

**CITY OF LOS BANOS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2015**

ACTION MINUTES – These minutes are prepared to depict action taken for agenda items presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson George called the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairperson George led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL – MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION PRESENT: George, Limon, Jones, Osorio, Rodriguez

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Operations Manager Cardoza, Recreation Coordinator II Baker, Administrative Coordinator de Melo.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Jones, seconded by Osorio to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative vote of all Parks and Recreation Commission Members present.

PUBLIC FORUM: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ANY ITEM OF PUBLIC INTEREST THAT IS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY; INCLUDES AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS. DETAILED GUIDELINES ARE POSTED ON THE COUNCIL CHAMBER INFORMATIONAL TABLE. No one came forward to speak, and the Public Forum was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ACTION MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2015: Motion by Jones, seconded by Osorio to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative vote of all Parks and Recreation Commission Members present.

PARKS & RECREATION 2014/2015 REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REPORT: Operations Manager Cardoza reported that the budget is at about 70% for both revenues and expenditures. We are still expecting revenues from soccer sign ups and building rental fees before the fiscal year ends. Vice Chairperson Osorio stated that some soccer teams collect money from their players for the rental of the lights on the fields. He would like to know if that money was used to pay for the lights. Operations Manager Cardoza stated we do not charge for the use of the fields, however, we do have teams that come in and pay for the lights. Commissioner Rodriguez asked if we pay the referees for our Youth Soccer Program. Recreation Coordinator II Baker answered we do not.

RECREATIONAL PROGRAM MONTHLY REPORT: Recreation Coordinator II Baker reported the Tee Ball/Pee Wee ball program is coming up soon. The cost is \$55 per child ages 3-6 and 7-9; we have about 280 kids participating. All games are played at 7th Street Ball Park every Thursday night, for 6 weeks. We recently started our Spring Adult Softball League, and is going well. We have 22 teams signed up. Games are played on Wednesday and Thursday nights at the Ag Sports Complex, for 8 weeks. We have a few new activities this summer. We are offering a Lego Engineering Class. We had an orientation workshop in April and had a great turn out. It was free to the community. We will be offering another free workshop on May 9th. The class will be held July 20-24. The Cost is \$120 per child. There has been quite a bit of interest in this class. As previously mentioned at the last two meetings, there will be a few sports camps held at Pacheco High School this summer which will be held June 15-25. Commissioner Osorio commented that he thought the camps were a great idea. Commissioner Limon commented that his kids have participated in Parks & Recreation activities, and he has seen a big increase in activities over the years. Commissioner Jones requested a workshop meeting to discuss where our finances come from and what activities we are providing. Are we providing the best activities that we can with the funds that we have. Is there anything the Commission can do to help. Operations Manager Cardoza said we will mention the request to Public Works Director/City Engineer Fachin.

PARKS & RECREATION OPERATIONS MANAGERS REPORT. Parks and Recreation Operations Manager Cardoza reported we are entering into a very strict drought year. Some parks may not look good, as we are only watering two times a week. Steve Nunes and his church volunteers have done volunteer work for us the last four years; they will be doing some volunteer work for us soon, by spreading wood chips in the playgrounds and painting. The hoop at Oliveira Park that was mentioned last meeting by Vice Chairperson Osorio has been repaired. Mother's Day in the Park is coming up; because the restrooms have been vandalized, we will be providing portable restrooms. The restrooms are insured, and we are working with the Claims Adjuster and the Building Inspector on getting it repaired. Those restrooms are over 25 years old. The insurance company is paying for the portable restrooms, however, if they are vandalized, the City is liable for the damage. Commissioner Limon asked if there is a City ordinance regarding closing the park restrooms at night. Operations Manager Cardoza said we do not have an ordinance in place. We would have to pay staff to go out at night to lock them, however, we are concerned with safety of the employee. Commissioner Jones suggested putting cameras on the outside of the restrooms. Vice Chairperson Osorio said that the soccer teams that play at Vineyards Park and funding their own portable restroom, and taking full responsibility of maintaining it. The City is constantly cleaning the graffiti in that area, but new graffiti appears every day. In San Diego, the City puts cameras on houses that face the parks; maybe that is an option. Commissioner Limon felt that cameras were a good idea, however, the City may not be able to financially afford them. Commissioner Jones suggested that we get businesses to donate the cameras.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER REPORT. Public Works Director/City Engineer Fachin was unable to attend the meeting.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS.

JONES: Happy to see Mr. Limon on the Commission. Hopes we call all get together to help staff and improve recreation in the City of Los Banos.

LIMON: Very grateful to be on the Commission, and see what goes on behind the scenes, including learning about revenues and expenditures. When people look to locate to Los Banos, they not only look at the housing prices, but they also consider the City parks and the recreation activities. Believes we are doing a good job.

OSORIO: On behalf of the basketball players, they would like to say thank you for repairing the basketball court.

RODRIGUEZ: Read a written statement, which has been attached to these minutes.

GEORGE: Moving as of May 8, 2015. It has been a pleasure to be on the Commission. We have a good group of people here, and Los Banos has been a great place to live. In looking at places to live, many cities are having a water crisis, but Los Banos is fortunate to have its own wells, and a high water table.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 6:32 p.m.

APPROVED:

Pastor Osorio, Vice Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jelene de Melo, Secretary