

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

June 8, 1961

MINUTES

PRESENT

Mrs. Harold Goodell, Mrs. Charlotte Wescott, Paul Salado, Grenville Whyte, Pauline Langston, Superintendent of Recreation, Harold Greek, Superintendent of Parks, Jack Hoxsey, Director of Parks and Recreation and Robert Gustaveson.

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Harold Goodell.

Mrs. Goodell introduced Mrs. Florence Foster, Observer for the League of Women Voters.

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Kellogg School

Mr. Hoxsey informed the Commission of a letter sent to the City Council from residents in the Kellogg School area objecting to baseballs being hit into their yards, hitting cars and children. Mr. Hoxsey stated the City Council had referred the letter to the School Board and the Board has plans for a backstop which would be installed near the property line and balls would be hit away from the residences.

Nursery School

Mr. Hoxsey read a letter from the Pomona Community Nursery School thanking the Commission for their renewal of the agreement between the school and the Parks and Recreation Department for use of the Palomares Small Community Building. Appreciation to Pauline Langston for her assistance was expressed by the Nursery School Board.

Charging at Ralph Welch Park

Mr. Hoxsey reported that an entrance fee was charged by the Pomona High School on May 13th at Ralph Welch Park for a baseball game. Mr. Hoxsey stated he had informed the Council that this was permissible under the agreement with the City Schools; however, in the future a "request to charge" will be obtained before using the facilities when a charge is involved.

Model Planes

Mr. Hoxsey reported to the Commission that a letter was sent to a member of the Council objecting to the use of the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds for flying model planes. Plans to use the fairgrounds for flying of model planes under the supervision of the Parks and Recreation Departments for a 60 day trial period was set up as follows:

Saturdays	10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Sundays	1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Model
Planes
Continued

Mr. Hoxsey reported he had answered Mr. Welch's letter indicating 1) this was a 60 day trial period and 2) the area used for model plane flying is approximately two miles from his residence.

Motion was made by Grenville Whyte and seconded by Charlotte Wescott that the Washington Park Little League field be posted for model plane flying Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and Ted Greene field be posted for Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Motion approved.

RESERVATIONS

Mr. Hoxsey explained the many difficulties arising from reserving areas for picnic groups in Ganesha Park. Many of the reservations made are for out-of-town groups. Mr. Hoxsey stated that county parks do not reserve picnic facilities and that it is the feeling of the department that we discontinue the service.

Motion was made by Grenville Whyte and seconded by Paul Salado that the Parks and Recreation Department no longer take official reservations for groups using the picnic facilities at Ganesha Park. Motion approved.

The department will continue scheduling through this years summer months. Policy effective - September 1, 1961.

USE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Mr. Hoxsey reported on the meeting with the School Board regarding the use of "unused" school property to the north of Madison School by the City. Mr. Hoxsey stated the School Board had no objections to using "unused" school property for park-picnic areas. The City Council was favorable towards working out an agreement for the use of two or three acres at Madison. Maintenance would be the responsibility of the City.

GO-KART MEETING

It was the concensus of opinion that a meeting of the Go-Kart enthusiasts should be held in order to find an area to use.

REPORT ON PROJECTS

Ganesha Park Redevelopment

Plans being finished.

Central Park Shuffleboard
Courts

Plans and specifications
checked and ready to go to
Council

Fencing at Montvue

Installed

Fencing at Washington Park

Posts in. Fence to be
installed between parking lot
and area where the old house
stood. Will prevent children
running into parking area.

MAJOR
BASEBALL
FIELD

Harrison Park

\$33,500 was appraisal price of proposed park area near Harrison School.

Parking at Ganesha Park

Parking between pool and picnic grounds now prohibited

Bridge at Ganesha Park

Remodeling completed

A report prepared by King and Yinger, Architects, was distributed to the Commissioners.

Four possibilities to improve baseball facilities were discussed:

1. Leaving present facilities basically as is
2. Major revamping of Ralph Welch Park
3. Minor revamping of park
4. New baseball facility at new site

Members of the audience pointed out the dangers of small children running in the playing area of older boys and the need for a fence.

Clark Stillinger pointed out that Blair Field in Long Beach was the ultimate for a baseball diamond and that Pomona does not have a ball diamond where the game can be played properly. He stated the backstop at Ralph Welch was dangerous because of the lid. Mr. Hoxsey explained that this was because of the homes in the area and the City insurance carrier made the department put a lid on the present backstop.

Mr. Herbert Ries suggested an overall plan be initiated in order that important things can be accomplished first. Primary concerns are: 1) good lighting, 2) adequate bleachers, 3) either a portable or a stationary fence installed.

Mr. Whyte stated that we should look at this from the standpoint of a complete job with an active group looking at a long range plan. Possibility of the community itself wanting to help with the development of the plan and private industry assisting with finances was brought out. Mr. Whyte said this is the first time a group of baseball enthusiasts have appeared before the Commission. Members of the audience were asked to assist in the development of a long range plan for a baseball facility.

PARK
SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

Mr. Greek reported a gift of 275 palms (Phoenix reclinata) to the department.

REPORT
SUPT. OF
RECREATION
ADJOURNMENT

Miss Langston distributed summer manuals and "Fun Facts" to the Commissioners.

The meeting was adjourned 10:00 P.M.