

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
September 22, 2016**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2016, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda and discuss the Commission Tour of Facilities.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairperson Espinoza, Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Quintana, Commissioner Rowland, and Commissioner Tigner, and Commissioner Vaquera were present.

Absent: None

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, September 22, 2016, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairperson Espinoza, followed by an Invocation given by Pastor Daniel Vasquez, Calvary Chapel of Fontana and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Coleman.

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Parks and Landscape Manager Dan West, Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco; Community Services Manager Jennifer Gracia; Community Services Manager Michael Wright; Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock; Community Services Supervisor Tiffany Stark; Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber; Community Services Supervisor Kirsty Samples; Community Services Coordinator Ana Casillas; Community Services Coordinator David Arrendondo; Community Services Coordinator Guadalupe Johannsen; Community Services Coordinator Nicholas Stark; Senior Community Services Assistant Jeanette Hernandez; City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

Chairperson Espinoza welcomed City Council Member Jesse Sandoval and Francisco; and the ladies from the Woman's Club.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF
Parks and Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco welcomed new Parks and Community Services staff to introduce themselves.

Community Services Coordinator David Arrendondo introduced himself and shared his history of working with the City of Fontana for eight years. He will be overseeing projects at Don Day Neighborhood Center.

Community Services Coordinator Guadalupe Johannsen introduced herself and shared that she had 15 years of community service experience.

Community Services Coordinator Nicholas Stark introduced himself and shared that he started with the City of Fontana in 2009 as a lifeguard at Fontana Aquatics Park and will now oversees the day to day operations of the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center.

B. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Aaron Orozco introduced Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber to introduce the staff at the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center that worked during the Blue Cut Fire Emergency Evacuation.

Karen Gerber, Community Services Supervisor introduced Doug Johnson, Christina Enriquez, Estella Ontiveros, Cecilia Benavides, Yukiko Springer; Cynthia Morales to be recognized by the Parks and Community Services Commission for their efforts at the Jesse Turner Neighborhood Center Team during the Blue Cut Fire Emergency Evacuation.

Chairperson Espinoza also recognized Karen Gerber for her efforts.

C. SENIOR CENTER MONTH

Community Services Supervisor Tiffany Starks introduced Senior Advisory Board Chair Kathy Potts and Member at Large Betty Sandoval to speak on the City of Fontana Proclamation recognizing September as National Senior Month.

Kathy Potts spoke on the different events and programs at the Senior Center.

Betty Sandoval spoke on getting to know people, always having someone to talk to, and all of the seniors at the Fontana Community Senior Center having fun. She never went to her senior prom, and she was selected as the 2016 Senior Queen.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Darlene Scalf spoke on changing the date of the Fontana Days celebration to earlier in the year when there is not the extreme heat of June and schools are in session. According to photos she has seen, Fontana Days has been held in April 25, 1987; May 22, 1976; and April 19, 1986, in past year. She feels thousands more would come if it was held earlier. The Exchange Club is in charge of this and has heard that they are not interested. The carnival after the parade is in a park and the City has to approve the use. She also spoke on not having a park in the poorest part of town near the following schools: Oleander, Date, Citrus, Poplar, Truman, Fohi, Jurupa Hills, and Citrus. There are 38

parks in the city, and not a single park near those areas. She listened to the reverend this evening speak on parks being a safe place to go, the kids in this area do not have a safe place to go. Poplar Elementary School kids have to go five miles to go to a park; the majority of people in that area are of color and wonders if they are being discriminated against. For the \$6 million being spent at Miller Park, two great parks could have been put in that area.

Kathy Potts spoke on the Community Parking Lot Sale at 16710 Ceres Avenue, Fontana, California 92335, on Saturday, October 22, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Interested vendors that sold at the last parking lot sale have priority registration on October 14, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and October 15, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; new vendor registration is on October 17-21, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 for one stall and \$30 for two stalls. Betty Sandoval shared the information in Spanish. The stalls will not have power.

Councilmember Jesse Sandoval recognized the Fontana Community Senior Center Prom Queens.

