parks with picnic shelters and 10 parks with athletic fields. The Soccer Complex alone had 1,945 reservations in 2017!

2017 5K Reindeer Run and Rudolph's Dash - Kathy Hickey, Sr. Supervisor reported to the Commission that there were a total of 2276 registered participants in this year's event on December 9. These included; 1,114 Dashers, 1,143 5K Runners, 758 5K Team Members, 385 Individual Runners, 19 Mascot Participants and 119 Volunteers. Thank you to our sponsors: Ontario Auto Center, Allstar Kia, Brookfield Residential, J6 Designs, Parsons, Andy's Burgers, Big Al's, King Taco, Mathis Bros. Chick-fil-A, Grand Canyon University, Main Street Fibers, Niagara, Grocery Outlet and Lazy Dog. Staff presented the 2017 5K Reindeer Run video provided by our Economic Development Department.

Information that is more detailed or a copy of the presentation may be obtained upon request.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Dog Park Update** - Roberto Perez, Assistant Director reported on the new Dog Park that was developed at Whispering Lakes Golf Course. He shared photos of the development and equipment installed. The date of the upcoming grand opening will be publicized in early March 2018.

COMMENTS:

OVITT: "When will the official Grand Opening take place?"

PEREZ: "The Grand Opening date has not been set yet but the park itself is due to open February 19th."

2. **2018 C.P.R.S. Conference** - Julie Dorey reminded the Commission that this year's conference takes place March 13-16th in Long Beach.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Season of Giving Presentation** - Kathy Hickey, Sr. Supervisor reported to the Commission the continued efforts and donations by multiple organizations, businesses and philanthropists throughout the year:
 - a. Munoz Ballroom Dance Club, Hearts of Lala Rainbow, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Charitable Giving, Assembly Member, Freddie Rodriguez, Johnny Thompson, Dave Flatten, T.A.C., Ontario Fire Department, Hank Perkins, Freedom Mortgage, Chick-Fil-A, Clinica Medica Familia, Universal Medical Center, Kaiser Senior Advantage, Innovage, Sunrise Senior Living, Draper Mortuary, Inland Christian Home, United Health Care, County of San Bernardino Public Health Department, Kris and Tommy Lantai, West End Family Counseling and Promotor de Sauld Mental.
2. **Introduction of new full time staff** - Julie Dorey, Assistant Director introduced Janeth Lopez and Jaime Gonzalez, Armstrong Clerical staff. Janeth began working with our department in March 2017 she previously worked as the Receptionist at City Hall. Jaime came on board December 2017. Jaime was one of our original T.A.C. members and then was originally hired as a part time Rec Leader. We are happy to have these two on our department team and look forward to working with them in the future.

3. **Commission Annual Elections**

NOMINATION: (NELSEN/OVITT) FOR KEN DEAN TO CONTINUE AS RECREATION AND PARKS CHAIRPERSON FOR THE 2018-2019 TERM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NOMINATION: (BINNEY/TRINIDAD) FOR RITA NELSEN TO CONTINUE AS RECREATION AND PARKS VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR THE 2018-2019 TERM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMENTS:

BINNEY: “I have been visiting Munoz to observe activity on a regular basis and I’ve noticed people using the horseshoe pits during much of the day. Maybe we should look into offering a horseshoe throwing competition for the local community. In addition, I have noticed there is a need for computers for the kids who are attending “Homework Helpers” during the weekday afternoons. Do you think it’s possible to address the need and obtain some computers for the participants?”

DOREY: “We are actually working with I.T. to get computers installed at Munoz for Homework Helpers.”

TRINIDAD: “Welcome to the new staff members, I’m sure I’ve spoken with you a few times already. All of the presentations were great. The *Season of Giving* presentation really inspires me to give back. I loved the 5K presentation and the *Ugly Sweater* theme. I am sorry I was unable to make the event, both of my children were sick that day. In regards to the dog park, do you have a name chosen for it yet?”

PEREZ: “Not at this time.”

CHASE: “The Commission may recommend a name if they choose to do so and it can be submitted to the City Council for approval.”

OVITT: “It amazes me the steps that the city goes through to take care of its community. The City of Ontario truly cares about its residents.”

RILEY: “We had a great time at the 5K. Our Soroptmist group will host its annual *Prism Awards Luncheon* in April. We are working with Michelle Mulhall-Farrar at the De Anza Community and Teen Center in our nomination process. I continue to be impressed with our T.A.C. groups for everything they do to support our programming.”

NELSEN: “Welcome to our new staff! You help make our city better! I attended the 5K event. I walked through the vendor booths and personally thanked them for being there and for supporting our event. Chick-fil-A was handing out so many coupons! Thank you to all of the volunteers who give so much of their time.”

DEAN: “Welcome to the new staff members here tonight! Last month, I took the opportunity to tour our parks and centers. I visited the Anthony Munoz Community Center and saw the Science and Cooking Clubs in action. I visited Westwind and Dorothy A. Quesada. Christian from DAQ gave me a tour of the Community Garden. One thing I noticed in common for all of the centers was happy employees. They are all so accommodating and that is a great tribute to the Supervisors and their leadership. I’d like to suggest a *refresher course* to assist

the Commission in the proper way to relay any concerns they may have about programming or services offered to the community.”

DOREY: “That’s a wonderful idea and we will look in to it and keep you informed.”

M/S (OVITT/RILEY) ADJOURNED THE MEETING UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING ON FEBRUARY 26, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

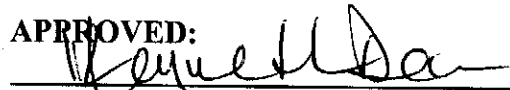
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MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 7:19 P.M.



Ann Huisman, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Dean, Chairperson