

**CITY OF ONTARIO  
RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 2018  
MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** DEAN, NELSEN, RILEY, BINNEY, OVITT,  
SAUCEDO, NAVARRO-LOPEZ,

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** DOREY, CHASE, HICKEY, MULHALL-FARRAR,  
THOMPSON, KASAD, SORENSON, HUISMAN

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** TRINIDAD, TON, (excused absences)

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** The meeting called to order by  
Commission Chair, Kenneth Dean at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Rita Nelsen, Vice Commission Chair

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**M/S (BINNEY/RILEY) TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2018 CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

1. Form 700 Conflict of Interest- Vicki Kasad, Assistant City Clerk and Records Management Director.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. Monthly Statistical Reports for January 2018.

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

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

1. **Recreation and Community Services** – Julie Dorey, Assistant Director narrated a Power Point presentation on department highlights from January 2018.

*Anthony Munoz Community Center* – highlights were shared of daily and weekly activities at the Anthony Munoz Community Center including Judo, outdoor and indoor sports for all ages. Senior Ballroom dancing, Science Club, and Tai Chi classes.

*De Anza Community and Teen Center* – highlights were shared about the Adult disabled groups from Ontario and surrounding cities. These special needs participants play pool, indoor soccer,

basketball, arts and crafts and enjoy the center's TV. "Cole Vocational Services" reserved the MPR room and Rick & Natalie from "So, Fire Me", brought in a variety of ceramic figures for the participants to paint. This event had over 80 participants.

- De Anza T.A.C. has been helping run the Tot Mini Hoop program on Saturday mornings.
- G.I.R.L.S. Club at De Anza met in February with a special talk about "How to Love Yourself". The girls did manicures and set New Year resolutions for themselves and the club.
- De Anza Friday Night Teens had fun on January 19 as they had a "Lip Sync Battle." The teens and staff had a blast lip-syncing their favorite songs. They are ready for round two!

**Dorothy A. Quesada** – 16 DAQ participants visited the "Body World Exhibit" at the California Science Center in Los Angeles. It was a first time visit for all who attended.

- Staff member Marisol G. reported that DAQ's cooking club averages 10 participants each week. Kids explore alternative ways to make traditional dishes healthy.
- Staff member Andrea G. reported that the DAQ walking club averages nine participants each week and walk 1.5 to 3 miles when they meet.
- Team Rhythm averages sixteen dancers and performed at the centers Valentine's Party and Team Rhythm recital coming up on April 13, 2018. The Gardening Club members are beginning to see their hard work pay off. Lettuce and green onions are starting to sprout! They have also planted radishes, spinach and peas.
- DAQ-Bon View Parking has had some improvements with the addition of new pavement on the north side. New distinct arrows and parking lines were included.

**Ontario-Montclair YMCA** – The YMCA offers two fitness classes at Veterans Park giving an opportunity to exercise 5 days a week to individuals.

**Ontario Senior Center** – The library and the Senior Center began a collaboration called the "Mobile Library" during the summer. Each week Abby brings over a cart full of various books and offers a one on one service to match each senior with a book of their choosing. Averaging 35 to 45 senior visitors each week.

- Our Adapted adventure for the month of February included a trip to the San Bernardino County Museum of history and Art. The group walked through the displays featuring the Mastodons that were native to this region.

**Westwind Community Center** – Westwind keeps the community active by providing programs that keep people moving. Adult and Youth Open Gym, free Zumba, outdoor fitness equipment and the indoor fitness room all play a vital role in keeping the Westwind community active and healthy! The Westwind Walking Club has seen an increase in patrons using the park to get their exercise in the fresh air.

**Tiny Tots** – Session 4 began February 5 and 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Tot Sports** - Mini Hoops season ended February 10, 2018 with 40 participants. Thank you to the amazing De Anza staff and Teen Volunteers who helped run this program.

**Youth Basketball** – the season ends February 24 with Division IV playoffs February 27 and March 1. We had 360 participants this season. Thank you to all of our hardworking youth basketball staff.

