

**CITY OF LOS BANOS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Jones called the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Jones led the pledge of allegiance.

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Public Works Director/City Engineer Fachin, Parks and Recreation Operations Manager Cardoza, Recreation Coordinator II Baker, Administrative Coordinator de Melo.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2015: Commissioner Jones asked if the Commission wanted to postpone the selection of Chair and Vice Chair until the next meeting on March 17, 2015; all Parks and Recreation Commission Members present agreed; George absent.

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

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 JANUARY 20, 2015: Motion by Osorio, seconded by Rodriguez to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative vote of all Parks and Recreation Commission Members present; George absent.

PARKS & RECREATION 2014/2015 REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REPORT: Public Works Director/City Engineer Fachin reported we are at about 50% in revenues; we are doing well. We do receive a big portion of our revenues in May and June. We are starting the budget process March 1st. This year we will bring a draft of our budget to the Commission prior to being presented to the City Council.

RECREATIONAL PROGRAM MONTHLY REPORT: Recreation Coordinator II Baker reported our 27th Annual Arbor Day Celebration is coming up. We are also celebrating 25 years as Tree City USA. Staff is currently judging school art work for the art contest. Winners will receive tree seedlings and their name will be announced at the Arbor Day Celebration. This year's Arbor Day Celebration will be on March 6th at 556 Rockport Dr. Hopes everyone can make it. Tee Ball and Pee Wee Ball sign-ups are currently being held thru March 7th. The cost is \$55 per child, ages 3-9 year olds. The program will run Thursday nights, from May 14, 2015 - June 18, 2015 at the 7th Street Ball Fields. The Recreation Division and Pacheco High School are trying to partner together to hold some sport camps this summer. Adult softball signups will be starting March 21st. The cost is \$450 per team. Commissioner Jones asked if there was a program for low-income kids. Recreation Coordinator II Baker stated we do offer scholarships for low-income children, in which the City pays half the registration fees. This is available for about 25 children. Commissioner Rodriguez asked who was sponsoring the British Soccer Camp that was listed in the activity guide. Recreation Coordinator II Baker stated the company had approached him about holding the camp, and the Recreation Division had been working with them in coordinating the event.

PARKS & RECREATION OPERATIONS MANAGERS REPORT. Parks and Recreation Operations Manager Cardoza reported the Spring/Summer Activity Guide has been distributed to all the local schools. Copies of the Activity Guide can be picked up at the Community Center and can also be viewed online. There are many activities for all ages. We have started the engineering phase of the replacement of the playground at Ranchwood Park. We are still planting trees around the City from the PG&E Pipeline Pathways Project. Encouraged all Commissioners to attend this year's Arbor Day Celebration. Commissioner Rodriguez discussed an idea of once a month birthday party for children ages 6-11; he has sponsors that would be willing to pay for this event. Operations Manager Cardoza stated that sponsors are very helpful in planning events, and asked Commissioner Rodriguez to come by his office to further discuss his ideas.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER REPORT. Public Works Director/City Engineer Fachin reported the Tree Commission has selected two trees to received a Heritage Tree Award. Once the owners agree to received the award, those recommendations will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission for approval; The City Council still needs to give the final approval, therefore, these awards will not be through the approval process in time to be announced at the Arbor Day Celebration. The Tree Commission has also nominated two trees that belong to businesses for the "Tree-Mendous" Award. The businesses will need to agree to the award, however, the nominations do not need to be approved by another Commission or Council. The Mayor would like those businesses to be present at Arbor Day to accept their awards. Director/City Engineer Fachin asked if any Commissioners plan on attending Arbor Day, please let staff know so that your name can be announced.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS.

GEORGE: Absent.

OSORIO: Very glad to live in Los Banos; moved from San Diego. Believes we have nice parks, but there is room for improvement. He would like to tour the parks with staff. Director/City Engineer Fachin stated that we do tour the parks once a year, which was done a few months ago. Many of the parks are in assessment districts, however many of the districts have no funds. Director/City Engineer Fachin advised the Commission that a portion of the restroom at Pacheco Park was burned down recently. Commissioner Osorio asked about the restroom at Oliveira Park. Operations Manager Cardoza stated that someone vandalized all the porcelain fixtures, therefore, the restrooms are currently closed until they are repaired. Commissioner Osorio suggested giving keys to only the coaches.

RODRIGUEZ: No report.

JONES: He is here for whatever this Commission needs, and what staff needs to keep providing activities for kids to keep them off the streets.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 6:41 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jelene de Melo, Secretary