

**CITY OF FONTANA  
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 22, 2012**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2012, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, discuss the Park Tour Schedule, and an overview of the Co-Sponsorship Process Overview. The workshop was called to order at 6:09 by Chairperson Rowland. Commissioners Goñi, Tigner and Vaquera were present. Espinoza arrived at 6:19 p.m.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, March 22, 2012, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Rowland, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Vaquera and an Invocation given by Pastor Arthur Adams, Living Way Church.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chairperson Rowland, Commissioners Espinoza, Goñi, Tigner and Vaquera

Absent: Commissioner Quiroga

Staff: Parks & Landscape Supervisor Eric Garwick; Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez; Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock; Community Services Coordinator Rick Dean; Community Services Coordinator Nick Johnson; Community Services Coordinator Courtney Hodnick; Community Services Coordinator Nathan Hunt; Community Services Coordinator Jason Hendrix; Community Services Coordinator Megan Wolfe; Production Coordinator Anthony Sarinana; City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**Employees of the Month**

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Jason Hendrix and Chelsea Gibbons as the Parks and Community Services employees of the month.

**JASON HENDRIX**

Community Services Coordinator II, Jason Hendrix, has been a member of the Fontana team for over seven years and has definitely left his mark on the Recreation Division. Beginning his career with the Community Services Department in 2005, Jason has had a passion for working in recreation which shows in all the areas he excelled in, coordinating Athletic Fields, organizing Adult Sports Activities and Special Events for the department.

Jason has always made his presence known with excellent customer service and problem solving skills. Jason is always looking for ways to professionally grow and learn while assisting the department to enhance the quality of programming offered to all residents. Jason was given the opportunity to be a part of the team that opened the new Jessie Turner Community and Fitness Center in 2008. He currently supervises the Jack Bulik Teen Center and also

oversees the five After School Middle School Sites. Since March 2009, has been successfully supervising the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.

From Halloween Haunted Houses to Teen Dances and Youth Community Events, Jason's "can do" attitude and enthusiasm for high standards has continually contributed to the exceptional community programming his team offers. Jason is always willing to take on additional duties when needed and does not shy away from taking the lead when necessary; as he displayed at the Anti-Bullying Summit at the Jack Bulik Sports Pavilion. Jason's guidance and leadership helped make the event a huge success!

Jason has a talent for dealing with many of the surprise issues that may arise in any youth program area and always finds a solution for the youth, parent and/or teens. His clear communication skills have created many positive outcomes for parents, participants and school administrators alike. Jason is an all around team player and absolutely deserving of this award.

### **CHELSEA GIBBONS**

After School Community Services Assistant III, Chelsea Gibbons, is currently assigned to the Fontana After School Program and the Jack Bulik Teen Center as a member of the Youth Programs Division. Chelsea has been with the City of Fontana Community Services Department for six years.

During her tenure with the Community Services Department, Chelsea has played a key role in numerous special events and has played a lead role in the development and implementation of After School Programming. Chelsea was a Site Supervisor at Mango Elementary before becoming Office Manager with the middle school component of the After School Program. As Office Manager, Chelsea has been a mentor to new After School Program Staff as well as providing technical assistance and expertise to front line staff so they can better serve the middle school students.

Recently, Mrs. Gibbons was instrumental in the planning, marketing and implementation of the Teen Summit on Anti-Bullying. Chelsea's creativity, leadership and can do attitude are a true asset to the City of Fontana Community Services Department.

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:**

Community Services Coordinator Jason Hendrix spoke on the Teen Summit on Anti-Bullying. There were over 400 parents, students, members of the public and dignitaries. Two-hundred and eighty-eight anti-bullying pledges were signed. City of Fontana After School Programs and Boys and Girls Club of Fontana students were bused to the event. Booths provided resources for victims and advocates. Seven guest speakers involved participants in discussions. Dignitaries included Mayor Pro Tem John Roberts, Council Members Wibert and Slowik, City Clerk Lewis, FUSD Board President Barbara Chavez, Parks and Community Services Commissioners Vaquera, Rowland and Espinoza, Congressman Joe Baca, and Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod. Collaborative partners included the Fontana Community Coalition, WeTip, Healthy Fontana, Community Services, and the Fontana Police Department. Mr. Hendrix thanked everyone for their support.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Goñi, and passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0 to approve Consent Calendar Items "A-B."

