

**CITY OF ONTARIO
RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
MAY 2018
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: DEAN, NELSEN, RILEY, BINNEY, OVITT,
SAUCEDO, TRINIDAD, NAVARRO-LOPEZ

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: TON

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting called to order by
Commission Chair, Kenneth Dean at 6:03 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**M/S (BINNEY/RILEY) TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR MARCH 2018 CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Monthly Statistical Reports for March and April 2018.

**M/S (SAUCEDO/TRINIDAD) TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT
FOR MARCH AND APRIL 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 March and April 2018.

A copy of the department presentation may be obtained upon request from the Commission Secretary.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Ontario Soccer Park Project Update** - Philip Marino, Parks and Maintenance Supervisor shared with the Commission before and after photos in a Power Point Presentation showing the renovation of the Soccer Park. New synthetic turf has been installed at two fields. The fields have declined into non-compliance with ASTM G-Max test standards. The new technology implemented replaced old rubber infill with a

mixture of "Cool Play" material and rubber, which reduces the temperature of the fields by 30% during extreme heat. The new fields received the *Revolution 360*, which is a high-grade polymer UV resistant fiber made of state of the art extrusion and precision process that eliminates breaking points and provides a more natural playing surface. Philip also shared before and after photos of the Soccer Parks new slurry sealed parking lot.

COMMENTS:

NELSEN: "I cannot believe the usage of that facility. Thousands of people!"

DEAN: "I was at the Upland Tournament this past weekend and the referees there were sharing all positive things about our Soccer Park."

2. **Smoke Free Park Ordinance** – Julie Dorey, Recreation and Community Services Director reported that we are continuing to move forward with our Smoke Free Ordinance and have gone through the City Attorney who has created a draft ordinance. There were specific technicalities and terminologies that needed to be fine-tuned. We are working on the Awareness Campaign and signage. We hope that next month, we may have a solidified date when we are going to go forward to Council. We will keep you posted.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **CDBG Galvin Park Toy Selection** – Robert Perez, Assistant Public Services Director shared a Power Point Presentation with the Commission on playground equipment that will be installed at Galvin Park. Robert shared photos of units from Great Western, Dave Bang and Associates and Coast Recreation. The Commissioners had a variety of questions regarding safety, types of materials to be used, placement of equipment, and location in the park itself, etc. The Commission viewed the variety of photos that Mr. Perez shared during discussion. The equipment is planned to be installed by the end of July 2018.

M/S (SAUCEDO/TRINIDAD) TO MOVE FORWARD WITH RECOMMENDATION OF "GAME TIME" FROM GREAT WESTERN EQUIPMENT TO CITY COUNCIL. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. **Student Representative Recruitment Update** – Julie Dorey, Recreation and Community Services Director reported to the Commission our efforts on getting recruitments for applicants. We work with the school counselors and members of our T.A.C. and had a table at the College and Career Fair. Next month we will be bringing our final candidates to present themselves and answer any questions you may have. Wendy Navarro-Lopez, Student Representative went to our other Centers to inform teens about the position.

COMMENTS:

TRINIDAD: “It’s been awhile since I’ve been here due to some health challenges of one of my children. I want to thank everyone for their support and understanding. I attended the CPRS Parks Tour and I always try to do that to look for ideas for our parks. I did not see anything that caught my eye this time. I was a little disappointed; it was more about the heritage of their parks. One thing I did see that a vendor had was a phone application that could be used if you were to sign your kids for summer camp. The parent pays a fee and if something happened like an active shooter or medical response you can notify the family right away to give them notification and instructions in case of an emergency. It could be used if you have staff out on the playground and there is an emergency and the staff could use the application to send out a distress signal. The application will help supporting staff find the exact location of where the situation is taking place and they can lend aid or call for emergency back up.”

DOREY: “I’d like to share information regarding something very similar to what Larry has described. The city is working with a company called *Everbridge*. It is the system that the city uses to phone, email and text alerts for potential emergencies. The company has another module which is very similar to what you described. It allows you to see where all of your staff is at any point in the day and that you can contact them. If your staff are out walking in the park, they can turn the application on for safety reasons and they have to check in with you so that you know they are ok at all times. It is along the same lines as you have described. The city is looking at using it for more than just emergencies and public information. ”

TRINIDAD: “What I’d also like to see is if we could come up with a better way for the Commission to be informed of upcoming events and network with each other so that we can cover upcoming events and have good representation. I’d like to see us improve on our attendance at functions and we can coordinate with one another.”

BINNEY: “I’m glad to hear that you’re going to come up with a system to help us be better notified of upcoming events so we can have better representation. Is it possible for us to send a thank you to the Police Department for what they have done at Munoz Park? Officer Zick and Officer Hernandez do a great job in keeping the park safe. The *Mobile Fresh Unit* is an ideal thing for the senior community. A lot of seniors don’t drive and it’s too far for them to walk to the store and this enables them to get fruits and vegetables right at the Senior Center and makes it so easy.”

TRINIDAD: “One more thing, I was at Westwind a couple of months ago and there was a lot of traffic from the baseball and soccer fields. I noticed many parents are parking in the red zone. It causes major traffic issues within the parking area. So much to the point, I wonder if emergency vehicles can get in! I am wondering if it would

be helpful when we issue field use permits, that we hold the teams accountable to tell the parents they cannot park in the red zones. Maybe if we try to contact them at that level that it may help a little instead of walking in to the community center and calling PD and then they come out and issue tickets.”