Councilmember Jesse Sandoval presented a \$170 check for the Dr. Koehler Veteran's Day Essay Contest. He has personally donated the funds for the awards since he was a Parks and Recreation Commissioner in 1999. The Veteran's Day Essay was established because there was no child participation in the Veteran's Day Ceremony.

Fran Givens, spoke on today being National Centenarian Day. She shared a story about a gentleman sharing a home with his mother and mother-in-law.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Approve Minutes of the August 25, 2016, Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting.

B. PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS-PARKS AND LANDSCAPE DIVISION-MONTHLY REPORT

C. FONTANA ART ASSOCIATION BI-ANNUAL REPORT - KRISTY SAMPLES:

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Tigner, seconded by Commissioner Vaquera, and passed by a vote of 7-0 to approve Consent Calendar Item A-C with Commissioner Bravo abstaining from item A.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Special Events Update – Rob Bock

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock provided a report on special events conducted in August 2016:

- August 5, 2016, Fontana Car Show, City Hall. There were over 200 community members in attendance to enjoy 60 classic, hot rod, custom and low rider cars.
- August 19, 2016, Love Fontana, Bill Martin Park. Calvary Chapel Summit Church provided a hero themed event for the community with free food cooked by the Fontana Police Officers Association. There were over 500 participants.

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock provided a review of upcoming events as follows:

- October 1, 2016, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Mayor's Gala, Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center. Tickets are available at the Boys and Girls Club.
- October 8, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Let's Move on the Trail, Pacific Electric Trail – Cypress to Mango Avenue
- October 22, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pepper House Museum Open House. There will be tours available

City Clerk Lewis announced that the Historical Society has cancelled the Open House event this year.

B. HALLOWEEN EVENTS PREVIEW – KAREN GERBER:

Parks and Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber provided a preview of the upcoming Halloween Events in the City of Fontana.

The Community Services Department will provide events that ensure all residents of Fontana are able to have a safe and memorable Halloween. The events are as follows:

Above the Limits, Sparks Club will hold an event on Friday, October 28, 2016, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Cypress Neighborhood Center. There will be carnival style games, trick or treating, Halloween crafts, dancing, and a costume contest. More information is available by calling the Cypress Neighborhood Center at 909.349.6988.

Don Day Neighborhood Center will hold a Monster Bash on Monday, October 31, 2016, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Southridge Park. There will be crafts, games, food, balloon animals, demonstrations, and a costume contest for children. More information is available by calling the Don Day Neighborhood Center at 909.349.6997.

The Cypress Neighborhood Center will hold a Halloscream event on Monday, October 31, 2016, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Seville Park. There will be children & adult costume contests, music, games, photo booth, trunk or treating, and prizes. More information is available by calling the Cypress Neighborhood Center at 909.349.6987.

The Jessie Turner Health & Fitness Community Center will hold a Halloween Spooktacular event on Monday, October 31, 2016, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm at Fontana Park. This event is co-hosted with Calvary Chapel Summit Church. There will be a costume contest, games, prizes, crafts, tractor hayride, haunted house, and "Trunk or Treat Alley". Local businesses, organizations, and community members are invited to bring their decorated vehicles out to the event and take part in the festivities. Applications can be found online at JT.Fontana.org or can be picked up at the Jessie Turner Center. For more information, please call 909.854.5100.

The City of Fontana Community Services Department invites everyone to come out to the Halloween Events. Visit recreation.fontana.org or call 909.349.6900 for more information on these or other events offered through the City of Fontana Community Services Department.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on these activities being so fun to watch and participate in.

Commissioner Bravo suggested everyone come to the October meeting in costume.

C. CULTURAL ARTS 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR UPDATE - KRISTY SAMPLES

Community Services Supervisor Kirsty Samples introduced Community Services Coordinator Ana Casillas who introduced Senior Community Services Assistant Jeanette Hernandez to assist in providing Cultural Arts Fiscal Year Update.