- A. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22 2012, REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION.**
- B. RECEIVE AND ORDER FILED THE FOLLOWING STAFF REPORTS:**
  - Community Services Department Monthly Report for February 2012.
  - Public Works Department Monthly Report for February 2012.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. 2012 Basketball Program Recap**

Nick Johnson provided the 2012 Basketball Program Recap. The City of Fontana Youth Basketball Program is offered in the summer, winter and spring season. The City of Fontana Youth Basketball Program has partnered with the Los Angeles Clippers and is a Jr. Clippers Basketball Program.

The Youth Basketball Program is designed as a recreational league that instills sportsmanship, teaches basic fundamentals and offers everyone playing time regardless of their skill level. Volunteers provide close to 50 program hours during practice and games per season. Officiating services are contracted to provide certified CIF high school level basketball officials.

Before the season begins, players are involved in skill assessment; parents participate in a Sportsmanship Workshop and receive team rosters, practice schedules, and learn league rules. Team practices begin at assigned gyms based on the age division of participants, are held indoors for one hour twice per week beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Games are held on Saturday's and weeknights at assigned middle school gyms. Playoffs are held at the conclusion of the season. During the winter season, the top two teams in each age group advance to the SCMAF Youth Basketball Championships.

The Middle School Basketball Program is offered at Fontana Unified School District middle schools and is held immediately after school. The games create a lot of school pride. Southridge, Ruble, Truman, Alder, Almeria, and Sequoia middle schools participated in the 2011 season.

Middle school participants are required to attend a team tryout, maintain a 2.0 grade point average, and are expected to be model citizens. The season concludes with the Curtis Workman Memorial Basketball Tournament at Southridge Middle School.

There were 204 participants in the youth division and 122 boys and girls in the middle school division.

The youth basketball program concluded with six teams advancing to SCMAF Championships which were held on March 17, 2012, in Riverside, Rancho Cucamonga and Chino, California.

The middle school basketball program concluded with the 2012 Champions in the boys' division going to Sequoia and in the girls' division going to Southridge Middle School.

Commissioner Espinoza asked for a schedule of games. The schedule is available from Hector Vasquez or Nick Johnson. Basketball signups for the upcoming season are now being taken. Cost is \$60 for Fontana residents.

Chairperson Rowland thanked Nick Johnson for the update.

**B. Fontana Aquatics Club, Seahorses – Megan Wolfe**

Community Services Coordinator Megan Wolfe provided a Fontana Aquatics Club update. The Fontana Aquatics Club has a contract with the Fontana Aquatics Center to use their facility. The Aquatics Club is a parent-run family oriented swim team. This non-profit organization is run by an elected volunteer board of directors.

The Fontana Aquatics Club is a United State Swimming Year Round Competitive Team whose goal is to provide every member the opportunity to improve swimming skills and achieve success at his or her level of ability, from novice to international competitor. The club currently has 100 members who compete in multiple swim meets both at the local and state level.

The Fontana Aquatics Club recruits talented coaching staff who guides the members of the team to practice the principles of good nutrition, fitness and sportsmanship. The Fontana Aquatics Club instills in every member a sense of belonging through intense commitment to team work and celebration of individual accomplishments. The club remains committed to embracing diversity across all lines and will continue to strive to be the premier swimming club in the Inland Empire.

During the 2012 year, the Fontana Aquatics Club hosted a two day swim meet that brought in over 500 swimmers; it is home to 4 of 16 Southern California Swimming Top 16 ranked swimmers (Lauryn Dove, Abigail Nguyen, Emily Trieu and Olga Ortiz), with two swimmers qualified for Winter Sectionals and three swimmers went to the Annual Winter Swim Festival where one swimmer tied a meet record.

