



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010**

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair David Nydam called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Nydam, Kambe, Barrie and King present.
Commissioner Kendall arrived at 6:50 p.m.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Comments from the Public

None.

5. Approval of April 14, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes

M/S/C: Commissioner Barrie/Kambe to approve the April 14, 2010
Commission Regular Meeting Minutes. 4-0 (Commissioner Kendall
Absent).

NEW BUSINESS

**6. Lingyi Zhang Park Permit and Fee Waiver Request in support of
“Fund Raiser for China Earthquake Relief” at Memorial Park on
May 23, 2010.**

M/S/C: Commissioner Kambe/Barrie to approve the Fund Raiser for
China Earthquake Relief Park Permit and Fee Waiver request for use of
Memorial Park on May 23, 2010. 4-0.

**7. La Cañada Elementary 4th Grade Class Park Permit Request in
support of “Class Party” at Memorial Park on June 14, 2010.**

M/S/C: Commissioner Barrie /King to approve the La Cañada
Elementary 4th Grade Class Park Permit request for use of Memorial
Park on June 14, 2010. 4-0.

**8. La Cañada Elementary Kindergarten Park Permit in support of
“Last Day of School Class Party” at Memorial Park on June 16,
2010.**

M/S/C: Commissioner King/Kambe to approve the La Cañada
Kindergarten Park Permit in support of Last Day of School Party at
Memorial Park on June 16, 2010. 4-0.

9. La Cañada High School Softball Field Request for use of the Oak Grove Athletic Field in support of the LCHS Softball Camp on June 21-25, 2010 and July 12-16, 2010.

M/S/C: Commissioner Kambe/Barrie to approve the La Cañada High School Field Permit in support of the LCHS Softball Camp on June 21-25 and July 12-16, 2010. 4-0.

10. La Cañada Kiwanis Foundation Park and Fee Waiver Request for use of Memorial Park in support of the Wine and Gourmet Food Tasting Event on September 25-27, 2010.

M/S/C: Commissioner Kambe/Barrie to approve the La Cañada Kiwanis Foundation Park Permit in support of the Wine and Gourmet Food Tasting on September 25-27, 2010. 4-0.

11. Discussion of La Cañada Junior Baseball/Softball Association (LCJBSA) request for use of the FIS Lower Field and Cornishon Field on Sunday, June 27, 2010 and Sunday, July 4, 2010.

Staff Liaison Carl Alameda presented the request of LCJBSA to the Commission and informed the Commission that he had received three contacts in advance of the Commission meeting regarding the request. Two of the calls were in support of LCJBSA's usage but wanted to share concerns about private soccer usage on Sundays. Another in-person visit to City Hall, was in opposition to the LCJBSA request and shared concerns about parking and traffic issues.

Alameda also informed the Commission that if the LCJBSA request is supported by the Commission that the Commissioners can recommend any restrictions on the usage as they see fit.

Robert Valencia, Vice President of LCJBSA Baseball, presented the Commission the background on the American Softball Tournament (ASA) on Sunday, July 4th. LCJBSA will alone have six teams competing in the Softball Tournament from ages 8 to 14 and would like use of just the FIS Lower Field on this Sunday.

The Baseball Tournament will be Sunday, June 27, on the prior weekend will bring 1,300 people into town and would use both the FIS Lower and Cornishon Fields.

Scott Cox, Vice President of LCJBSA Softball, addressed the Commission on the aspects of the LCJBSA Softball Tournament.

Sue Stranger of the LCF Merchants Association addressed the Commission in support of the LCJBSA Tournament given the number of people the tournaments would bring into town.

Charlie Kumar of the LCF Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors addressed the Commission in support of the LCJBSA Tournament.

Dan Luke a Resident of Cornishon Avenue addressed the Commission in opposition to the Sunday request. Mr. Luke is concerned about the parking issues on his street and amplified sound from announcing the games.

Commissioner Kambe stated that in the past when parking became an issue with soccer activities that AYSO instituted parking monitors to direct visitors away from the neighborhood to park in other areas north of the neighborhood which was successful.

Scott Cox responded suggesting that the City could post No Parking in the residential areas to prevent parking from the tournament.

Alameda stated that the City could post the area as "Temporary No Parking" and that Temporary Parking Permits could be issued, in advance, to allow residents to still park in the area.

Commissioner Nydam asked if the start time of 8:00 a.m. could be modified to a later time. Robert Valencia informed the Commission that a start time of 9:00 a.m. would be workable.

Commissioner Kendall stated that he's seen usage of fields on Cornishon Avenue overtime become less available to the City's youth groups and now the City actually has less control over the fields on Sundays with the un-permitted users. Kendall stated his support for the LCJBSA request.

ROLL CALL VOTE: To permit Sunday usage of the FIS Lower and Cornishon Fields to La Cañada Junior Baseball/Softball Association (LCJBSA) for use of the FIS Lower Field and Cornishon Field on Sunday, June 27, 2010 and Sunday, July 4, 2010.

Commissioner Barrie: Yes.
Commissioner King: Yes.
Commissioner Kendall: Yes.
Commissioner Kambe: Yes.
Chair Nydam: Yes.

The LCJBSA Request for Sunday usage of the FIS Lower and Cornishon Fields on June 27, 2010 and July 4, 2010 passes 5-0.

The Commission established the following seven (7) restrictions for recommendation to the City Council for the LCJBSA permit for Sunday usage of the FIS Lower Field and Cornishon Field.

1. Provide temporary "No Parking" restrictions on lower Cornishon Avenue (South of the Athletic Fields) between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on June 27, 2010 and July 4, 2010.
2. Provide temporary parking permits to the affected residents allowing them to park in the restricted parking zone.

3. Post "Tournament Parking Here" signs at the surface parking lots available at the Lanterman Auditorium and the School District Offices.
4. Request that LCJBSA assign a "Parking Monitor" during the game start times to direct tournament attendees away from the residential areas along lower Cornishon Avenue.
5. Prohibit LCJBSA's usage of an amplified PA system during the Sunday usage.
6. Modify the Tournament start times to 9:00 a.m., as opposed to the 8:00 a.m. start time currently requested.
7. Request that LCJBSA perform a diligent cleanup of the fields at the conclusion of the Tournament.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. 2010 Music-in-the-Park Summer Concert Series.

Alameda provided the Commission the schedule for the 2010 Music-in-the-Park Summer Concert Series.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

13. Staff Comments.

Alameda informed the Commission that the City would be adding a number of names to the Memorial Park Plaques to be unveiled on Memorial Day.

Alameda informed the Commission that the La Canada Valley Sun would continue to co-sponsor the Music-in-the-Park Summer Concert Series.

14. Items for Future Agendas.

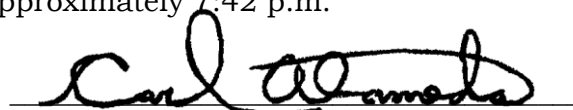
The Commission would like to discuss un-permitted on Organized Team play at the FIS Tennis Court and the Athletic Fields.

15. Comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Nydam stated that the gate at the FIS Tennis Courts leading to the Cornishon Field still needs to be fixed.

ADJOURN

Chair Nydam adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:42 p.m.



**Carl Alameda, Senior Management Analyst
(Staff Liaison to the Commission)**