

**ALL-AMERICA CITY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

City Hall Conference Room  
**110 E. Cook Street, Santa Maria**  
**Tuesday, March 9, 2010**  
**5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.**

a. Introductions/Welcome

**2. Roll/Minutes:**

**Committee Members Present:** Ricky Lara, Bob Orach (in at 5:50 p.m.), Bailey Hudson, Tahir Masood, A.J. Williams, Sylvia Grayham, and Bob Huber.

**Excused Absences:** Laura Mohajer and Samuel Marin.

**Unexcused Absences:** Willie Green

**City Staff Members Present:** Rosie Narez

**Minutes Review and Approval:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of Tuesday, February 9, 2010.

**Motion S/C:** Grayham/Hudson

**Ayes:** Six (6)

**Noes:** Zero (0)

**Abstain:** Zero (0)

**3. Public Comment: N/A**

**4. New Business:**

**a. A.J. Williams – Welcome Newest Committee Member:**

A.J. was appointed by Councilman Mike Cordero to represent the business segment of the committee. He moved to the Central Coast from San Diego 14 years ago and is both a financial advisor and a realtor. He also serves on the United Way Board.

**b. Willie Green – Update from Bob Orach and Committee Decision:**

Bob Orach advises he e-mailed Willie, but never received a response. Messages were left on both Willie's home and cell phone during the meeting. The committee decided at the meeting that members will wait until Friday, March 12, 2010 for a response from Willie. If no response is given and/or if no attendance is seen at the next meeting, the committee will vote on Willie's future with the committee due to his lack of participation.

**c. Playful City U.S.A. & Oakley Park Update – Dennis Smitherman, Recreation Supervisor for the Recreation and Parks Department was in attendance to**

discuss the Playful City U.S.A. Award and the grant submitted to help renovate Oakley Park.

In regards to Oakley Park, the \$2.26 million dollar grant was submitted at the start of the month. It would help pay for the demolition and complete transformation of the park, included in the renovation plans are: two new little league fields, one soccer field, six picnic areas, plus a parking lot. The grant is part of California's Proposition 84. The results of the grant will be revealed in September.

In regards to Playful City USA, Dennis Smitherman would like to enlist the help of the All-America City Committee to help obtain the designation, which would serve as an important role in the City of Santa Maria to help promote health, family togetherness, and community harmony. The first step is to develop an action plan and come up with current facilities available for play in our area. The All-America City Committee will also be looked upon to host a play day sometime between September 18 and September 26, 2010.

**For the next committee meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, each committee member should have two or three ideas as to how to design an annual action plan for play. For example, "Convert abandoned housing/vacant lots to urban mini parks" and develop steps to obtain this objective.**

**d. Spring Eggstravaganza Participation:**

The All-America City Committee has agreed to be a part of the Recreation and Parks Department's Annual Spring Eggstravaganza event on Saturday, March 27, 2010. The committee will hand out balloons and flyers to generate interest in the neighborhood block captain program. Committee members will take turns manning the booth. At the meeting, the following members signed-up.

10:00 a.m. – Bailey Hudson (Tentative)

11-12 p.m. – Tahir Masood and A.J. Williams

12-1 p.m. – Ricky Lara and Bob Huber

1-2 p.m. – Bob Orach

**Ricky Lara will look into the cost of helium for the balloons. The committee would also like to have candy to give out to the attendees.**

**Motion S/C:** Lara/Williams

**Ayes:** Eight (8)      **Noes:** Zero (0)      **Abstain:** Zero (0)

**5. Old Business:**

**a. Update on Neighborhood Block Project Facilitator Training:**

Attendance is urged for the committee's neighborhood block project facilitator training being put together by Tierra West Consultant, Regan Candelario. The meeting will be Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 6 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room.

6. **Committee Member Reports:**

a. **Changing of the Guards – Tahir Masood stepping down as Chair, Sylvia Grayham’s Last Day, and Donna Dart’s Farewell:**

All three were honored with a plaque for their time served.

7. **Staff Report:** N/A

8. **Adjourn to next regular business meeting:** Adjourned @ 7:08 p.m.

**Next Regular Business Meeting  
Tuesday, April 13, 2010 @ 5:30 p.m.  
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