The Fontana Aquatics Club offers training and practice groups for swimmers of all ages and ability levels. Tryouts are held Monday through Thursday at 4:45 p.m. Participants must be able to swim one lap of the four strokes or have completed and passed the highest level of swim lessons.

More information is available at [FontanaAquatics.org](http://FontanaAquatics.org).

Ms. Wolfe introduced members of the Fontana Aquatics Club board, Vice President Camille Dang, Secretary/Meet Director Tracy Garcia, and Fundraising Chairperson Gloria Zapata. There are over 109 members, the largest membership ever. Ms. Garcia thanked the Fontana Aquatic Center and announced that they are looking for another coach. Any information to get participate is available through the website, by calling 909.559.7744 or email at [dolphinwks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dolphinwks@sbcglobal.net). Splash magazine, a national swim magazine has ranked Lauryn Dove as a top swimmer.

Commissioner Tigner asked how many Lauryn was ranked amongst. Ms. Dang said she is ranked out of 20,000 swimmers nationally.

Commissioner Tigner stated that he was proud of Fontana.

Commissioner Goñi congratulated the team, the coaches and the staff.

**C. Mary Vagle Nature Center Update – Rob Bock**

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock introduced Community Services Coordinator Rick Dean who provided a slide presentation on the Mary Vagle Nature Center. Mr. Dean spoke on the work plan for the Mary Vagle Nature Center, which includes the completion of the front exhibit hall, program promotion, partnership development and staff training.

Staff at the Mary Vagle Nature Center get to provide customer service, education, work in the garden, and provide fun projects.

The Mary Vagle Nature Center presents a nice mix of programs that are free and fee based. Urban Ecology School Program reached approximately 2,000 students and teachers. Grants and Partnership programs provide monetary contributions.

Featured programs include an Arbor Day Celebration on April 5, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., and the National Public Lands Day on September 29, which is a big national event.

Thanks to a grant from the San Manuel Tribe, a tree was crafted from synthetic earth friendly materials and is on display at the center. Mr. Dean invited everyone to come out and see the tree.

The Mary Vagle Nature Center is open from dawn to dusk Wednesday through Sunday.

Commissioner Espinoza stated that she stopped by the center when she was out running and everyone was very nice.

Commissioner Goñi asked how schools hear about the Urban Ecology School Program. Mr. Dean replied that information is available through the website. Schools usually contact the center to visit.

**D. Audio Visual Productions/KFON Programming Update – Rob Bock**

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock introduced Production Coordinator Anthony Sarinana to provide an Audio Visual Production/KFON Programming Update.

Mr. Sarinana reported that the Audio Visual Production (AVP) team is responsible for videotaping all public meetings (City Council, Planning Commission, and Parks and Community Services Commission); the meetings are aired live and then rebroadcast. The AVP also covers city sponsored special events and other city events. Non-profit agencies can make announcements on the KFON community bulletin board by filling out and sending in their application.

A new program added this past year is *Fontana's Open for Business*. This monthly program, hosted by Mayor Warren, highlights local businesses and informs viewers of the products, goods, and services they provide. The program can be viewed on KFON, You Tube or on the City of Fontana's Facebook page.

The AVP team completed the design and installation of a new and modern looking studio set in the KFON studio. The AVP team is researching new cameras to use in the field without a tape-this will make the process of taking footage directly from the camera easier and a high definition video switcher; they also updated wireless microphone equipment.

KFON is getting involved with social media through an official KFON TV Facebook Fan Page that provides updates on programs, shoots, events, and locations; as well as posting of videos and photos, and allows for viewer's feedback.

KFON can be viewed through Time Warner Cable; Verizon Fios; AT&T U-verse; KFON-TV website (KFON.org) and through YouTube (youtube.com/kfontv).

Anyone is welcome to contact Anthony Sarinana for more information at 909.349.6929 or at KFON.org

Chairperson Rowland thanked Anthony for all his assistance on Miss Fontana.

