



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012**

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Joseph King called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners King, Kambe, Koblin, Nydam, and Olson all present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Comments from the Public

None.

5. Approval of April 11, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes

Approval of the April 11, 2012 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes was continued.

NEW BUSINESS

6. La Cañada Girl Scouts Field Permit and Fee Waiver Request in support of Girl Scout Overnight Event at the PCR Field on June 1 – 2, 2012.

Alameda presented the request of the La Cañada Girl Scouts for use of the Palm Crest Elementary (PCR) School Field for their annual overnight event. La Cañada Baseball/Softball Association has been informed of the use and has relinquished the PCR Field for the usage of the LCF Girl Scouts.

M/S/C: Commissioner Olson/Nydam to approve the Field Permit request and Fee Waiver of the La Cañada Girl Scouts. 5-0.

7. La Cañada Girl Scouts Field Permit and Fee Waiver Request in support of Girl Scout Overnight Event at the PCY Field on June 1 – 2, 2012.

Alameda presented the request of the La Cañada Girl Scouts for use of the Paradise Canyon Elementary (PCY) School Field for their annual overnight event. La Cañada Baseball/Softball Association has been informed of the use and has relinquished the PCR Field for the usage of the LCF Girl Scouts.

M/S/C: Commissioner Olson/Nydam to approve the Field Permit request and Fee Waiver of the La Cañada Girl Scouts. 5-0.

8. LCF Girl Scouts Park Permit and Fee Waiver Request in support of Daisy Bridging Event at Glenola Park on May 25, 2012.

Staff Liaison Alameda presented the request of the LCF Girl Scouts for use of Glenola Park on Friday, May 25, in support of their annual Daisy Bridging Ceremony.

M/S/C: Commissioner Olson/Koblin to approve the Park Permit request and Fee Waiver of the La Cañada Girl Scouts. 5-0.

9. LCF Kiwanis Association Park Permit and Fee Waiver Request in support of Wine & Gourmet Food Event at Memorial Park on October 6 – 8, 2012.

Staff Liaison Alameda presented the request of the LCF Kiwanis Foundation for use of Memorial Park in support of their annual Wine & Gourmet Food Event on October 6 – 8, 2012.

M/S/C: Commissioner Nydam/Olson to approve the Park Permit request and Fee Waiver of the LCF Kiwanis. 5-0.

10. Discussion of Field Permit request by LCHS Athletics for use of the LCHS JV Baseball Field in support of practices for the LCHS Freshman Football program.

Staff Liaison Alameda presented the request of the LCHS Athletic Department for use of the LCHS JV Baseball Field in support of Freshman Football summer conditioning program. The request is for June 18, 2012 – July 18, 2012 (Mondays – Thursdays) from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. La Cañada Baseball/Softball Association will have finalized their weekday usage of the field by that date.

Commissioner Koblin stated that he is very concerned about the usage of high school athletes using the LCHS Baseball Field maintained by the City for this duration of time after the baseball season. He would prefer to see the program in the LCHS Stadium, which per the District's agreement with LAPFC the District preempts other outside users.

Commissioner King would be concerned that the usage might prevent the City from closing the LCHS JV/Varsity Baseball Fields earlier, since LCBSA is ending their season early.

Commissioner Nydam is in support of the first time conditioning program as needed preparation for the freshman class. But, he would like to see the group stay off the infield area.

Commissioner Koblin requested that City staff contact the La Cañada Unified School District to find out what use/activity is taking place on the LCHS Stadium preventing the Freshman Football team from using the football field for their summer conditioning program.

M/S/C: Commissioner Kambe/Nydam to approve the Field Permit request LCHS Athletics for the LCHS JV Baseball Field for Freshman Football Conditioning. 3-1-1 (King Opposed, Koblin Abstaining).

11. Review of the 2012 Music-in-the-Park Summer Concert Series.

Staff Liaison Alameda presented the schedule of the 2012 Music-in-the-Park Concert Series, which include three new acts who have not performed in the concert series in the past. The new acts include “The Andrews Sisters Tribute”, “The Fenians”, and “Surfin’ Safari: A Beach Boys Tribute”.

Commissioner Nydam asked what groups were dropped from the series that had performed in the past. Alameda stated that “The All American Wranglers” a country group is not playing this year, “The MIXX” which is Angela Shepard’s classic rock group had to cancel, and “Upstream” a reggae group will not be playing.

Commissioner Nydam researched “The Fenians” online and said that they are a substantial upgrade from the celtic groups booked in the past. He mentioned the group is named after a movement in Ireland to free the country from the United Kingdom.

Chair King asked if the new groups had approached the City to perform in the series. Alameda said that the City identified and contacted “The Fenians” and “Surfin’ Safari: A Beach Boys Tribute” for the 2012 series. He noted that 2012 is also the 50th anniversary of the Beach Boys. The “The Andrews Sisters Tribute” was a suggestion of the Commission and they performed in 2011 during an intermission at one of the regular concerts.

12. Discussion of the Music-in-the-Park Summer Concert Series co-sponsorship.

Staff Liaison Alameda informed the Commission that City staff did meet with representatives from the Valley Sun about co-sponsoring the series and notified the City that they will not be doing cash sponsorships of community events such as the concert series.

Commissioner Kambe said that he would not like to see the City seek co-sponsorship of the Concert Series, as it isn’t in threat of being cancelled. But, he would like to see the City consider making specific nights available for sponsorship in the future.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

13. Staff Comments.

Alameda informed the Commission that the City's budget hearings will begin on June 19, 2012. He mentioned that the City received a grant in support of the Ultimate Destination Park and there will be a request for the City Council to fund the balance of the project.

Alameda thanked outgoing Commissioner Kambe for his years of service to the City on the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Joint Use Committee, and his guidance over the years.

Alameda reminded the Commission that the June 2012 Commission meeting date will be moved from June 13, 2012, to another date, as it is the same night of the LCHS Graduation Ceremony and a couple of Commissioners will be attending the graduation.

14. Items for Future Agendas.

Commissioner Nydam requested an update on the fencing extensions at the FIS Tennis Courts.

15. Comments from the Commission.

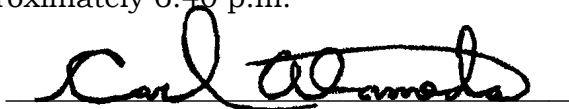
Commissioner Nydam thanked Jim Kambe for his service on the Commission, his passion for the City, and guidance to the Commission.

Commissioner Olson thanked Jim Kambe for his service to the community through all his involvement including the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Kambe thanked the group for their service and recommended that the Commissioners be watchful and support open space opportunities in the future within the City. He also suggested that the Commission be watchful of all the issues in the Parks and Recreation realm including the City's trails.

ADJOURN

Chair King adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:40 p.m.



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