

AUGUST 26, 2021
4:00 P.M. MEETING – OFFICIAL Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Ashendorf at 4:01pm
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Commissioner Dorn-Parker
3. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Commissioner Dorn-Parker, Commissioner Glabb, Vice Chair Rutherford, Chair Ashendorf, Commissioner Andrade-Vallarta
Note: Commissioner Andrade-Vallarta entered the meeting at 4:03pm (before Item 4 vote).
Absent: None
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 22, 2021 MEETING**
MOTION/SECOND: Chair Ashendorf moves to approve the minutes /Seconded by Commissioner Dorn Parker. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Commissioner Dorn Parker, Commissioner Glabb, Commissioner Andrade-Vallarta, Vice Chair Rutherford, and Chair Ashendorf
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried: 5-0
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
Cynthia Humphrey: Squirrels have created internal damage in the Diego Sepulveda Adobe. Wants to follow-up regarding which jurisdiction it falls to maintain the squirrel activity regarding the agreement with the City, Segerstrom Family, and the Historical Society.

Mr. Minter mentioned the first goal is to find a potential vendor who can complete a portion of the restoration or guide us as to how the project can be completed without compromising the integrity of the historic building. The building was not in the CIP budget to be restored, but has been flagged to be worked on in the coming months.

Hank Castignetti: Wished a happy retirement for Ms. D’Agosta on behalf of the Orange County Model Engineers.
6. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
Mr. Minter stated he has been advised from the City Attorney that Commissioners should remain on camera during the duration of the discussion and if any staff are not presenting or discussing an item, they can remain in a dark mode.

Vice Chair Rutherford: Two comments; get vaccinated and encourage friends and families who have not gotten vaccinated and go vote.

Commissioner Glabb: No comments.

Commissioner Andrade-Vallarta: No comments.

Commissioner Dorn-Parker: Discussed East Side parks, such as Heller, Harper, and Brentwood Park. Concerns of limitation of funding to implement for ADA compliant park amenities. Requesting a base of playground installation information, such as when installed, life expectancy, ways of funding, etc. Also, brought up dogs being off-leash in parks and how we can get more dogs to be licensed.

Chair Ashendorf: Fun to see the Chargers out again at Jack Hammett Sports Complex. Acknowledged Women in Leisure Services awards that City staff received; Assistant Recreation Supervisor, Tiana Johnson, for her 2021 service, Assistant Recreation Supervisor, Marianna Peña, who is now Chair of the organization for the upcoming year. Thanked staff for offering Happy Feet Running Club and OCME, Hank, for providing train rides after their run.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR** – None

8. **OLD BUSINESS** – None

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Review of the Parks and Recreation Commission Chairperson's Award
Mr. Minter presented.

Chair Ashendorf suggested this award be changed to a "Commission Award" rather than a "Chair Award".

Commissioner Dorn-Parker asked how input should be placed and liked the change Chair Ashendorf suggested.

Mr. Minter clarified that it is an open discussion where no necessary changes need to be made at this time.

Vice Chair Rutherford agreed that the award should be named what the commission's name will be.

Commissioner Glabb inquired why the award was discontinued after 2014.

Mr. Minter explained there's no requirement that an award be given out any month in a year and mentioned staff turnover may have been a factor for the awards to be discontinued. The Director's goal is to try to continue the tradition, as well as to inform staff and commissioners on past items.

Chair Ashendorf commented the brochure needs revamping of new facilities and activities, such as sports, to represent all user groups/community groups of Parks and Recreation. Requested any other suggestion be brought to Mr. Minter and would like this be brought up to a future Commission date.

Mr. Minter summarized staff actions. Update the brochure with current information and pictures, review the policy, and bring it forward in a new package in a couple of months.

10. MONTHLY REPORTS

a) Park Ranger Report - August 2021
No Comments.

b) Director's Report - August 2021
Mr. Minter presented.

Ms. Villasenor gave updates on upcoming events in the department.

Vice Chair congratulated staff regarding the success of Concert in the Park event.
Requested Pickleball updates, since there is a strong base of interest in the community.

Mr. Minter mentioned it is not about lack of interest, but bringing up items such as this in Capital Improvement Projects and finding the right location. A great way to incorporate projects, such as pickleball courts, is during budget time.

Vice Chair Rutherford recommended the group permit policy be evaluated again, since it is overly restrictive compared to other cities.

Commissioner Andrade-Vallarta wanted to thank staff regarding the report of the activities that happened this summer.

Chair Ashendorf inquired about future event; SoCal Cyclo Cross event in November.

Mr. Minter mentioned a report will be provided in September's PACS meeting, so we can invite public input.

Chair Ashendorf also mentioned that the bench and memorial tree have been installed at TeWinkle Park for Noel Bascon.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

12. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 5:46pm by Chair Ashendorf.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 AT 4:00P.M., VIA ZOOM WEBINAR