

MINUTES  
RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
OAK PARK RECREATION & PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
OAK PARK COMMUNITY CENTER & GARDENS  
1000 N. KANAN ROAD, OAK PARK, CA 91377  
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015  
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

ITEM

I. CALL TO ORDER/  
INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm

Committee Members Present: James Ebert,  
Michael Sklar, Derek Ross, Mike Paule

Others Present:

District Board Members Dee Dee Cavanaugh, and  
Gene Hostetler  
District Legal Counsel Gregory Murphy, and  
District Staff Members: Wayne Nakaoka, Renee  
Peace and Larry Peterson

Guests Present:

None.

II. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

ACTION: Committee Member Mike Paule nominated Derek Ross for Chair,  
Committee Member Michael Sklar seconded the motion. Motion passed  
unanimously.

ACTION: Committee Member Michael Sklar nominated Michael Paule for  
Vice Chair, Chair Ross seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was no public discussion.

Chair Ross welcomed James Ebert to the Oak Park Committee

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting of January 8, 2015.

Vice Chair Paule requested a change on page 7 under Items by Committee Members. Minutes originally stated Paule also stated he would like to see the District consider adding drinking fountains for dogs in the parks. Mr. Paule requested the minutes be corrected to state that he would like to see the District consider adding self-shut off spigots to the base of existing fountains.

**ACTION:** Committee Member Sklar moved to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2015 meeting as amended; Chair Ross seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Report on the Oak Park Recreation Programs

Supervisor Peace highlighted new and successful programs including special events. Vice Chair Paule made note to change the incorrect spelling of his name Paul to Paule in the next brochure.

B. Report on Planning and Development Issues In Oak Park

No questions or comments

C. Grounds Maintenance Report

No questions or comments

D. Review and Discussion of Request to Install Hydration Stations in Oak Park

Committee members asked questions and discussed various items. Vice Chair Paule indicated he would prefer money be used for projects other than hydration stations. Committee Member Sklar asked for clarification of purpose. Committee Member Ebert voiced support to investigate other fresh water sources for the dogs. Chair Ross suggested the District consider placing signs that indicate the drinking fountains are for human consumption only and agreed with Committee Member Ebert about looking into another type of attachment. Vice Chair Paule suggested adding a dog dispensing unit and agreed with the spigot attachment concept. Director of Planning and Maintenance Nakaoka fielded questions from Committee Members regarding retrofit kits for current water dispensers in the park, price for the unit as well as which parks have units that can be retrofitted. Committee Member Ebert requested Committee and staff explore other options first examining costs and uses at the parks first before moving forward with further discussion. Chair Ross summarized discussions concluding that hydration stations would not be pursued and that a discussion on alternatives for dogs be added to a future agenda. Committee Member Ebert suggested a pilot program at one of the parks be implemented with opportunity for community members to text and vote.

**E. Review and Discussion of Request to Install Toilet Seat Cover Dispensers in Oak Park**

At the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, Chair Skopp had indicated that a member of the community had requested consideration of this item. District staff researched and prepared a report. Director of Planning and Maintenance Nakaoka reviewed costs, additional custodial service, and maintenance calls for vandalism. District staff recommended against installation of toilet seat cover dispensers. The item was tabled.

**F. Proposed Mae Boyar Recreation Building Replacement Project**

Action: Chair Ross created a Mae Boyar Ad Hoc Committee with himself, Vice Chair Paule and Committee Member Ebert as members.

I. Items Requested by Chair Ross to be Added to the Agenda:

a. WIFI Capabilities in Our Parks

Chair Ross asked Oak Park Unified School District if we could extend WIFI capability to parks and prompted discussions with School District Information Technology staff. Mr. Ross requested that this item be agenzized in the future to allow time to investigate with Los Angeles City Parks who recently examined this same topic at their parks, and also allow Park District staff to contact School District staff and further evaluate this item.

b. Playground Shade Covers

Chair Ross reported that the Oak Parr currently in the process of installing sha equipment at several locations. Mr. c. communicate with OPUSD about leveragi attractive pricing options. I

c. Mae Boyar Project Update Sub-Committeet<sup>a</sup>

Item discussed during Agenda Item H abo

d. Water Usage/Drought Tolerant Plant Initi

Vice Chair Michael Paule provided a report on water restrictions, which included likely water allocation cut backs, additional tiered

pricing for water use above the allocations, and potential impacts for those using recycled water. Public perception is another issue, Mr. Paule stated the Park District would benefit from public outreach by advertising use of reclaimed water at the Parks. District Manager Peterson will provide assistance to help educate the public on the use of reclaimed water in Oak Park parks.

e. Review of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event

This event is scheduled to take place Sunday September 18, 2016. Chair Ross recapped the need for collaboration efforts between the Oak Park Unified School District and Park District, looking forward to all involved.

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

VII. Vice Chair Paule credited the Park District and Grounds Maintenance with keeping parks safe with the recent winds. Mr. Paule also highlighted the Water Wise Event that took place at the community Center February 21. In addition to this event, Supervisor Linda Parks has arranged a symposium "Landscape for Water Protection" open to the public at Mae Boyar Park on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Action: Committee Member Sklar moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm; Vice Chair Paule seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.



Renee Peace  
Recreation Supervisor – Oak Park