

**CITY OF ONTARIO  
RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION  
October 22, 2018  
MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** DEAN, NELSEN, RILEY, SAUCEDO, TRINIDAD, ZENDEJAS, MEDINA

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** MCALARY, HUISMAN, MICHALAK, WAPNER, MEDINA, FAZLURREHMAN, PEREZ, MARINO, ROMERO, WALBORN

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** BINNEY (Unexcused)

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** The meeting called to order by Commission Chair, Kenneth Dean at 6:02 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Larry Trinidad, Commissioner

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**M/S (TRINIDAD/RILEY) TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2018 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. Monthly Statistical Reports for August and September 2018.

**M/S (OVITT/NELSEN) TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2018 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

1. Recreation and Community Services – Julie Dorey, Recreation and Community Services Director narrated a Power Point presentation on department highlights of center activities that occurred in September 2018.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Anthony Munoz Community Center Ceremony/Project Progress** – Julie Dorey, Director shared information on our plans to build a new center at the site of the current Anthony Munoz Community Center. She invited the Commission to the event on October 26 to unveil the “Kick-off” and the official ground breaking ceremony for the project. She described plans to create a “Hand Print Station” to take the prints to a professional artist who will then create a work of art integrated into a wall in the pool area. This was an idea expressed early on and we are excited to have the community give us a *helping hand* in completing this project. Plans are under way to move our center activities to another nearby location. We continue to search local facilities to find the best fit during this transition.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Movies in the Park Presentation** – Amber Fazlurrehman, Coordinator presented on behalf of Clay Lewallen who was her teammate during the movie season. Amber shared with the Commission that the season began on June 1 ending on August 10. Our highest attended movie was *Coco* with over 900 in attendance. She shared that children who attended the Friday night events made unique crafts using the theme of the evening’s movie. Amber shared photos of some of the raffle prizes and the happy recipients from each week.
2. **Concerts in the Park Presentation** – Marina Medina, Coordinator reported to the Commission this was her first year planning the “Summer Concerts in the Park”. “We have found the vast majority of those who attend are from Ontario although we do have people from surrounding cities who drive the distance and we have been told it’s because of the bands we choose and the wonderful venue, Ontario Town Square.” Marina shared a PowerPoint presentation from this summer’s performances. This was the 22<sup>nd</sup> season. “We averaged 1700 spectators each week. The *Como La Flor*, a “Selena” tribute band brought out approximately 3200 spectators. This year, we held a competition to perform the National Anthem at the opening of our Summer Concerts. Each week, a winner of the contest performed (ages 10 and up) and it was well received by the public. We were also privileged to have the Dublin Marching band from Ireland as our special attendees who were visiting the area and performed in the Independence Day Parade. We invited them to attend our Wednesday evening Concerts in the Park. We ended our Summer Concerts with the *Go Human* event on August 8. It was tagged “Re-imagine Ontario” and participants had the opportunity to ride their bikes, skate, skateboard etc. around the Ontario area. They got the idea of what direction the City of Ontario is moving towards.
3. **Water Conservation Report** – Brian Romero, Irrigation Conservation Specialist shared his official updated report for 2017-2018. The report included updates of water conservation projects for South Bon View Park, Museum and Euclid Avenue recycled water conversion. Mr. Romero also shared the department 3-year plan update in the fiscal year 2017/2018; the City of Ontario had a 20% water consumption savings, which totaled 278,402,608 gallons of water.

## COMMENTS:

**DEAN:** “What impresses me the most is every site has a different look to it. I really like the fact they all look just a little bit different.”

**NELSEN:** “I love that you’re on top of getting grants to help improve the environment and infrastructure of Ontario without us having to pay for it. You don’t see sprinklers getting into the roadways anymore, all of that has been changed and is very well monitored.”

4. **Recreation and Community Services Department Reorganization** – Julie Dorey, Director reported to the Commission that in this new fiscal year, the city has appropriated some new positions in our department. The Director position was one of them, along with two managers, Kathy Hickey and Stacy Michalak. Once all were on board, we set about trying to make better sense of our organizational structure. Next month, I will present to you our new organizational chart. Robyn Hockenhill had been doing contract classes for 20 plus years, and is now the Senior Supervisor over the Dorothy A. Quesada Community Center and the Anthony Munoz Community Center. Her two Coordinators are Marina Medina and Karen Fazlurrehman. We are so excited about this change. She has a lot of new ideas and great insight in working with the public. Christina Munoz who was the Senior Supervisor at Dorothy A. Quesada Community is now overseeing the contract classes for the department at the Armstrong Center. She is also in charge of the 5K Sponsorships. The other change is Clay Lewallen who has worked with Frank Salgado for the past several years at Armstrong. Clay will move and take his duties of field allocations over to the Senior Center and will be working with Tracee Davis and Elta Braga. We decided the “open” Senior Supervisor position would be at Westwind. Candice Smith who was the Senior Supervisor at Westwind will be moving over to the De Anza Community and Teen Center. At this time, she is supervising both until that position has been filled. Our efforts are to stabilize the organization and then maximize all of our resources and teamwork moving forward.
  
