

**MINUTES**  
**ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
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**REGULAR MEETING**  
**PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION**  
**NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

The Regular Park and Activities Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by CHAIRMAN ALLEN.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Addleman, Mitchell, Zerunyan

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Seamans, Zuckerman

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Allen, Boyd, Clewis, Pagliano, Persichina, Schmitz

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Davis

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Douglas R. Prichard, City Manager  
Andy Clark, Community Services Director  
Hope Nolan, Deputy City Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Gardner, Gymkhana Events  
John McBride, Empty Saddle Club  
Dave Pierson, Former Commissioner

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

MAYOR ZERUNYAN called the SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL meeting and PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION meeting to order, the time being 6:35 p.m.

**OVERVIEW OF 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CITY CELEBRATION**

MAYOR ZERUNYAN welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked the Empty Saddle Club for allowing the City Celebration to be held at the Club again. MAYOR ZERUNYAN stated the City Celebration was a great success and thanked all gave their time for this event. He announced that the highlight of the day was the City winning (again) the volleyball game "Sheriffs Department vs. City of Rolling Hills Estates."

MAYOR ZERUNYAN asked all attendees to introduce themselves, and he welcomed the new PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSIONERS, LEAH BOYD and VELVETH SCHMITZ.

**GENERAL REMARKS, COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

CHAIRMAN ALLEN reviewed the staff report dated November 4, 2008, per written agenda material. Discussion ensued regarding other aspects of the City Celebration as follows:

Venue – CHAIRMAN ALLEN thanked the Empty Saddle Club and John McBride for their continued cooperation with this event. He added that both the City and the Empty Saddle Club were interested in the annual City Celebration event returning to this venue in 2009.

Mr. John McBride stated the Empty Saddle Club was honored to host the City Celebration. He added that there is great cooperation between City Staff and the Empty Saddle Club. Mr. McBride stated this year's group of volunteers from the high school was extremely capable, and the best group they have ever had, and they did an outstanding job in the parking lot.

A professional sound company provided staff and equipment for the main equestrian arena events (Gymkhana, Mayor's Welcome, Equestrian Demonstrations, and "Shoot Out") for the first time, which enhanced the ability of the arena announcers and/or event participants to more easily provide information to the spectators. The addition of this sound company was very well received.

### Events

CHAIRMAN ALLEN stated COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA and his wife, Ilse, were again invaluable in the kitchen. COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA stated the Freshman volunteer group from the high school was the best group of volunteers he has ever had. He suggested that next year, all kitchen volunteers should be instructed to meet in the kitchen at 3:00 p.m. The food count anticipated was right on target. This year, Chicago for Ribs delivered 7 adult rib containers, 1 child rib container, and 18 chicken containers. He stated some people did buy the "coffee and cake only" tickets.

It was noted that many would like the same menu items for next year. CHAIRMAN ALLEN stated there was close competition between Chicago for Ribs, Bristol Farms, and Pavilions, and the bids were very competitive. COMMISSIONER SCHMITZ suggested asking Malaga Market to bid next year as their catering costs are very reasonable. COMMISSIONER BOYD suggested the new Brazilian BBQ restaurant be asked for a bid next year.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN stated he will check to see if Mayer's Bakery could donate cakes for next year's City Celebration, and MAYOR ZERUNYAN stated he will check to see if Starbucks would donate coffee next year.

The Community Services Director stated 6 sheet cakes were purchased from Sam's Club.

CHAIRMAN ALLEN stated this year, rather than the petting zoo, pony rides, and hayride tour tickets being sold at 3 for \$1.00, the price was changed to 2 tickets for \$1.00, and more tickets were sold this year.

This year the two complaints received were that the Charros event and the "Shoot Out" event were too long. The Gymkhana events included 72 riders this year.

CHAIRMAN ALLEN noted that after costs, the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker Ride raised \$1,540, which was evenly split between the PVP Horsemen's Association and the Pepper Tree Foundation. He stated Melody Colbert and Jim Moore brought in over 100 prizes for this event.

Financial Summary – CHAIRMAN ALLEN stated this year's event was approximately \$700 under budget.

The Community Services Director stated that the Annual Parade will be held on December 6, 2008. The Grand Marshall this year is previous PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSIONER DAVE PIERSON.

**ADJOURNMENT**

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZERUNYAN ORDERED

THAT THE ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL/REGULAR PARK AND ACTIVITIES  
COMMISSION DEBRIEFING MEETING BE ADJOURNED, THE TIME BEING  
7:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

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Ellen Shinkai, Human Resources Analyst

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Douglas R. Prichard, City Clerk