

**CITY OF ONTARIO
RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
May 24, 2021
MINUTES**

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

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: GONZALEZ, HUISMAN, MCALARY, HICKEY, COUNCIL MEMBER DORST-PORADA, WILSON, OCHOA, LEMUS, MALDONADO

MEMBERS ABSENT: BRAVO, ESCOBOSA (Excused Absences)

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Rita Nelsen, Commissioner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S (TRINIDAD/BINNEY) TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR MAY 2021 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Ann Huisman, Recreation & Parks Commission Secretary read a Public Comment submission from Resident, Ray Chen. Ray Chen filed a Public Comment via the city website. Mr. Chen's stated he is a longtime patron of the Homer F. Briggs Park on Oaks Avenue. His concerns were about dogs that are with their owners at the park but are not leashed. He stated that Homer F. Briggs Park has never been designated as a dog park. He asked if we could put up signs to remind people to have a leash on their animals when they are in the park.

GONZALEZ: Responded that there are two signs posted at Homer F. Briggs Park stating the Municipal Code prohibits unleashed pets.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Monthly Statistical Reports for May 2021.**

M/S (BINNEY/NELSEN) TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT FOR MAY 2021 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DEPARTMENT REPORT:

1. **Recreation & Community Services** – Nicholas Gonzalez, Recreation & Community Services Director, narrated a PowerPoint presentation on department highlights of program activities that occurred in May 2021.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Ontario Recreation & Parks Master Plan Special Meeting** – Nicholas Gonzalez, Recreation & Community Services Director reminded the Commissioners a special meeting is scheduled for the Recreation & Parks Commission and members of the public scheduled for June 2, 2021 at 4:30 PM in the Community Conference Room at City Hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to review and adopt the Recreation & Parks Master Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Introduction of Staff** – Nicholas Gonzalez, Recreation and Community Services Director introduced three new Recreation & Community Services Coordinators to the Recreation & Community Services Department. Jordan Wilson will be assigned to the new Anthony Munoz Community Center; Samantha Ochoa will be assigned to the Armstrong Community Center and Alvaro (Joey) Lemus will be assigned to the Ontario Senior Center.

COMMENTS:

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PORADA: Thanked the Commission members for their dedication to the City. Dorst-Porada shared that both museums are starting to open again. The City Ontario Museum of History & Art has a new exhibit up and ready for re-opening and the Chaffey Community Museum of Art has their art collection out ready for visitors. The Festival of the Arts will be held on October 16, 2021. There will be food trucks, beer vendors and 30 artists. Dorst-Porada shared that the Route 66 Cruisin' Reunion will be back in September. She added that the City has a new Emergency Manger. We'd like for each of the Commission and Boards to take some time at their meetings to see a presentation on emergencies and share with your family, friends, and neighborhoods.

MCALARY: It's so nice to see you all in person. This is the 2nd in-person meeting for Boards and Commissions I've attended and it's so nice to see you all again.

MALDANADO: No Comments

- BINNEY:** Commissioner Binney shared he was happy to see the additions to the agenda containing explanations of what you'll be presenting, it's very helpful. Binney asked staff why we moved the location of the Summer Concert Series to Jay Littleton Ball Park.
- GONZALEZ:** Stated that we were looking at facilities and Ontario Town Square would have been a challenge to ensure capacity limits this year. The Ball Park will help us contain the amount of audience members and they will be sitting in the grass areas.
- TRINIDAD:** Commissioner Trinidad stated he likes the new system of the reports and the new flows and charts on the attendance reports. He stated that it's very helpful. It's good to be back! Congratulations to the new Coordinators!
- OVITT:** Welcomed Albert Maldonado BB&K Attorney and congratulated the Coordinators on their promotions. Commissioner Ovitt stated it was good to have Council Member Dorst-Porada at the meetings and that he's excited about the opening of the State and seeing our activities up and running once again!
- CASKEY:** Expressed how happy he is to be at this meeting in person once again. The department report was great, and the best part was the report that restrictions will soon be lifted. He's looking forward to visiting our programs and events.
- NELSEN:** Congratulated and welcomed the new Coordinators. Nelsen expressed how she is looking forward to attending the concerts at Jay Littleton Ball Park and how good it is to be back in person for our meetings. She thanked everyone for all that they do for the City of Ontario.
- RILEY:** Commission Vice-Chair Riley stated how good it is to be back! She's looking forward to the car show and concerts. She stated that she receives the Museum monthly newsletters and forwards them to her contacts in Soroptimist.
- DEAN:** Commission Chair Dean thanked everyone for attending the meeting and giving of their time. He thanked the staff for keeping the city going during this challenging year.

M/S (NELSEN/BINNEY) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. NEXT RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION MEETING WILL A SPECIAL MEETING ON JUNE 2, 2021 IN THE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL AT 4:30 PM.

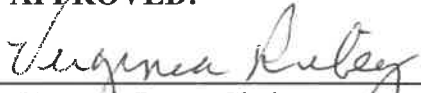
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ADJOURNMENT: 7:15 PM



Ann Huisman, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



for Kenneth Dean, Chairperson