

**CITY OF ONTARIO
RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
November 26, 2018
MINUTES**

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

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: DOREY, MCALARY, HUISMAN, WAPNER, PEREZ,
MARINO

MEMBERS ABSENT:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting called to order by
Commission Chair, Kenneth Dean at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Rita Nelsen, Vice-Chair

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**M/S (BINNEY/TRINIDAD) TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2018 CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Monthly Statistical Reports for October 2018.

**M/S (OVITT/RILEY) TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT FOR
OCTOBER 2018 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. **Recreation and Community Services** – Julie Dorey, Recreation and Community Services Director narrated a Power Point presentation on department highlights of center activities that occurred in October 2018.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2018-2019 Recreation and Community Services Budget Presentation – Julie Dorey, Director reported that we have two segments now to our presentation due to the Recreation and Community Services Department and the Parks Department are now in two separate agencies. We welcome Robert Perez to fill in for Mark Chase who is retiring. Mark worked for the City of Ontario 32 years. Julie shared that our City Manager, Scott Ochoa has been here with us for a full year now. Julie walked the Commission through the budget process for the upcoming year. It is up to our City Manager to use all city resources to implement the vision, goals and objectives set by our City Council. As he does that, you will hear more about *A.S.O.'s* (Agency Strategic Objectives) which will be a separate presentation. Not just the goals for our department but also those that reflect the new agency as we are all working together and everything overlaps within the agency. The budget document is in three sections. The summary provides a high-level overview of each operational unit's activities and programs for the next year. The operating budget detail is a guide for our revenues and expenses. Lastly the city's comprehensive spending plan for the forthcoming years. This includes the 5 year *Capital Improvement Program*. This gives the City Manager the opportunity to keep an eye on what is happening now but into the future as well. Julie shared our new Community Life and Culture Mission Statement. This new agency includes Recreation and Community Services, Library and Museum. *"Community Life and Culture strengthens our diverse community through art, learning, leisure, heritage and health. We create memorable experiences by connecting people to places, resources and each other."* Collaboration and community engagement is at the top of our priority list. Julie shared that one of the biggest collaborative partners has been with the *Kaiser Permanente*. The second 1 million dollar grant with them "sunsets" in March. We have been invited to apply for "sustainability funding" with them. We are honored to have this opportunity. Through their funding, Robert Perez and his department have done many different things. We completed the walking trail at De Anza and installed outdoor hydration stations at Bon View Park and at De Anza Park. We just recently installed a "fitness rig" at De Anza Park. The equipment has features of what you would do at a boot camp or cross fit gym. Last year, our participation numbers were up by 25% and the 5K broke all records for participation and sponsors. Julie also shared department highlights throughout 2018. Recreation and Community Services Department's 2018/2019 operating budget is \$5,165,000. We currently have 22 full time employees and 150+ part time employees.

2018/2019 Parks and Maintenance Department Budget Presentation – Roberto Perez, Assistant Parks and Maintenance Director reported to the Commission. Roberto shared the list of Capital Improvements that were made at De Anza Park, James Bryant Park including the upcoming Dog Park. The new design and ground breaking at the Anthony Munoz Community Center. The department currently employs 67 full time employees. Many improvements were made at our parks including park lighting, security cameras, sidewalk repairs, restroom painting, slurry seal of parking lots, new picnic tables, cleansing and sanitizing of playground equipment etc. Parks funding for 2018/2019 is \$23,569,864.

A copy of both 2018/2019 budget presentations is available upon request from the Commission Secretary.

COMMENTS:

OVITT: “We have the purple pipe and recycled water, do you know what our savings are now based on utilizing the recycled water.

PEREZ: “Euclid from “G” Street to the 10 freeway savings is \$328,000.”

DOREY: “I have something more to add to our department report. We have been discussing the homeless challenges in our parks. James Bryant has been a challenge. I have good news! Officer Matt Zick recently sent us a report after we removed the tables and the BBQ’s. Prior to removing them, the park averaged 24 calls for service per month. They ranged from suspicious persons to narcotic and transient issues. In the last 45 days, there were two calls for service. One was a suspicious person who was not at the park but was on “D” street. The other was a family issue involving a disrespectful child. This tells us we are on the right track.

PEREZ: “If you want to drive by Galvin Park for the playground you approved, it’s up and it’s amazing!”

NELSEN: “You mentioned signage that says “Ontario” on the center meridian on Euclid, did you say they’re going to be updated and made to look more historical?”

PEREZ: “Yes, we do have a conceptual design and once I receive it I will be sure to share it with the Commission. We will be installing one at Merrill which is the south entrance to the city now and one near the 10 freeway.”

