

**CITY OF ONTARIO  
RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION  
August 23, 2021  
MINUTES**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**      Diego Detres, Student Representative

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**              RILEY, NELSEN, OVITT, BINNEY, CASKEY, MACIAS, TRINIDAD, DETRES, ESCOBOSA

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:**      GONZALEZ, MCALARY, HUISMAN, HICKEY, MEDINA, LEWALLEN, CHINDLUND, MALDONADO, COUNCIL MEMBER DORST-PORADA

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Council Member, Debra Dorst-Porada addressed the Commission to share information regarding the effort to defeat Senate Bill 9 (Atkins) and Senate Bill 10 (Weiner) that propose bills that aim to stop local control. Dorst-Porada shared a printed letter (on file with the Commission Secretary) asking for community members to contact their local Representatives.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Minutes for Regular Meeting on July 26, 2021

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR JULY 26, 2021 (TRINIDAD/BINNEY) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Monthly Activity & Attendance Report for July 2021.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY ACTIVITY & ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR JULY 2021 (OVITT/CASKEY) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

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

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No Old Business

## **NEW BUSINESS**

4. **2021 Ontario Summer Concert Series** – Marina Medina, Senior Recreation & Community Services Supervisor and Clay Lewallen, Recreation & Community Services Coordinator presented a report on the 24th Annual 2021 Summer Concert Series at Ontario Town Square. There were 8 weeks of band performances with an average attendance of 3,000 people. Three additional concerts were added that will be held on Thursday evenings at Celebration Park North in Ontario Ranch.
5. **2021 Aquatics Program Update** – Darrell Chindlund, Recreation & Community Services Coordinator presented a report to the Commission on the 2021 Aquatics program. Chindlund reported that the Department offered 7 two-week sessions beginning June 28, 2021 and will end September 3, 2021. Lessons were held at the Dorothy A. Quesada, Westwind, Vineyard and Colony High School pools.
6. **Introduction of New Staff** – Nicholas Gonzalez, Recreation & Community Services Director announced the promotion of two staff members to Recreation & Community Services Coordinator positions: Marquita Hester and Ismael Medina.

## **COMMENTS:**

### **DORST-**

**PORADA:** Stated that a lot is going on in Ontario for development. The city is working with different partners in the area around the Toyota Arena. Dorst-Porada also announced information for the Route 66 Cruisin' Reunion and the Ontario Festival of the Arts.

**ESCOBOSA:** Stated she is excited to be back. She really loves the Tiny Tots program as her little brother is a participant.

**DETRES:** Stated that he is a member of the Teen Studio Board. He enjoys what they are doing and making new friends with the other participants and staff.

**TRINIDAD:** No Comment

**OVITT:** Shared that he attended a reception at Chaffey Community Museum of Art. He said that it was outstanding with a lot of amazing photography. Mr. Ovitt asked Nicholas Gonzalez who owns the Bud Eldridge Baseball Field at Bon View Park?

**GONZALEZ:** Gonzalez stated that the City of Ontario owns it and was previously used by Ontario Central Little League. Gonzalez stated that the City is currently in talks with a group that would like to use it soon.

**MACIAS:** Stated she is very excited to grow with this board and thanked the staff for their reports.

**CASKEY:** Thanked Nicholas Gonzalez and staff for the department reports. He thanked Council Member Debra Dorst-Porada for bringing up the SB9 issue stating how important it is.

**NELSEN:** Stated how much she appreciates the aquatics programming in the City of Ontario. She thanked staff for their reports.

**BINNEY:** Shared with the Commission how proud he is of the Recreation & Community Services Department as we all faced the challenges of COVID-19 and how well they kept the community engaged as much as possible. He stated he participated in a Zum-Up class. He encouraged everyone to stay safe and active and embrace life.

**RILEY:** Attended the “Ontario Night Out” on August 3, 2021 at the Dorothy A. Quesada Community Center. She met new people and enjoyed the booths. She stated she is looking forward to the Route 66 Cruisin’ Reunion coming up in September.

*(a copy of the information book that was provided is available upon request from the Commission Secretary)*

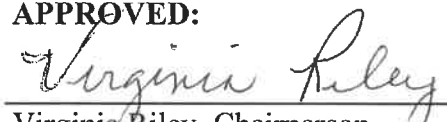
**M/S (OVITT/BINNEY) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. NEXT RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION MEETING WILL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:25 PM**

  
Ann Huisman, Recording Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
Virginia Riley, Chairperson



## REQUEST TO ADDRESS Recreation & Parks Commission

AGENDA ITEM #: \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLIC COMMENT:

DATE: Today

SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

SB 9

NAME (Please Print Clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

Debra Parada

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization Represented (if Applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

- ◆ Anyone wishing to speak during Public Comment, or on an Agenda Item, is required to complete this form.
- ◆ Completed forms may be submitted to the Clerk prior to the meeting and must be given to the Clerk prior to the beginning of Public Comment or the Agenda Item. The Clerk will not accept Request to Address forms after Public Comment has begun, or the requested Agenda Item has been called.
- ◆ Citizen comments are limited to 3 minutes. The speaker will be alerted when 1 minute remains and again when their time has expired. The speaker must then leave the podium, as additional comments will not be permitted.

Remarks from the audience will not be permitted. Citizens wishing to speak, including Commission and City of Ontario Staff, must first be recognized by the Chair.

Dear Residents,

Asking you to join the effort to defeat Senate Bill 9 (Atkins) and Senate Bill 10 (Wiener). These proposed bills aim to stop local control.

SB 9 promotes development in single family neighborhoods by allowing the homeowner or developer or foreign investment firm to create an additional 4 units or subdivide an existing lot and construct 6 units on the property. SB 10 will allow up to 10 units on a parcel.

These proposals go against a city's effort to protect local zoning and design standards. The region needs more housing options, but these bills will create a financial and quality of life impact for the City and their residents.

Specifically, these bills would negatively impact the residents of Ontario by:

- Removing the City's ability to maintain zoning and design standards and thus jeopardize the value of most residents' single-largest investment – their home.
- Eroding historic preservation of neighborhoods and HOA's.
- Stripping residents of their right to voice their views for the future of their community.
- Causing significant environmental, infrastructure, and cost impacts. Many older or established neighborhoods will not be able to handle the effects of increased traffic and street parking.
- Perhaps more troubling is that by possibly doubling or even quadrupling the density in single-family neighborhoods water and sewer lines will be insufficient for the demand, resulting in major service interruptions, overflows and breaches, and significant costs to upgrade capacity.
- California is in a drought. Where will the additional water come from to service these new units?
- Where will the money come from to pay for additional police and fire services? Most cities get less the 18 cents on every property tax dollar.

I am disappointed that these efforts by Sacramento legislators make no mention of other alternatives to solving the infrastructure crisis. I urge you to voice your concerns to your local Sacramento Representatives.

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