*Information that is more detailed or a copy of the presentation may be obtained upon request.*

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **2017 Final 5K Report** – Kathy Hickey, Recreation and Community Services Manager reported to the Commission that the department received \$29K in sponsorships for the 2017 5K Reindeer Run. This is an increase from \$14K last year. Overall participation numbers were up as well. Kathy invited Leslie Sorenson to the podium and presented a check for \$56,706.00 on behalf of Promise Scholars. Ms. Hickey also reported that our Y.E.S. Scholarship program received \$14K from the event. Leslie Sorenson thanked the Commission and the Recreation Staff. She stated, “We feel so very fortunate! The money will help pay for all of our field trips for our fifth and eighth graders and for scholarships. Even more than the money, the effort and partnership between the school district, city and community is very much appreciated. You all do such a great job each and every year!”

## **COMMISSIONER / LIASON COMMENTS:**

**NELSEN:** “Being part of this event is so inspirational for all involved. I am so proud of “Big Al”’s involvement in this program. Thank you for making all of our sponsors feel so good that they keep coming back!”

**Smoke Free Parks Presentation** – T.A.C. and Staff Members, Michelle Mulhall-Farrar and Volunteer, Laura Borruso reviewed each section of the Smoke Free Parks Ordinance with the Commission. Michelle stated when reviewing the example ordinances, they kept in mind the voices of the teens.

- a. The purpose of the ordinance is to establish policy to abolish the use of tobacco, electronic delivery devices and marijuana in community and outdoor recreational areas at all public events in the City of Ontario at all times. The ordinance reflects the voice of the “Teen Community” in Ontario.
- b. The purpose of the Ordinance is to decrease exposure, better the environment and further the quality of life for Ontario residents.
  - a. Areas of concern are as follows: Community and outdoor recreational areas and public events.
  - b. Enforcement proposal “A” includes: Signage, notification and violations/fees.
    - i. Enforcement proposal “B” includes: Signage, notification, cooperation and compliance.

## **COMMISSIONER / LIASON COMMENTS:**

**NELSEN:** “I didn’t realize this is going on in other cities as well. I attended a conference last Saturday in Pomona at a new conference center. I saw *No Smoking* signs but did not see any that said *No Vaping*. I noticed a guard who approached some people who were vaping and he informed them that they could not vape in the area that they were in and had to move out near the street in the parking lot. I also visited the *Citizens Bank Arena* and I saw some people vaping. A guard approached them and pointed to an area where it would be acceptable. What you teens are doing is making an impact and you’re helping make it clear that there are areas where it is acceptable but not in our parks.”

**MULHALL-**

**FARRAR:** “The signs we will request will be specific as to what the ordinance includes. Our teens attended a *Teen Summit* in Fontana and they met with their peers who are also working on a *Smoke Free Parks* ordinance in their city. Our teens plan to go and support Fontana’s teens as they present to their City Council and the teens from Fontana will do the same for ours.”

**DEAN:** “Don’t let anyone tell you that you can’t make a difference, you already have.”

**BINNEY:** “You represent a vision and you represent the future. When taken in perspective what you represent, it is less cancer, longer lives, a better environment and a better world for all of us to live in. That is *you* right here in Ontario. If you’re the future of this world, I’m very proud that you’re leading the way.”

**M/S (BINNEY/SAUCEDO) TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PRESENTATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **T.C.C. Brief** - Karen Thompson, Associate Planner shared a Power Point presentation on the “Transformative Climate Community Grant.” Ms. Thompson reported that the city just received a \$35 million dollar grant for this multifaceted project. We have 14 different partners working together with us. Ontario was one of three sites chosen from across the state. Fresno, Watts in Los Angeles and Ontario. We were fortunate to have a lot of political support with our Council, Mayor and multiple local agencies across the county. The project revitalizes decayed downtown infrastructure to create and *Urban Village* complete with high quality transportation, affordable housing, green energy and a developing green work force.
  - a. Actual projects that we will be implementing will cover 5 square miles. The general boundaries are south of *I Street* and north of *Cedar*. West of *Vineyard* and east of *Benson*.

