

**CITY OF ONTARIO
RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
AUGUST 24, 2020
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: DEAN, RILEY, NELSEN, OVITT, BINNEY, TRINIDAD BRAVO AND ESCOBOSA

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: MCALARY, GONZALEZ, HUISMAN, HICKEY, MICHALAK, LEWALLEN, CHINDLUND, VALENCIA

MEMBERS ABSENT: SAUCEDO (Excused Absence)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair, Kenneth Dean at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Marty Binney, Commissioner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M/S (BINNEY/RILEY) TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR JULY 2020 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public Comments

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Monthly Statistical Reports for July 2020.

M/S (TRINIDAD/OVITT) TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT FOR JULY 2020 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. **Recreation & Community Services** – Nicholas Gonzalez, Recreation & Community Services Director, narrated a PowerPoint presentation on department highlights of program activities that occurred in July 2020.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Summer 2020 Aquatics Report** – Clay Lewallen, Acting Senior Recreation & Community Services Supervisor and Darrell Chindlund, Recreation & Community Services Coordinator shared the Summer 2020 Aquatics season report with the Commission. Staff received such a positive response and participation regarding swim

lessons this summer, and were able to add additional sessions that will extend well into the month of September.

NEW BUSINESS

1. No New Business

COMMENTS:

VALENCIA: “I appreciate everyone coming together during these times, especially our amazing Recreation and Parks staff. Adaptability is the word that comes to my mind. We appreciate everything you have done. We appreciate their efforts.”

MCALARY: “Thanks again to Council Member Ruben Valencia and this Commission for your support.”

OVITT: “I was wondering if throughout any of the summer programs, were there any COVID-19 cases reported? And were there any cases with staff?”

GONZALEZ: “We were fortunate that we did not have any cases from the participants in our programming. We had a few cases with staff, and we worked very close with our Human Resources and Risk Management Team to identify if we needed to close any of our facilities down. That has not happened yet, but we do have proper precautionary steps that have to take place if a staff member tests positive.”

OVITT: “That is excellent, what an outstanding way to deal with this issue and providing good programs for our kids and keeping our staff safe as well.”

NELSEN: “I cannot thank you enough for the detailed reports for each of the department programs. In the past I have attended the swim events at Colony High School. I love that the day camps are still going on. I love all your marketing ideas and that you all are staying so involved in promoting Ontario. You and your staff are doing a wonderful job in getting out the word how great Ontario is. There are so many things you can pinpoint but I think everyone is doing a great job during these COVID-19 days that we are in. The City of Ontario does not stop. We keep getting better and better. It is through the leadership from Helen and Nicholas. I also want to thank Ann for doing such a great job as well.”

TRINIDAD: “You did a good job. I really like the idea “Shark Week” it is really cool. My kids will love it. How have the Seniors been responding to the high temperatures? Did you have any cooling center open?”

GONZALEZ: “Normally, when the temperatures are forecast to be over 100 for over 2 consecutive hours, we have all of our centers open but because of

COVID-19 and social distancing, we have allocated the De Anza Community & Teen Center as our official cooling center site. We received a few calls at the Senior Center wondering if it was open and we directed them over to De Anza. Additionally, we have worked and partnered with the County to provide information to our seniors for the "County Fan Program". They will deliver a fan to a seniors household in an effort to assist them to cool down. We have only received a few calls for that program."

BINNEY: "As of right now, for those that are forced to stay home I feel that what we're doing virtually is very significant to the quality of life for our residents. Kudos to the department!"

BRAVO: "I like the idea of Shark Week and I think it's really cool."

ESCOBOSA: "I like the that De Anza T.A.C. keeps challenging us to continue to participate. I wanted to share the painting with you I made during *paint night*. We're going to have a movie night soon and I really appreciate them staying connected with all of us."

RILEY: "I echo what everyone else said. I really appreciate the on-going activities although limited. Virtual programming, swimming lessons and the senior meals. I teach a class for a neighboring city, but we have come to a complete stand still. I have offered to re-group or do it differently, but they still will not allow. I keep thinking Ontario wouldn't do this! It's really neat that we keep moving forward and hopefully, it will not be much longer that we have these limitations."

DEAN: "I'm excited like everyone else is. I like the changes going on. Not just with the building of the Anthony Munoz Community Center but the improvements at the Dorothy A. Quesada Community Center and the Ontario Promise Corps Program. The senior meals is a high point for me, it's really good stuff."

NEXT RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 AT 6:00 PM:

M/S (BINNEY/OVITT) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING IN MEMORY OF RUDY FAVILA, FORMER CITY OF ONTARIO COUNCIL MEMBER AND FORMER CITY OF ONTARIO POLICE CAPTAIN, RON YOKLEY WHO BOTH RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.

CARRIED UNAMIOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT: 7:04 PM



Ann Huisman, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Dean, Chairperson