

**LOMPOC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
August 14, 2018
City Hall Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Plaza**

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Pat Brady
Dave Baker
Steve Bridge
Charles Sommer

Staff Present: Mario Guerrero, Jr., Recreation Manager
Dirk Ishiwata, Facilities, Fleet & Park Maintenance Manager
Kevin McCune, Public Works Director
Shandee Vega, Office Staff Assistant II

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Brady addressed Commission regarding proper protocol as far as speaking into the microphone and addressing names when called upon.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Thompson Park Project Update – by Mario Guerrero, Jr., Recreation Manager

Mario Guerrero, Jr., provided an overview of the Thompson Park Project. He stated the installation of the shade poles over the bleachers should be completed by the end of the week and the Parks and Recreation Staff will be assembling the bleachers. The landscaping will be completed before the restrooms open, and at the end of the month the score booth windows and public address (P.A.) system will be installed. He stated he is working with Lompoc Girls Softball Association on getting their concession stand painted instead of contracting out the work. Staff awaits the structural engineer plans regarding the scoreboard installation date, and a tentative date for ground breaking will be in September. Commissioner Brady and Commissioner Sommer commented on the field condition being good. Commissioner Sommer asked about the fencing being permanent and if there was date for the opening of the restrooms. Dirk replied about a week and a half and Mario replied no for the fencing.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Minutes for July 10, 2018 Regular Meeting

2. Accept Recreation Monthly Activity Report
3. Accept Park Monthly Activity Report

MOTION: Commissioner Bridge made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, with a second by Commissioner Sommer. The motion passed with a 3-1 vote with Commissioner Baker abstaining due to last month's absence.

INFORMATIONAL ONLY:

1. Facility Use Request by El Concilio de Lompoc to utilize the Old Section of Ryon Memorial Park on Saturday, September 15 and Sunday, September 16, 2018 for a Mexican Independence Day Celebration – Written Report by Mario Guerrero Jr., Recreation Manager

Mario explained the purpose of the “Informational Only” section. Some discussion took place between the Commissioners regarding why the process changed. The consensus of the Commission was for Staff to create and bring back guideline options for events that will provide an overview to Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Centennial Park Upgrades – Oral Report by Dirk Ishiwata, Facilities, Fleet & Parks Maintenance Manager

Dirk reported that Frank Campo from the Lompoc Rotary Club stepped down and they are pulling out of the Centennial Park upgrades to help with the Huyck Stadium renovation project. Commissioner Sommer asked if the City had a Capital Improvement Plan for Centennial Park. Mario replied the Centennial Park upgrades were going to be part of the Housing-Related Parks Program Grant, but was not awarded the full grant.

2. Commissioner Bridge's request to begin a study on cost saving measures for potential savings in the Parks Division

Mario distributed materials listing each park, their revenue, acreage and main usage. Dirk stated they are going to be conducting a two week survey on each park. Commissioner Bridge stated he and Dirk will get together to come up with a spreadsheet ranking each park on importance and an overall cost analysis.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (2 Minutes Maximum):

NONE

STAFF REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Dirk Ishiwata reported the Parks Division used the inmates from the Lompoc Federal Prison to help clean up the Lompoc Valley Multipurpose Trail. Parks staff are working on prepping the Ryon Park Football Field and the Skate Park for the competition this weekend. He is also working on Make a Difference Day and is open to ideas for three projects that will be completed. Dirk took the new City Manager, Jim Throop, to tour all of the City Parks who was amazed at how much land the City has and agreed Parks should be priority. He added September 10th through October 10th is the Riverbed Cleanup for the homeless, and the campgrounds will remain open. Commissioner Bridge inquired about the Lompoc Hospital Foundation's Colorthon and the concerns during the Riverbed clean-up. Mario replied he spoke with Alice Milligan and she is still having her event on October 20th. Kevin McCune informed Commission the triage center will be closed to the public, but not the actual park itself. Dirk concluded stating they are making the tennis courts at Ryon Park Pickle Ball friendly by adding extra lines. Staff is going to meet with the Pickle Ball community and prepare a presentation.
2. Mario Guerrero, Jr., reported the Lompoc Youth Football League had their Opening Ceremonies with pancakes, food trucks and scrimmages. The Skate Park Competition will be held on August 18th with Commissioner Sommer being the emcee and the Beattie Park Back to School Fun Run will be held on August 19th. He reported the Triathlon was a good turn out and he thanked Commissioner Sommer for being the emcee for that event as well. He added the Fallen Warriors Memorial event will be held November 3rd at Beattie Park. On September 16th, there will be a car show taking place at the Ocean and I Street Parking Lot for Electrical Car Week and they are looking to have this as an ongoing event. The Lompoc American Youth Soccer Organization work day at River Bend Park is this weekend. The Fall Activity Guide is now online and swim lesson registration will take place on August 20th for Splash Pass Members and August 22nd for the public. He added the Teen Pool Bash was not a big turn out this year, but staff will continue scheduling the event hoping to increase numbers. He concluded with reporting about the Totally 80's Family Dance Party that will be held on September 28th at the Dick DeWees Community and Senior Center.

COMMISSION REQUESTS, COMMENTS, AND MEETING REPORTS

1. Commissioner Sommer asked if more classes will be offered for swim lessons and if a Water Safety Instructor class will be offered to help increase class numbers. Mario replied yes, a new timeslot is being offered and they are contracting with a company that will offer Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor classes. Commissioner Sommer asked if there is a penalty for organizations practicing on an unreserved field. Mario replied there is not a financial penalty, but they could be asked to leave the field by the Park Host or Mario resolves the situation himself.
2. Commissioner Brady reported she would not be at the meeting in October. She also mentioned there is no Vice-Chair since Commissioner Braxton stepped down.

- Commissioner Bridge voted Commissioner Baker to be the Vice Chair with a second by Commissioner Sommer. All were in favor.
3. Commissioner Baker reported because of his occupation and fire season, he may not be at future meetings but thanked Staff for the continued support with the Bike Park.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:36 P.M. Commissioner Sommer moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Commission to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Lompoc City Council Chamber, at 100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc, CA; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Bridge.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Brady, Commission Chair

Mario Guerrero Jr., Secretary