**COMMISSONER / LIASON COMMENTS**

**BINNEY:** “I guess you’ll see more population growth with this project. Will our school district be prepared to handle that?”

**SORENSEN:** “We have been on a slow decline in enrollment for the past few years so I’m sure our schools can handle it as well.”

**OVITT:** “I would mention the growth will be primarily in the Ontario Ranch area which is primarily south of us. How long will it be before the developers will come our way?”

**THOMPSON:** “We should start seeing implementation beginning July 1, 2018”

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1. **Commission Handbook Review** - Julie Dorey, Assistant Director reviewed the Commission Handbook explaining the Commissions role and opportunity to be a voice from the community to council and from council to the community. Julie stated; “the process for recommendations get through to the city council is through our management team. When you have concerns, ideas and things you may like to suggest or point out after you have visited an event, parks or community center. You would bring it forth to our Agency Director or myself. We will consider it as part of our due diligence. Whether it is referring to the current budget or if it is an immediate fix and put it in perspective. Sometimes there are things going on in the background that you may not be aware of and we may already be addressing issues. In as much, we do not want to involve you necessarily in all the *day to day* operational issues but we do want you to know that we take to heart any issues that you might bring up.”
2. **State of the City Announcement** – Julie Dorey encouraged everyone to attend on March 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The event takes place at the Ontario Convention Center. Please let Ann Huisman know if you are interested in attending and she will make arrangements.
3. **Volunteer Banquet Announcement** – Julie Dorey reminded the Commission to attend the Annual Volunteer Banquet on April 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. This event will take place at the Ontario Convention Center.

**COMMENTS:**

**WAPNER:** N/A

**BINNEY:** “Thank you to the teens in their development of the “Smoke-Free Parks”. You have a vision you are the future! You are making a huge difference. I also want to say that I volunteer at the Senior Center. I feel pride when I see people with challenges having a place to go and activities to do. It gives them an outlet and a place to grow, learn, and not be cooped up in a house. I thank our department for having those programs. I also want to thank the library for bringing books to the senior center. The library just is around the corner but many of the seniors cannot get over there, so to have the books brought to them, it is most appreciated.”

**OVITT:** “Congratulations to all of you who participated in the development of the Smoke-Free Parks policy. I look forward to the implementation to it. There are many good things going on, I appreciate hearing about the T.C.C. plan and the positive change that will take place. When we have our adjournment, I would ask if we could adjourn in memory of Dr. Billy Graham.”

**NAVARRO**

**LOPEZ-** "Thank you for coming and for your hard work on the *Smoke Free Parks* presentation. I know how hard it can be to stand up in front of people and say how you feel and I congratulate you."

**SAUCEDO:** "I'd like to express my gratitude for all of your hard work on the ordinance. It is an inspiration. Please continue and seek other things that can influence our world on a positive note. As much as it is easy to swim down-stream, it's more work to swim up. Please continue on and you will get stronger as you go."

**RILEY:** "I ditto what all the commissioners have said. T.A.C. is near and dear to our hearts. Leslie was very surprised by that amount. I do not think she had any idea how much money was raised. Leslie is *Promise Scholars!*"

**NELSEN:** "On a light note, I'm announcing our upcoming event on Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> *Ontario Heritage Organization's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Golf Tournament*. The event will be held at Whispering Lakes Golf Course in Ontario. This organization enhances many of the older homes in this area. We assist those that cannot install the replacement windows and help keep the integrity of the home. The Heritage organization recognizes the legacy and history of the City of Ontario. I would like to request that we also close the meeting in the memory of Joe Pacifico who was part of the Ontario Kiwanis club for many years and active in St. Georges in Ontario."

**DEAN:** No Comment

**M/S (NELSEN/BINNEY) ADJOURNED THE MEETING IN HONOR OF THE REVERAND BILLY GRAHAM AND BILL PACIFICO UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 26, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 7:27 P.M.**



Ann Huisman, Recording Secretary

**APPROVED:**



Kenneth Dean, Chairperson