2. **Commission/Board Evaluation** – Julie Dorey, Director explained that there is a good intent to look at all the various boards and commissions and get everyone on the same page. On behalf of our staff, and myself we appreciate all of you very much. Please fill out the evaluation and turn to Ann tonight before you leave for the evening.

COMMENTS:

WAPNER: No Comments

SAUCEDO: “Thank you for all the hard work you do. In most cases, other cities start winding down due to the holidays. I think we start winding up! I really appreciate that and it sets us apart from other cities. Thank you to the staff, volunteers and T.A.C.”

RILEY: “I think the evaluation form was a good idea and I appreciate having the chance to fill it out. I served as a judge for the city departments costume contest. It was a riot! The employee’s costumes were all amazing. I could not believe the work and detail that went into the costumes. I had such a good time! I have been to

locations in the city but not in the offices, it was interesting! I hope everyone will be there at the Reindeer Run, I registered last week.

OVITT: “Congratulations Alan Wapner for your re-election. We also have the *Alan and Allen Show* at the Ontario Convention Center with the Chaffey Community Show band coming up on December 10. Alan Wapner and David Allen from the Daily Bulletin will be the narrators for the event. It will be a nice show so hopefully you can make it.” We will miss Mark Chase and we appreciate all that he did for the city. He really went beyond. I look forward to the Reindeer Run. We have a city that keeps people busy.”

TRINIDAD: “Thank you for your presentations, they were great. I think city and the new way, new look and the new ideas of trying to grow, it would be nice if possible we could come up with a “Mission Statement” for 2019 so we could hold each other up to that Mission Statement. It’s just an idea I wanted to put out there.”

BINNEY: “I noticed during sporting events and parties at Munoz Park, most people bring their own chairs so they can see the events that are going on. They do not sit at the picnic tables. It is primarily where the homeless sit. Most people do not want to go over there. I’m wondering if it’s possible, now we know moving out the picnic tables has worked at Bryant Park, if it is possible to remove them from Munoz Park?”

PEREZ: “We are working with Officer Matt Zick from Ontario P.D. The BBQ’s have been removed to prevent campfires and the water supply to the drinking fountains has been shut off. This prevents the homeless from bathing in them. Moving the tables may be the next step. We have to be careful about what we move and we are waiting to hear back from Officer Zick to report the progress that has occurred since we moved out the BBQ’s and shut the water off to the drinking fountains. We will be in touch with you with the progress and keep you updated.”

ZENDEJAS: “I appreciate you keeping us all up to date and informed. I wanted to thank everyone who attended and participated in all of the Halloween events. I attended the one at Westwind and it was fun to witness the fun that the participants had when they attended.”

MEDINA: “I was happy to see the community involved and to be part of the events that happened in October. I am glad to see the variety of programming offered. I am happy to be in this position as I can see more of what the city has to offer. I’m excited to attend the holiday events this next month.”

NELSEN: “I enjoyed attending the 10 year anniversary of the Citizens Bank Arena. It was great to talk and to see everyone there. I talked to “first time season ticket holders” who bought their season tickets at a luncheon ten years ago. It was wonderful. I sat with Brittany Zendejas. I introduced her to Mr. Deveraux our past City Manager. The event was so widely attended and everyone received a goodie bag. I thank the people who put that party on; they really did it up right. I thank you for all the events we attend, grand openings, groundbreaking’s. I see

the growth in the dynamics of this city. Robert, I cannot say enough of you and your staff. I wave at them when I drive by; they probably wonder who I am. I will miss Mark Chase; I truly loved and respected him. I also would like to say how proud I am of our Student Reps. They are so gracious and valued. The Ontario Kiwanis is supporting *Christmas on Euclid* on December 1st and it begins at 9:00 am.”

DEAN: “Thank you for the reports. It is amazing the wealth of activities we have in the city. It is there for anyone who wants to use it. I had talked with my wife about some of the issues at Munoz Park. The tables and benches were brought up. She line dances twice a week in Chino and we talked about some of the risqué activities in the parks and she witnesses the same activities going on in the Chino parks where there are no tables.” I do not want to take all of the amenities away from the parks. At one of the early meetings with the community regarding the changes at Munoz Park, a parent brought up how she likes to walk while her kids are participating in our programming and she suggested adding a walking trail. Thank you to Ann Huisman for keeping us informed she reminds us of all the activities that are coming up.”

M/S (BINNEY/SAUCEDO) MEETING ADJOURNED. THE NEXT RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON JANUARY 28, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 7:10 PM



Ann Huisman, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Dean, Chairperson