5. **YMCA Presentation** – Tim Walborn, Branch Director reported to the Commission that the YMCA is contracting with the City of Ontario for the use of Vineyard Pool for the summer months. Tim stated “In the past summers, we’ve used Westwind and Anthony Munoz pools. This year, we had about 150-200 kids in our day camps and we arranged to use Vineyard exclusively which worked out very nice. We had 548 kids use Vineyard pool and we opened it up on weekends for free swim. We will work on getting the word out better next summer. We have been at Veterans Park 2 years. At *National Night Out* we had approximately 150 participants. We have continued the Tae Kwon Do classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. We offer a free after-school program with approximately 38 students enrolled an average of 22 children each day. We provide free after-school meals with another non-profit partnership. We continue our adult programs in the morning, boot camps and Zumba classes. During the summer, we offered *Family Nights* with games and activities, prizes etc. We offer a “Healthy Halloween” event at the YMCA. From November 1 through November 3, children can bring in extra Halloween candy and we send it overseas to members of the military. We recently received a grant from Kaiser to help combat youth obesity. We will be working with

Mariposa Elementary School in doing some noontime activities and filter into activities we do at Veterans Park as well.

- 6. Announcements** - Ann Huisman, Commission Secretary presented the hand-made invitations for the Commissioners for the *Annual Halloween Costume Contest* at the Ontario Senior Center. She also announced the *Annual Commission Holiday Event* would be held at *Rossa's* in Ontario on December 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

### COMMENTS:

**WAPNER:** No Comments

**RILEY:** "I'd like to thank Julie for recognizing the Soroptimist. As you know Helen McAlary is one of our members. I really appreciate that our agendas are full of information. It is good to hear so many things are going on! I look forward to the costume contest and I will also help out with the department costume judging as well."

**OVITT:** "It's just amazing there is so much going at all of the centers including Veterans Park. I remember when I was growing up, it was in the summer we would utilize recreation programming but now it is offered year round and we really appreciate it. I will be attending and helping with the judging of costumes at the afternoon event at the Senior Center."

**TRINIDAD:** "I missed you guys last month not having a meeting, my first cancelled meeting in six years. The Concerts in the Park program is so great! It is awesome that people come from other local communities. I hear them talking about these concerts here in Ontario out in Redlands where I work. I am glad to see how much water we have saved in 10 years since you have started. I feel like I can water my grass now. You did a great job at presenting. My congratulations to Clay and other team members in the organization. It is always good to push yourself and maximize your skills."

**MEDINA:** "I was happy to hear about the success of the programs and events that have occurred within the past months. I am also happy I was able to attend a few of these events. I am excited to participate in the Halloween Costume Contest as well."

**ZENDEJAS:** "Thank you for the presentations. I learned a lot of new things I never knew before such as the amount of water we have been saving. I also would like to thank whoever made the holiday dinner invitations; they are really cute, thank you!"

**NELSEN:** "Thank you for your efforts on water conservation throughout the city. I do my best to conserve at home with drip irrigation and not washing my car or hosing down the driveway. I thank you for being so conscientious and conservative it only makes Ontario greater. I want to thank Recreation and Parks, you all have been phenomenal, Ann you have been so great in getting all the information out

for every event we go to. Ground-breaking's, grand openings and the incredible renderings for the beautiful apartments that are going to be built. Beautiful properties; the one I am so impressed with that took my breath away was the Paseo Apartments off of Inland Empire Blvd. I thank the staff who sets up these events. They do such a beautiful job. I'm also excited about the new Stater Bros. off Ontario Ranch Road and New Haven Drive. I cannot believe we are now celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Citizens Bank Arena!"

**DEAN:** "Where do we begin with the thank you's? All of these reports are so different and well represented as we can see, thanks to you for what's happening in the city. Marty, Helen and I were at the community meeting at De Anza. We expected to see maybe a half dozen people there. I did not take a count but it appeared there were about 30 people at the meeting who were interested in what's going on in the community and the park. Many questions and all well answered. We had four police officers there. It's good to see that kind of community involvement."

**M/S (RILEY/TRINIDAD) MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF DAVID VANFLEET LONG TIME FRIEND AND LONG TIME OMSD BOARD MEMBER. THE NEXT RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 26, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 7:08 PM**



Ann Huisman, Recording Secretary

**APPROVED:**



Kenneth Dean, Chairperson