

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF YORBA LINDA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION HELD OCTOBER 17, 2024, YORBA LINDA, CALIFORNIA.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Battaglia called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mike Kudron, Parks and Recreation Director; Jeff Ruth, Recreation Superintendent; Valerie Passarella, Recreation Supervisor; Julio Palacios, Recreation Supervisor; Kelly Ridenour, Administrative Secretary

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Commissioner McLure

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** Commissioners Catalan/Battaglia to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes of September 19, 2024. The motion carried (5-0) pursuant to the following vote:

AYES: McLure, Hamilton, Dickerson, Catalan, Battaglia  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**PRESENTATION**

**Commendation for Tim Garvey Presented by Director Kudron** - Director Kudron presented a commendation certificate from the City for former Commissioner Tim Garvey to acknowledge his years of service and dedication to our department. Tim Garvey was not present to accept his certificate, but Director Kudron stated that it would be sent to him.

**NEW BUSINESS (Moved Up on Agenda)**

**Yorba Linda-Placentia Draft Active Transportation Plan Presented by Economic Development Manager Colleen Callahan** – Economic Development Manager Colleen Callahan presented the Yorba Linda-Placentia Draft Active Transportation Plan. She noted that she has been working alongside the City’s Traffic Engineering Manager, Tony Wang, and the project consultant from Alta Planning and Design, Les Brown, who were also in attendance. She stated the purpose of the presentation is to give an overview of the Draft Active Transportation Plan and provide an opportunity for dialogue among residents and City officials. Manager Callahan explained that the plan is being drafted in collaboration with the City of Placentia as well as the Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District with the intention of enhancing the safety and connectivity of our community. This effort was made possible by a grant awarded by the California Department of Transportation. Manger Callahan then introduced Les Brown with Alta Design and Planning who presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the details of the plan that has been drafted. Following the presentation, there was an opportunity for questions and comments from the public and the Commission. There were no public comments but there was discussion by the Commission.

**Motion** Commissioners McLure/Catalan to discuss and file the report. The motion carried (5-0) pursuant to the following vote:

AYES: McLure, Hamilton, Dickerson, Catalan, Battaglia  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Emails were received regarding the Las Palomas pickleball courts from the following individuals: Tina Aluzzi, Daniel Kim, Jacki Davis, Joanna Faye and Bob Xi. Emails were also received from Julie and Brigitte Hazen regarding dogs off leash in parks. The following attendees spoke regarding the Las Palomas pickleball courts: Darlene Case, Tina Aluzzi, Cherri Allen, Alex Soles and Elijah Mendoza. Comments expressed opposition to the reservation system, asked to convert additional tennis courts to pickleball courts and presented the results of a survey that was distributed among pickleball players that utilize the courts at Las Palomas. Cherri Allen also stated that the bike rack that was installed after her request was too small, so she requested it be replaced with a larger one. The following attendees spoke in favor of utilizing a reservation system for the Las Palomas pickleball courts and asked for continued mitigation efforts: Bob Xi, Jacki Davis Dora and Anne. Comments supported the reservation system and the continued need for additional mitigation measures. Jacki Davis stated that people have continued to access the pickleball courts from the tennis side to play late at night and the automatic door locks on the restrooms are not working.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Department Highlights Summary Report Presented by Supervisor Julio Palacios** – Supervisor Palacios presented the Department Highlights Summary Report for the period of July 1 – September 30, 2024. He stated that there has been continued growth in our contract class program with 323 classes offered and a total of 1,542 participants bringing in \$152,409 of revenue. In addition, notable highlights during this reporting period were popular special events including Concerts in the Park and Movies in the Park as well as annual summer camps and classes. Supervisor Palacios also reported that Summer Aquatics was very successful with 943 participants and \$69,954 in revenue which is a substantial increase from last year.