**E. CULTURAL ARTS UPDATE – COURTNEY HODNICK AND NATHAN HUNT**

Community Services Coordinator Nathan Hunt and Community Services Coordinator Courtney Hodnick provided an update on the Cultural Arts. Ms. Hodnick oversees the visual arts and Mr. Hunt oversees the performing arts. The Cultural Arts work out of three primary facilities – Center Stage, Steelworkers' Auditorium and The Art Depot Gallery, but also provide services at other locations throughout the city. The mission is to enrich quality of life for community members by creating opportunities for personal inspiration and appreciation for the arts.

Mr. Hunt provided some highlights of the Steelworkers' Auditorium which include: Performance Tuesdays feature educational, performing arts and entertaining opportunities free to the community; Partnership Program with the San Bernardino County Library provide movie nights and a summer reading program; Private rentals provide new opportunities for community members to experience the arts. There were approximately 11,000 visitors to the auditorium from July to December 2011.

Ms. Hodnick provided some highlights of the Art Depot Gallery which include: Venues available for artists to exhibit their work include the Art Depot Gallery, the City Hall Council Chamber Foyer, the Steelworkers' Auditorium Gallery; and the Fontana

Community Senior Center Gallery; there have been 13 different artist exhibits with over 13,000 attending.

Main events include the Artist Showcase and Roving Receptions which include art talks, displays, demonstrations and live music. Also offered is Center Programming and arts development at the Art Depot Gallery, there are 12 classes with 227 community members participating in the first half of this fiscal year. The Open Studio program is a drop in program at the Art Depot Gallery and it had over 200 participants. The Imagination Studio offers customized art lessons for groups, there were 13 different groups that participated with over 200 total participants.

Community outreach done through the Art Depot Gallery reaches over 4,000 participants; outreach is done in partnership with the library through a drop in program; open mic night at the Steelworkers' Auditorium in partnership with the Jack Bulik Teen Center; Arbor Day, Festival of Winter and Camps as well as partnerships with Chaffey Community College and other art galleries.

The Leading Educational Arts Program (LEAP) is done in partnership with the Fontana After School Program. Participants receive arts education, art history lessons that meet the California state teaching standard. There were 1,800 participants in the first half of the year.

Through the Art Association, nine art classes are held as well as drop in workshops, art talks, art exhibitions, receptions and special events.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the partnerships with Center Stage Theater that is operated by Stargazer Productions. Performances include musicals, cabarets, murder mysteries, dancing showcases and other special events. It is also available for rentals for banquets, events, and weddings. There have been approximately 6,000 visitors.

Special Engagements include the Fontana Aquatic Center Concert at Fontana Park will be held on June 30, 2012 and will have live music and art workshops; and the Fontana Arts Festival at Fontana Park on July 28, 2012, between 60-70 artists are expected to participate.

Information is available by contacting the Performing Arts staff at 909.349.6978 or the Art Depot Gallery staff at 909.349.6975.

Commissioner Goñi commended staff on being an asset to the Cultural Arts Department.

Commissioner Goñi asked if Performance Tuesdays will be held in the summer. Mr. Hunt replied that it is primarily through June.

Commissioner Goñi asked what the fee was for artists to participate. Ms. Hodnick replied that the fee is \$25 and includes a booth with two tables and two chairs; electricity is provided but lighting is not.

Chairperson Rowland commented that she enjoys all the performances she is able to attend.

**F. SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE – ROB BOCK**

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock provided a special events update for the month of February as follows:

- The first annual Steelman Triathlon Challenge was held at Fontana Park on February 19, 2012. There were 321 participants with 234 tri-athletes and 87 5K runners. The Triathlon consisted of a 5K run, a 12 mile bike ride and a 100 yard swim. This event was co-sponsored with the Rotary Club.

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock also provided a report on upcoming events for the month of April:

- Easter Events will be held throughout the City on April 7, 2012, and will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Cypress Neighborhood Center, Don Day Community Center, and Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center.
- Special Olympics will be held at Fontana High School on April 14, 2012.
- Teen Talent Show “Fontana’s Rising Stars” will be held at the Steelworkers’ Auditorium on April 14, 2012.
- Community Assistance Program Resource Fair will be held at the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center will be held on April 26, 2012.
- Relay For Life will be held on April 28-29, 2012, at Summit High School.
- Fontana Car Show will be held on April 28, 2012, at City Hall,

For more information on any of the events, the Community Services Department can be contacted at 909.349.6900 or visit [recreation.fontana.org](http://recreation.fontana.org)

Commissioner Vaquera asked for information on the Farmer’s Market. Mr. Bock replied that it may roll out in April, but it is still being worked on.

