

**CITY OF ONTARIO
RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
June 2019
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: DEAN, NELSEN, RILEY, BINNEY, OVITT,
TRINIDAD, SAUCEDO, ZENDEJAS

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: MCALARY, HICKEY, SMITH, MARINO,
ESCAMILLA, HUISMAN

MEMBERS ABSENT: MEDINA (Excused)

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 Brittany Zendejas, Student Representative

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**M/S (BINNDY/RILEY) TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR MAY 2019 CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public Comments

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Monthly Statistical Reports for May 2019.

**M/S (TRINIDAD/SAUCEDO) TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT
FOR MAY 2019 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. **Recreation and Community Services** – Candice Smith, Recreation and Community Services Senior Supervisor narrated a Power Point presentation on department highlights of center activities that occurred in May 2019.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **James Bryant Dog Park Grand Opening** – Adrian Escamilla, Parks and Maintenance Manager updated the Commission on an outstanding event which was well-attended. Ontario resident, Bill Cortus donated a pedestal, dog statue and plaque which was installed at the park in honor of his late wife Mary Ann, avid dog lover who just recently

passed away. Over 250 people attended with approximately 150 dogs. We thank the city for truly investing in the community. The attendance says it all.

2. **De Anza Futsal and Pickleball Court** – Adrian Escamilla, Parks and Maintenance Manager reported that our Facility Maintenance Department installed induction lighting clusters near the Futsal and Pickleball court. They have a twenty- year service life.
3. **New Restrooms at De Anza Park** – Adrian Escamilla also reported that a “pre-fabricated” restroom was installed on the north west corner of De Anza Park. Our Maintenance Department demolished the existing restrooms as there were design flaws including visibility challenges for our Police Department to patrol and see clearly for surveillance. The new structure has doors that face Philips Street, north side. We’ve had positive feedback from the community. We have included stalls for the restrooms for privacy. We designated a specific room for the user groups to utilize. We also have baby changing tables in both men’s and women’s restrooms.
4. **Student Representative Presentations and Selection** – Kathy Hickey, Recreation and Community Services Manager thanked Brittany Zendejas and Venus Medina for their service this past year. Kathy invited Candice Smith to present the four candidates for the 2019-2020 Student Representative positions. Candice introduced Omar Escobosa representing Ontario High School, Julianna Soto, representing Chaffey High School, Julissa Soto, representing Chaffey High School and Jennifer Camarena representing Ontario High School. Each candidate presented information regarding their goals and plans and how they feel they can represent the youth of Ontario through their role as a Student Commissioner.
 - a. The results of the Commission selection: Jennifer Camarena – Student Representative and Julissa Soto – Alternate Student Representative.
 - b. Commission Chair, Ken Dean congratulated them and stated that what they will contribute to the Commission is important and that they do make a difference in the community.

The new Student Representatives will be appointed at the July 16, 2019 Council meeting along with the outgoing Student Representatives who will be acknowledged and thanked by the City Council members.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. **De Anza Water Conservation Project** – Philip Marino, Parks and Maintenance Supervisor shared photos and reported that the area next to the Futsal and Pickleball Court had some unused turf area that was a high-water usage sight. Brian Romero our Irrigation Conservation Specialist applied for a grant through Southern California Water Smart program and we received a rebate for it. We removed 7,862 sq. ft. of turf. Adrian designed the area and we eliminated all the existing irrigation and converted to drip irrigation. Through all the new irrigation, we will receive a savings of 183,352 gallons of water each year. That amount of water could supply a single-family home for a full year. Philip shared before and after photos of the area showing the construction and finished project.

COMMENTS:

NELSEN: “Adrian designed the entire landscape design. We saved money not only for water use but also the costs of the design. It is phenomenal and all done in house.”

ZENDEJAS: “Is the court open 24 hours every day?”

ESCAMILLA: “Operation hours signs are posted.”

TRINIDAD: “Does the new lighting bother the neighbors?”

ESCAMILLA: “We installed the lights to be on only during hours of operation. We have not received any complaints as of today.”

BINNEY: “I was so impressed with the student presentations. They were incredible! It is beautiful to see the new restrooms at De Anza. Our contact with the Police Department, Officer Matt Zick does such an awesome job. He responds to our emails and inquiries in a timely manner. I would like to recommend that we present a plaque of appreciate to him at a future Council meeting.”

SAUCEDO: “Thank you to all of the students who presented tonight. Each of you should be proud because you were very well prepared. If you weren’t selected this time, please apply again if you have the opportunity.”

RILEY: “I read over the student applications at home and it was very hard to decide. Congratulations to our incoming Student and Alternate Representatives!”

OVITT: “I taught high school for 35 years and I never had four students all in one place that spoke so well! Your communications skills are amazing! I hope you all go on to do great things in college and come back and share your knowledge and your talents with this community!”

TRINIDAD: “Thank you for what you’ve done at De Anza by adding the new restrooms and landscaping. The students who presented tonight did such a great job. You’re all so well spoken and positive. I can see leadership in all of you. I hope I can do for my kids what your parents have done for you.”

ZENDEJAS: “I am so proud of all of you who presented tonight. You’re so good at speaking in public! I didn’t do nearly as much as you in high school! I hope you continue to do good things.”

NELSEN: “Adrian and Philip, I love what you did for De Anza Park. You’re keeping it clean and safe. You’re bringing UP the city that I love! I can’t thank the students enough who presented tonight. You all spoke so eloquently about your goals. If you weren’t chosen tonight, please come back and try again if you can. Stay involved with your city and the Recreation Department.”

DEAN:

“Thank you to Adrian and Philip for your presentations! To the students who presented tonight, I want you to know that I have a 17-year-old grand-daughter and I am just as proud of you as I am her. You were all so smooth in your presentations. You have no idea how close the votes were. You made it very difficult for us to choose. I have never seen a vote this close!”

THE NEXT RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON AUGUST 26, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER.

M/S (BINNEY/TRINIDAD) MEETING ADJOURNED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 PM



Ann Huisman, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Dean, Chairperson