DEAN: “Does Ontario’s Senior Patrol ticket?”

DOREY: “This has been a long time challenge at Westwind. We have made announcements and have formally notified the groups. We have fed information through people that are running the programs hoping they would have more influence. We have also collaborated with the Mountain View School District that has district offices within walking distance on Riverside Drive a little further east and they allow us to use their parking lot. We have put up signage directing people there. We have reached the point there is nothing more we can do but to call PD. PD will go through there at various times and ticket if they are parked in the red zone. We have been working on it. We would love to have a bridge over the wash that could lead us into the Whispering Lakes parking lot for those heavy attended evening events. We are open to any ideas people may have. It has been an ongoing challenge for many years.” We will meet with our staff to see if anyone has new ideas on how to address.”

BINNEY: “Munoz has the same issues on Saturday mornings. There are times you cannot even get into the parking lot, people double-park all the time.”

OVITT: “Parking is an issue everywhere. If you drive down any street now, there are more cars than they can put in their garage, everyone parks on the streets and it is very over-crowded. Everyone drops off and picks up their kids from the schools, very few walk to and from their homes anymore. On another note, I found out there was legislation passed in regards to Student Representatives. I am not sure if it was just applicable for School Boards but it may also include Student Representatives on city boards and commissions. There is certain criteria we need to follow. One is that they have the right to vote but their votes are to be kept separate but recorded. Can you look into it to see if this applies to our Commission?” It is great to see John Galvin Park to be brought up to where it presently is. It is a much safer area to go now. My granddaughter will love the new playground equipment. Chaffey High School turf is due to be replaced soon. It is great to see what we have done with our soccer park.”

DOREY: “We will look into it and get back to you about the Student Representative Legislation.”

SAUCEDO: “James Bryant Park that recently had a lot of work done. I drive by usually in the early evening and I have noticed, especially on the weekends, there are more and more gatherings of people that maybe are considered unsavory. We have barbecues that are being used to burn pallets. That is not what the barbecues were designed for. Since we have cameras in the park, I am not sure if the cameras are being monitored. The tot lot is in close proximity where the barbeques are. I am

getting concerned, this is happening on a more regular basis. Who would we contact to share our concerns?"

PEREZ: "We will reach out to PD on this issue. Homelessness is a constant issue we have to deal with. Some of the local churches come to feed them on certain days, another church will come and offer clothing on other days."

DOREY: "I was contacted by Al C. Boling, Assistant City Manager and he asked me if we gave a reservation for a church for services at San Antonio Park? My response was no, that we do not reserve any of the areas at Bryant Park. It appears that there are services on Wednesday nights and several on Sunday's at the park. Many times, you get churches that want to minister to the homeless and they will have food and clothing with them. You can clearly see the connection with what may be happening and that is why we have larger groups on the weekend. We will have to follow up on this. Our goal is to make sure the parks are safe for families and for the park to be used for the purpose it's intended for."

BINNEY: "Didn't Council pass an ordinance on churches not feeding people at the parks?"

PEREZ: "We do not have an ordinance for that."

DOREY: "It's a tough situation. They try to address freedoms to do different things, speech, congregation, things like that. I think they are trying to approach it through health laws. I am not sure if we have an actual ordinance."

PEREZ: "Calling PD is probably the most effective thing we can do when we see things such as bon fires and congregating in the park after hours."

NAVARRO: "I have noticed when I exit the 10 freeway at Mountain there are signs that state that there is no panhandling now. I noticed there is a lot less people asking for money in that area now."

LOPEZ

RILEY: "I like the idea about notifying the Commission of upcoming activities. I attended the Volunteer Walk of Fame event. I was the only Commissioner who attended the event. I also attended the Showcase last Wednesday, which was always nice as usual. There were fewer food trucks that evening. I heard some people saying they wanted more. I would also like to brag about the Soroptimist Prism awards in April. We recognized the T.A.C. as an organization that serves the community. Ken Dean and Wendy Navarro-Lopez accepted the award. Thank you to the staff who attended the event. We recognized Naomi Orosco who received our *Violet Richardson Award*. She wasn't able to attend as she was in Sacramento with our T.A.C. Michelle Mulhall-Farrar and Wendy receive the award on her behalf."

DOREY: "Diana Moore, a long-time volunteer from our Senior Center received the *Volunteer Walk of Fame Award* this year."

DOREY: "We went with the same amount of vendors as we had the previous year."

NELSEN: "I just wanted to thank Robert and Philip for their presentations regarding our soccer park which is so beautiful. I hope the users of this park respect it and keep it clean because we are so proud of our city. Thank you for renovating our parks. I'm glad Galvin Park had a turn this time." The Kiwanis will hold their Annual Pancake Breakfast and Car Show on June 2, 2018. Please come out and participate. Tickets are \$5 each.

DEAN: "Thank you for your presentations and the reports on the progress on park updates. Galvin Park is kind of the *Grand Old Lady* of our parks and it is nice to see her get some needed attention.

M/S (BINNEY/TRINIDAD) ADJOURNED THE MEETING UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING ON JUNE 25, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 7:25 P.M.



Ann Huisman, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Dean, Chairperson