



## Recreation Commission Minutes July 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

### 1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:31 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carmona at 6:31pm.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. ROLL CALL

**Commission members present:** Chair Larry Carmona, Vice-Chair Karen Baldrige, Commissioners Shannan Ovard, Joser Rosales, Jason Ovitz (arrived at 6:33pm)

**Commission members absent:** None

**Staff present:** Recreation Manager Olivia Henderson; accompanied by previous Rec Director Joe Fenske; City Manager, Pete Carr

### 4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

#### Citizen Comments:

Mr. Fenske requested to add Capital improvement: 6D to the Agenda, Chairperson Ovard made a motion to add it, Vice Chair seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Fenske addressed the Recreation Commission and thanked them for their years of support.

Council Member Jeff Tolley made a public comment that people of the community would like to see more benches throughout Vinsonhaler Park.

### 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

#### A. Approve Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes from February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Commissioner Ovard moved to approve; Vice Chair-person Baldrige seconded. Motion passed 5-0

### 6. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, AND ACTIONS

#### A. Introduction of Recreation Manager

Mr. Carr introduced Olivia Henderson as the new Manager of the Recreation Department. Vice-Chair Baldrige then invited Olivia to share some background about herself with the Commission.

## **B. Recap of Summer Programs**

Mr. Fenske provided a recap of the summer recreation programs, including Soccer, Flag Football, Tumbling, Adult Co-ed Softball, Dance, Cheer Camp, and Basketball Camp. Joe suggested increasing dance classes to twice a week next year, instead of once, to help dancers retain their skills more effectively.

Ms. Henderson shared participant statistics for swimming lessons and emphasized the need to restructure the Private Lesson program to ensure timely completion. She also highlighted the number of swimmers brought to the pool daily by OUSD SPARK and stressed the importance of developing water safety skills for these students. Commission member Ovard suggested that Ms. Henderson connect with OUSD to explore a partnership that could potentially offer swimming lessons to SPARK students in the future, helping to address this gap.

Ms. Henderson noted the positive feedback received from the health inspector's summer report and mentioned the need to replaster the pool next summer.

## **C. Preview of Fall and Winter Programs**

Ms. Henderson outlined the plans for Fall Soccer, noting that the registration process is already underway. She also mentioned that Youth Basketball is scheduled to start in January. While there won't be a Fall Volleyball program due to limited gym space, Ms. Henderson expressed the possibility of introducing it in the Spring.

## **D. Update on Capital Improvement**

Mr. Fenske reviewed the Capital Improvement List, distributing a handout detailing current projects and their respective budgets. He recommended inviting Orland Little League to revisit discussions on the Lely Ball Field Project. Mr. Fenske also noted that Ms. Henderson would be responsible for obtaining estimates for a new play structure at Newport Park. He estimated that the Recreation Department currently has approximately \$180,000 in unallocated funds for park improvements.

Commission member Ovard suggested bringing all stakeholders together with the Recreation Department to prioritize specific projects for the unallocated funds, allowing the department to begin moving forward.

## **7. Commissioner Reports**

Each Commission member took a moment to express their gratitude to Joe, recognizing his many years of dedication and service to the Recreation Department.

## **8. Future Agenda Items - None**

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.