The majority of cultural arts programming is held at Art Depot Gallery, Steelworkers' Auditorium and Center Stage Theater; with programming at additional facilities throughout the City serving 84,464 community members.

The Fontana Arts Summer Camp was expanded this year to begin earlier and adding field trips.

The Youth Community Theater Program was expanded by offering two productions.

Pajama Paint Night Workshops and DIY Make and Create Workshops were new this year.

The Gallery Exhibition and Showcase featured four artists this year and each artist provided free workshops.

Family Art Night Events, Recital Performances and Teen Talent Show were offered at the Steelworkers' Auditorium.

Noche Con Ritmo Salsa Nights, Murder Mysteries and Musicals were offered at Center Stage Theater.

The Fontana Arts Festival had a flash mob, living statues, and live speed painting; there were 54 participating artists and 6,500 points of contact.

The Art Depot Gallery, Steelworkers' Auditorium, and Center Stage Theater are available for rent. There were over 180 rentals and 8,000 points of contact.

Partnerships with organizations include the Fontana Arts Association and offered ceramics classes through Koehler Gallery. There were over 29,000 points of contacts through partnerships.

Feedback from surveys indicate that 44% learned key components of creativity and 48% learned key components of education; also 80% would like see more of this type of programming and 77% saw the Fontana Arts as a valuable community resource.

Everyone is invited to celebrate National Arts and Humanities Month in October by participating in upcoming events, including DIY Make & Create Foil Pumpkins and Dia De Los Muertos Celebration.

Youth Community Theater will have a Peter Pan Jr. production on November 11 and 12, 2016. Tickets are \$12 and available at Center Stage Theater.

Information on all events is available at arts.fontana.org or by calling 909.349.6975

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the Children's Theater being unbelievable; it is a fun thing to see and everyone should plan on going.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on seeing the wonderful Jungle Book performance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rowland, seconded by Commissioner Vaquera, and passed by a vote of 7-0 to approve New Business Items.

D. NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER COMMISSION CALENDARS - ORAL REPORT - GARTH NELSON

Director Nelson requested the Parks and Community Services Commission consider calendar modifications for the November and December Parks and Community Services Commission meetings by canceling the November 17, 2016, regular meeting and moving the December 15, 2016, regular meeting to December 8, 2016.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, and passed by a vote of 7-0 to cancel the November 17, 2016, regular meeting of the Parks and Community Services Commission.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Coleman and passed by a vote of 7-0 to move the December 15, 2016, regular meeting of the Parks and Community Services Commission to December 8, 2016.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Vaquera thanked the Senior Center members for their attendance.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated new employees in their new roles.

Commissioner Vaquera spoke on the Volunteer Event being a great event; staff was great; and it was great to see all of the volunteers.

Commissioner Vaquera announced that tomorrow is the Jessie Turner Above the Limits Sports Night from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Commissioner Vaquera reminded all students going back to college to be careful and wished them good luck; especially Diana and Luis as they attend Cal Poly and Damian to San Bernardino.

Commissioner Vaquera reminded everyone to never take their loved ones for granted and shared the following quote “Don’t save anything for a special occasion, living is a special occasion”.

Commissioner Tigner congratulated Karen Gerber and her team for their work during the Blue Cut Fire Evacuation.

Commissioner Tigner spoke on the Volunteer Recognition being an excellent event.

Commissioner Quintana welcomed new staff members David, Lupe and Nicholas.

Commissioner Quintana thanked Karen and her team for the great job during the Blue Cut Fire.

Commissioner Coleman echoed everyone’s statements about the Volunteer Fiesta; it shows how many participate in the City of Fontana and special to see how many people work and play in the city.

Commissioner Coleman reminded everyone that volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the Above the Limits Karaoke Night season opening and begged everyone to go to one of these events; you will feel like the luckiest person in the world.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on her baby grandson leaving for the Marines on Sunday; she wishes him the very best and this is his dream.

Commissioner Bravo recognized members of the audience, including friends of Karen,

and Mrs. Scialdone.