Commissioner Espinoza and asked if there will be judges. Mr. Bock replied that the judges are the people in the audience who will be able to text in their vote.

Commissioner Tigner asked if there was a fee for vehicles to participate in the car show. Mr. Bock replied that there is not cost as it is a social event.

Commissioner Tigner commended the great report.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Tigner, seconded by Commissioner Goñi, and passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0; to receive and order filed the reports given under New Business.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS:**

Parks & Landscape Supervisor Eric Garwick invited everyone to the park and graffiti cleanup event at Cypress Community Center on Saturday, April 14, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information call 909.350.6760.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMENTS:**

Manager Hernandez announced roller hockey registrations for C division.

Manager Hernandez announced the registration for Pee Wee Soccer.

Manager Hernandez announced the youth track and field sign ups.

Manager Hernandez announced the signups for youth spring basketball

Manager Hernandez announced that adult basketball is taking registrations to play at Fontana Park.

Manager Hernandez announced registration for adult soccer.

Manager Hernandez announced that the Cypress Tiny Tots are taking registration for children aged 3-5 and pre-K.

Manager Hernandez wished everyone a good Easter.

City Clerk Lewis announced that applications are now being taken for the Fontana Days Parade; she can be contacted at [TLewis@fontana.org](mailto:TLewis@fontana.org)

City Clerk Lewis announced that applications are also being accepted for cars to participate in the 2013 Fontana Days Parade.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Tigner wished everyone a good Easter.

Commissioner Tigner invited everyone to participate in all of the City programs offered.

Commissioner Tigner announced the race this weekend at California Speedway.

Commissioner Goñi wished everyone a happy and safe Easter.

Commissioner Goñi announced the talent show on April 14. They are still looking for sponsorships, please call 909.349.6954. There is limited space for each type of talent. Anyone interested can visit the Community Services office to register.

Commissioner Goñi invited all Fontana citizens to get in the community and asked everyone to visit Center Stage for a bone marrow search for Crystal, a 27 year old whose husband has just returned from the military. For information, please call 626.373.4000.

Commissioner Espinoza thanked Pastor Arthur for tonight's invocation.

Commissioner Espinoza congratulated Jason and Chelsea.

Commissioner Espinoza invited everyone to come out and enjoy the activities.

Commissioner Espinoza wished everyone a happy Easter and good night.

Commissioner Vaquera wished everyone a happy Easter.

Commissioner Vaquera reminded students to enjoy the last few days of spring break and watch out for cars.

Commissioner Vaquera announced that the softball league has opening ceremonies on Saturday.

Commissioner Vaquera announced a Coca-Cola ¾ Mile Walk-A-Thon at NASCAR.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated the After School Program for remaining partners with Fontana Unified School District.

Commissioner Vaquera wished everyone a good night.

Chairperson Rowland thanked Arthur Adams for his invocation.

Chairperson Rowland thanked Eric for sitting in for Public Works Director Dan West.

Chairperson Rowland attended the Anti-Bullying Summit.

Chairperson Rowland congratulated Miss Fontana, Crystal Eshleman, who will be representing the City throughout the year.

Chairperson Rowland wished Daniel Quiroga a safe trip back from Washington, DC.

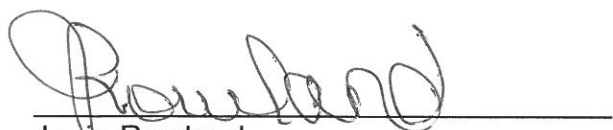
Chairperson Rowland wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated Jason and Chelsea. He met Chelsea when she was little and it is good to see our kids grow up and keep helping the community.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. to the Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting to be held on Thursday, April 26, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, CA, 92335. Please call the Community Services Office at (909) 349-6904, if you are unable to attend the meeting.

  
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