

MINUTES OF THE CULTURAL RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD CITY OF WESTLAKE VILLAGE

Westlake Village, California

September 21, 2006

CALL TO ORDER	This regular meeting of the Cultural Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Knabe on September 21, 2006 at 7:10 p.m., at 31200 Oak Crest Drive, Westlake Village.
ROLL CALL	<p>Present: Mayor Pro Tem Bruno, Chair Knabe, Advisory Board Members Blumenfeld, Danne, Davies, Davis, Gallant, and Thompson</p> <p>Absent: Mayor McSweeney and Advisory Board Members Greenspan, Perelman-Taylor, and Wong</p> <p>Also Present: Assistant City Manager Brown</p>
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Boardmember Thompson moved to approve the minutes of May 4, 2006, as presented. Boardmember Danne seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	None.
BOARD RESPONSE	None.
BUSINESS	<p><u>Evaluation of the TGIF events and the Birthday Party in the Park program</u></p> <p>The Board recommended that the Shakespeare program not be included in next year's TGIF line up due to low attendance. Suggestions for next year's TGIF included: comedy sports, chamber music, Conejo Pops, country/western music, and Pink Freud. The Board recommended that the City consider moving the TGIF events to Berniece Bennett Park due to several factors: 1) the courtyard has limited shade, 2) the availability of grass at the park for seating, and 3) more areas at the park for children to play such as the grass and playground. The Board also recommended that the music groups play continuously since it was felt that some participants start to leave the event during the break period.</p> <p>Recommendations for the Birthday Party in the Park included providing the tile art along with the concert and starting the concert earlier.</p>

The Board recommended that the City consider revisiting a possible 4th of July fireworks program. Mayor Pro Tem Bruno suggested that the Cultural/Recreation Committee look at reviewing the subject for possible inclusion as part of the City Council annual goals.

Update on the park improvements for Fiscal Year 2006/07

Staff informed the Board that the City Council at their meeting on September 13, 2006, approved the agreements with the landscape architects for the 06/07 park improvement program. Staff discussed with the Board a proposed time schedule for both the design and construction of the Russell Ranch sports fields and would report on a proposed time schedule for the remaining improvements at the next Board meeting.

Staff reviewed the comments that were received at the September 13 City Council meeting from several Canyon Oaks residents and discussed a proposed process for receiving input on the draft plans for the park improvement program. This included presenting a draft plan to each of the affected HOA Boards, interested residents, and members of the Cultural Recreation Advisory Board prior to bringing the plans forward to the City Council for final approval.

Discussion regarding City Celebration

Staff handed out the publicity information for the above event, reviewed the proposed events for the program, and requested volunteers for the day.

Discussion regarding the recruitment of Youth Board Member

Due to the position of youth member vacated by Brittney Mulvihill, the Board recommended that the City accept applications from interested high school students for review by the Board and Cultural/Recreation Committee.

**MEETING
ADJOURNED** The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING November 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

**MINUTES
PREPARED BY** Audrey Brown, Assistant City Manager