

**Oxnard Dunes Neighborhood Council
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 16, 2024**

- Lissa Hewitt called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard Dunes Neighborhood Council at 6:40 pm.

A. Roll call – The following persons attended the meeting: Michael Aharoni, Greg Agopian, Felix Bobrisky, Lori Burke (Secretary), Hazel Castro, Juan Castro, Eric Cole, Max Everingham, Hugh Fanfassian, Stephanie Guest, Glenn Harris, Lissa Hewitt (Vice Chairperson), Jordan Parsick, Myra Weatherhead

Guests: Roger Poirier, Hobson Park East Chair

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lissa and Lori.

B. Beat Coordinator Report – There was no report available; Corporal Songer was not informed of this meeting. Lori will reach out for the next general membership meeting.

C. Meeting Minutes – Secretary Burke requested approval of the minutes to be held over until the next general meeting.

D. Public Comment - Roger Poirier congratulated the Oxnard Dunes Neighborhood Council on our 3 year anniversary. One of the original purposes to establish the council was to work towards the City development of a park in the Dunes neighborhood.

E. New Business – Vote to choose the type of park to recommend to the City to locate in the Dunes area, related to available Quimby funds. *A printed handout with examples of park options that have been discussed in the past was provided to meeting attendees.*

- a. There was discussion about the park options i.e. proposed bike path route currently private property; putting playground equipment at the open space hiking trail area to be developed with the Avalon Development may not be safe due to the area being adjacent to Harbor Blvd and Fifth Street; City Manager's position that the Dunes residents have access to nearby parks such as Westport, and Olokoy Park (formerly Oxnard Beach Park) and possible open space/hiking path at Harbor Blvd and Fifth Street; bike path along canal with water quality issues; amount of funding available to cover park development cost; issues with homeless persons camping in open spaces or parks including not having bathrooms; whether the bike/walk path proposed

in North Shore plans will be public and since the developer or North Shore purchased the Avalon development project whether they will now extend the bike path; interest in Pickle Ball courts and related noise issue; park options are not exclusive, the walk/bike path is more of a long term goal and a small park is a more feasible short term goal.

- b. A vote was not taken, but the consensus was most were interested in a small garden park with park benches and playground equipment possibly to be located on both sides of the south end of new Canal Street to create an open space between the new development and existing homes; pickle-ball courts would be nice but not located near homes and there is great interest in the long term goal of the bike/walk path along the canal.

The Parks Committee will continue to gather information and update the Council at the next meeting.

F. Neighborhood Board Reports – No reports

G. Future Agenda Items - None

H. Future Meeting Date

- a. Special Meeting-Presentation by City Manager- Thursday, June

I. Adjournment - Lissa Hewitt adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Lori Burke