**Motion** Commissioners Dickerson/McLure to receive and file the report. The motion carried (5-0) pursuant to the following vote:

AYES: McLure, Hamilton, Dickerson, Catalan, Battaglia  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**MATTERS PRESENTED BY STAFF**

**Indoor Gym Allocation Meeting Recap by Superintendent Jeff Ruth** – Superintendent Ruth provided a recap of the recent indoor gym allocation meeting that took place on October 2 with the three user groups in attendance - North County Basketball, NJB and Top Ballers. He stated that all three organizations fall under the non-resident nonprofit organization classification or Group C and the indoor gym allocations are determined based on the number of residents participating in the organization divided by the total number of residents participating in all three organizations. Superintendent Ruth mentioned the topics discussed included an overview of gym availability, holiday closures, gym rules, site supervision and cancellation and payment details. Staff also shared the new court rules at Vista Del Verde, Jessamyn West, Brush Canyon and Box Canyon Parks as well as informing them about the new project at Bryant Ranch Park.

**Fall Special Events & Programs Presented by Superintendent Jeff Ruth** – Superintendent Ruth announced upcoming department events including the final date of the Movies in the Park Series scheduled on October 19 showing Hocus Pocus and the Trail and Treats Halloween Hike which is scheduled for October 26 and is sold out with 181 families registered. He also mentioned the Youth Empowerment Service Day coming up on

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November 9 which is designed to give high school students the opportunity to earn service hours while giving back to the community and this year's event will be benefitting the Yorba Linda Food for Families Organization.

**Cultural Arts Center Programs and Special Events Presented by Supervisor Valerie Passarella –**

Supervisor Passarella presented a slide show highlighting classes, programs and theater events that have taken place at the Arts Center since opening in 2020 as well as a look ahead into scheduled activities for 2025. She described ongoing programs that continue to be very popular such as the Parent Toddler Art Time, Family Art Experience, Gallery Exhibits and Puzzle Palooza. She also provided a recap of special events including Expressions, Chalk Art Festival and Comedy Nights. Supervisor Passarella was also excited to highlight new Theatrical Performances offered in partnership with local theater groups. She explained that the City manages ticket sales for the shows using the Purple Pass platform and agrees to a predetermined percentage of ticket revenue divided between the City and the organization. The first performance called "Puffs" just completed and there is a current production running called "All Shook Up" which just had it's opening weekend. Both shows have been very popular, and staff was recently informed that All Shook Up received a sought-after award from the OC Theater Guild. Looking ahead to 2025, Supervisor Passarella announced new theater shows scheduled with "Treasure Island" showing March 7-23 and then "She Loves Me" running June 13-22 and there will be more announced at a later date.

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

Director Kudron announced that pickleball reservations for the Las Palomas Pickleball courts started 4 days ago and they are extremely popular filling up with all Yorba Linda residents. Staff will be monitoring the reservations and report back after more time to monitor and gather data.

**MATTERS PRESENTED BY COMMISSION**

**Review of Park Assignments**

None

**Announcements**

Commissioner Hamilton stated that her mother attended the Senior Wellness Expo, and she gave kudos to staff for an awesome event. She also expressed her excitement for the development of the new Active Transportation Plan was appreciative of the presentation tonight.

Commissioner Dickerson announced that he attended the State of the City along with staff and fellow commissioners. He wanted to acknowledge city staff for coordinating such a wonderful event and thank all involved for their work planning an event of that caliber.

Chairman Battaglia stated that he met the owner of the new pickleball facility in Savi Ranch called West Coast Pickleball and he informed him that there is a scheduled soft opening on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Agenda Building**

Commissioner Hamilton asked staff to look into the possibility of installing automated locks on the tennis court gates and to inspect the automated bathroom locks at Las Palomas Park to ensure they are working properly and to help deter people from accessing the courts after hours.

Commissioner Catalan supported Commissioner Hamilton's request for staff to report back on the gates and locks and also asked staff to report back on the feasibility of replacing the bike rack at Las Palomas Park.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, Chairman Battaglia adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Parks and Recreation Commission will be on November 21, 2024.