



Recreation Commission Minutes September 25th, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carmona at 6:15pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Commission members present: Chair Larry Carmona, Vice-Chair Karen Baldrige and Commissioner Joser Rosales

Commission members absent: Commissioner Shannan Ovard, Commissioner Jason Ovitz

Staff present: Recreation Manager Olivia Henderson

4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments: No Public comments were made.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes from July 31, 2024

Vice-Chair Baldrige moved to approve; Commissioner Rosales seconded. Motion passed 3-0

6A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, AND ACTIONS

1. Dog Park Dedication

Recreation Manager Henderson informed the Commission of a request from Mr. Plants to name a community park in honor of his late father, a former Orlando Public Works employee. After deliberation, the Commission noted that no parks were currently available for renaming.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Baldrige moved to dedicate a bench with a commemorative plaque bearing Mr. Bernard Plants' name. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosales and passed unanimously, 3-0.

2. Discussion on Benches in Vinsonhaler

Ms. Henderson informed the Commission that the Recreation Department currently has three benches ready for installation, as discussed in the previous meeting, and is awaiting confirmation of their placement locations. Vice-Chair Baldrige proposed placing one bench in front of the City Pool and the other two in Vinsonhaler Park. Commissioner Rosales expressed support for this suggestion.

3. Fountain Refrigeration Enhancement

Ms. Henderson presented a quote for a stainless-steel water refrigeration station, proposed by the Orland Otters organization, to replace the unrefrigerated unit currently at the City Pool. She recommended relocating the new station to the north side of the wall to minimize sun exposure. The cost of the new station would be shared between Orland Recreation funds and the Orland Otters.

Vice-Chair Baldridge raised concerns about the responsibility for maintenance costs and the price of replacement filters. The Commission suggested gathering more detailed information regarding installation and maintenance expenses and confirming that the proposed station is designed for outdoor use before moving forward.

4. Dog Park Improvements

Ms. Henderson conveyed a public request to install a water source at the Dog Park.

The Commission recommended that Ms. Henderson collaborate with the Public Works Director to visit the park, identify an existing water line, and install a spigot that would allow visitors to fill water bowls for their pets.

6B. Project Updates

1. Replastering of City Pool

Ms. Henderson reported that a representative from North Star Pools recently visited the City Pool to take measurements and prepare a quote for its renovation. The proposed upgrades would include plastering, tiling, and, if necessary, replacing drain covers.

She emphasized the urgency of the plastering project, citing significant pool chipping throughout the summer that created safety hazards for the public and caused wear and tear on cleaning equipment. Ms. Henderson highlighted the importance of this investment, given the pool's high usage during the summer months. Based on her consultations with pool experts, she recommended the Commission request quotes that include a quartz finish, valued for its superior durability.

City Council Member Bruce Roundy added that funding for the renovation could become viable if Measure J is approved.

2. Pickleball Courts

Community member Bart Caster shared that the light shutoff time for the Pickleball Courts had been adjusted to 9:15 p.m. in response to multiple requests from local residents concerned about excessive noise disrupting the neighborhood after 10:00 p.m. He suggested adding signage at the courts to establish a designated "Quiet Time" and remind players to be respectful of nearby residents.

Chairman Carmona requested that Ms. Henderson obtain quotes from local businesses for this signage and present them to the Commission.

Caster also noted that the original budget for the Pickleball Courts included plans for a shade or wind cloth and inquired whether any funding remained to purchase and install one.

Vice Chair Baldrige expressed doubt about leftover funds but suggested that a shade cloth could potentially be donated. She added that if one were installed, it should be removed during the winter to prevent damage from rain and weather, which could cause it to sag or tear.

3. Update on Fall Soccer

Ms. Henderson provided the Commission with an update on the start of the Recreation Fall Soccer season, noting that the first week had been a success. She expressed pride in her team's hard work and dedication in ensuring a smooth launch.

To better prepare her staff for the season, Ms. Henderson invited a local referee to conduct a training session for the referees at Lely Park. Looking ahead, she shared her intention to introduce pre-season scrimmages next year to help both players and referees build knowledge and gain practical experience before official games begin.

She also highlighted the impressive participation this season, with over 300 children registered across three divisions.

4. SOAR Project & Collaboration with OUSD SPARK

Ms. Henderson discussed a potential collaboration initiated by the Glenn County Community Action Department to pursue a grant that could fund educational resources and materials for establishing a community garden. While she expressed enthusiasm about the opportunity, she also raised concerns about the availability of sufficient staff to support the project effectively.

Chairperson Baldrige proposed partnering with the School District, noting that they likely have additional manpower and resources to help bring the project to fruition.

7. Commissioner Reports

Chairperson Baldrige commended Ms. Henderson for her outstanding performance during her first month in the role.

8. Future Agenda Items

None

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm