

**CITY OF ONTARIO
RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
RECREATION AND PARKS MASTER PLAN
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 2, 2021
MINUTES**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** DEAN, RILEY, NELSEN, BINNEY, CASKEY
- NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** GONZALEZ, HUISMAN, HICKEY, MICHALAK
MAYOR PRO TEM WAPNER, COUNCIL MEMBER
DORST-PORADA, LEON, MALDONADO, MCALARY
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** OVITT, TRINIDAD, BRAVO AND ESCOBOSA (Excused
Absences)
- CALL MEETING TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair,
Kenneth Dean at 4:26 p.m.
- SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** Kenneth Dean, Recreation & Parks Commission Chair
announced his resignation from the Recreation & Parks
Commission as he has accepted a seat on the City of
Ontario’s Planning Commission effective immediately.
- CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Recreation & Parks Commission Vice-Chair, Virginia Riley
called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Kenneth Dean, Community Member & Planning
Commissioner

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) City Attorney, Albert Maldonado, acknowledged Kenneth Dean as a City of Ontario Resident and asked if he had any comments.

Kenneth Dean, City of Ontario resident stated that he noticed in the Recreation & Parks Master Plan presentation that there was a baseball field listed for James R. Bryant Park. He stated that he felt it would be too small to be listed as a baseball field. It would be better suited for a softball/youth field. He also shared his comments/concerns about the fact that no walking path was listed for Anthony Munoz Park. Gonzalez acknowledged and will make note of it in the Master Plan document. Dean also stated that the community garden at Anthony Munoz Park is not listed in the Recreation & Parks Master Plan. Gonzalez responded that a correction has been noted and sent. Dean also mentioned that there were not as many multi-family picnic areas for the Anthony Munoz Park. He asked if it could be noted that Del Rancho Park should account for all picnic areas with BBQ’s. Gonzalez responded that the correction will be made.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Ontario Recreation & Parks Master Plan** – Nicholas Gonzalez, Recreation & Community Services Director and Jacob Leon, KTU & A presented the final draft of the Recreation & Parks Master Plan to the Commission and those in attendance. Gonzalez stated this has been an 18-month long project that started last year, and we've done a lot of work to get to this point. Gonzalez introduced Jacob Leon Urban Planning Consultant, for KTU & A. Gonzalez shared printed copies of the presentation for review through the presentation. Gonzalez stated this process has allowed the City to survey what's needed in our parks and community centers and what trends are occurring in the field of parks and recreation. We are here today to recommend approval of this plan to the City Council. The information provided in this plan includes ideas for CIP projects, and seeking grant funding. The Planning Department played an important role in this process as well. All of this has been put together by taking consideration of the tremendous growth going into this community. This presentation includes mapping and statistical data, general city-wide recommendations, conceptual plans, and ideas to redesign some of our parks based on needs that were voiced during the public surveys and observations from park visits.

Jacob Leon stated that the Recreation & Parks Master Plan process provides clear set goals and infrastructure. Short, mid, and long-term range goals and priorities. It provides a financial strategy plan and financial analysis, special designs for the trail network and concept designs. We held our first community in person event last February and then COVID-19 happened. All community meetings after that point shifted to virtual. Leon presented the entire Recreation & Parks Master Plan to the Commission. He reviewed the community engagement process and workshops. An outside survey company, RRC Associates, was hired to gather results of what this community wants and values for its parks and community centers. Additionally, Greenplay worked with the project team to provide an analysis of the City's recreation program offerings.

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

MOTION APPROVED TO RECOMMEND THE RECREATION & PARKS MASTER PLAN TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BINNEY/NELSEN

COMMENTS:

MAYOR PRO

TEM WAPNER: Feels that pocket parks are difficult to patrol from a police enforcement perspective and not enough room for residents to enjoy. We need to bring the leagues to the table to discuss multiuse fields for year-round use. Wapner also stated that we will need additional skateparks in the city and the same with dog parks. Wapner stated that staff are doing a great job and he appreciates it. He asked that we please make

note that all of the conceptual plans that were presented are marked that these are conceptual designs.

DORST

PORADA: Suggested that when this information is made public, the info would include the cost of each improvement.

NELSEN: Stated that the Ontario Senior Center has outgrown itself, it needs to be bigger. More senior activities are needed at the other community centers, but Ontario Senior Center is the hub and parking is an issue right now.

BINNEY: Asked if we could give some thought about having futsal and tennis courts in multi-use areas. Binney also stated that the senior population is the largest growing population and how well used our senior center is. It's a very important part of the city so please do not forget our senior center.

CASKEY: Shared concerns about the wildlife at Whispering Lakes Golf Course. It has become an unofficial preserve for many varieties of birds. This park is in the center of the city. He's concerned about the wildlife if this park is broken up for multiuse purposes.

RILEY: No Comments

M/S (BINNEY/CASKEY) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. NEXT RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 28, 2021 AT 6:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT: 6:12 PM



Ann Huisman, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Virginia Riley, Vice Chairperson



REQUEST TO ADDRESS Recreation & Parks Commission

AGENDA ITEM #: 2

PUBLIC COMMENT:

DATE: 6/24/21

SUBJECT: Master Plan

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Name of Organization Represented (if Applicable) Public

- ◆ Anyone wishing to speak during Public Comment, or on an Agenda Item, is required to complete this form.
- ◆ Completed forms may be submitted to the Clerk prior to the meeting and must be given to the Clerk prior to the beginning of Public Comment or the Agenda Item. The Clerk will not accept Request to Address forms after Public Comment has begun, or the requested Agenda Item has been called.
- ◆ Citizen comments are limited to 3 minutes. The speaker will be alerted when 1 minute remains and again when their time has expired. The speaker must then leave the podium, as additional comments will not be permitted.

Remarks from the audience will not be permitted. Citizens wishing to speak, including Commission and City of Ontario Staff, must first be recognized by the Chair.