Commissioner Bravo spoke about someone saying that Fontana is an unpolished diamond and we have not yet tapped into its true brightness, but when you go to an event like the Volunteer Appreciation or you see how staff rallied at a moment's notice to assist displaced residents, we lose sight of the fact of what makes our city really shine is its volunteers and the staff here that invest sweat equity in our city; that is why Fontana is as strong as it is and the best City in San Bernardino County. No city has pulled through like ours has. You don't grow up in Fontana without having some fight in you; that's what our city is about. It's humbling to be at an event to see what our city is truly made of. He thanked the volunteers and staff for being the greatest representatives that Fontana could hope for.

Commissioner Rowland welcomed Sean Mallet.

Commissioner Rowland spoke on the American Cancer Society Relay for Life now planning its 17th year.

Commissioner Rowland congratulated new staff.

Commissioner Rowland thanked Councilmember Jesse Sandoval for providing the awards for the Dr. Koehler Veteran's Day Essay contest.

Commissioner Rowland missed the Volunteer Recognition event and she missed an awesome event.

Commissioner Rowland spoke on celebrating 30 years at Fontana Unified School District.

Chairperson Espinoza congratulated Commissioner Rowland on her years of service.

Chairperson Espinoza thanked the Nature Center for the plants provided at the dais.

Chairperson Espinoza congratulated the new Coordinators.

Chairperson Espinoza thanked Councilmember Jesse Sandoval.

Chairperson Espinoza thanked all of the speakers of tonight's meeting.

Chairperson Espinoza thanked Bobbi for being in the audience.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on it taking a village to raise a child and to make a town become a success.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on it being fantastic to teach the younger generation about the past, and it is great to make it a family affair to teach the political side of life;

teach them how to do research and vote for the right person; let them know, if it is not God's will, it will not work out. She showed her son how to vote when he was 10. Sometimes we don't know what to do as adults and we don't vote and that is a big mistake.

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Director Nelson spoke on having the opportunity every day to identify priorities and has heard the request at the City Council Meeting for parks in areas of the community that might not have as many. This item will be put on the goal setting table and he will follow up. We have the great gems in the community in the south part of Fontana such as Martin Tudor, Mary Vagle, Don Day and upgrades at Jack Bulik. It is always great to have great parks in the community, they are a blessing and residents appreciate them.

Community Services Manager Jennifer Gracia welcomed new staff members.

Manager Gracia thanked Councilmember Jesse Sandoval for all he does.

Manager Gracia invited the community to National Public Lands Day at Mary Vagle Nature Center on Saturday, September 24, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There are over 200 youth signed up. Please call 909.349.6994 to register.

Manager Gracia announced the new Center Stage calendar season with Addams Family the Musical opening on October 21, and running through November 13. Tickets are available by calling 909.429.7469 or centerstagefontana.org. Dinner theater or show only tickets are available.

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco spoke on the upcoming teen excursions.

Manager Orozco invited everyone to participate on School Lights On After School event on Thursday, October 20, 2016, at Fontana Middle School, to celebrate with the nation. This school year is the 10th year of providing after school programming at Fontana Unified School District.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright welcomed back Lupe to the Fontana team; and congratulations to David and Nick on their promotions.

Manager Wright spoke on the Farmer's Market activities in the month of October.

Manager Wright spoke on celebrating "Senior Month" all year long, not just on National Senior Month.

Manager Wright spoke on the Senior Costume Contest on October 28, 2016, at the

Fontana Community Senior Center.

Manager Wright encouraged all citizens 55 and older to visit the Fontana Community Senior Center located at 16710 Ceres Avenue, or call 909.854.5151.

Manager Wright spoke on the Let's Move on the Trail Event on October 8, 2016. There will be 84 health or safety related vendors participating.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. to a Parks and Facilities Tour on Saturday, September 24, 2016, at the Art Depot Gallery located at 16822 Spring Street, Fontana, California, then to the next Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2016, with a Workshop at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Executive Conference Room and the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers located at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California.

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