

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 24, 2012**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 24, 2012, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, review the 2010-2011 Public Works Department Annual Report, and review the Public Works Building Overview. The workshop was called to order at 6:12 by Chairperson Goñi. Commissioners Espinoza, Quiroga, Rowland, Tigner and Vaquera were present.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, May 24, 2012, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Chairperson Goñi, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Quiroga and an Invocation given by Pastor Charles Henderson, Relevant Church Inland Empire.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Public Works Manager Dan West; Community Services Manager Jenner Hunt; Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock; Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber; Community Services Coordinator Jason Hendrix; Community Services Coordinator Victoria Reyna; City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Introductions

Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber introduced new Community Services Coordinator II, Brenda Kalberg. Coordinator Kalberg looks forward to the new challenge and adventure with the City of Fontana.

Employees of the Month

COURTNEY HODNICK

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Courtney Hodnick as the Parks and Community Services employee of the month.

Courtney Hodnick, Community Services Coordinator II has worked for the City of Fontana Community Services Department, Visual Arts Division for 7 years. Courtney manages the Art Depot, Artist Showcases and Receptions, Gallery Exhibits, Fontana Arts Association partnership, Fontana Arts Festival, art classes including the Imagi-Nation Days and Open Studio, Leading Education Arts Program (LEAP) and the Lewis Library partnership. She has a true passion for the arts and strives to enrich and enhance the quality of life for children, youth,

and adult community members by creating opportunities for personal inspiration, artistic expression, and appreciation of the arts.

Courtney is also an exceptional team player, she always steps up to any task and continually supports others in the department when needed. She recently offered to assist with coordinating the Performing Arts Division. Courtney managed multiple tasks and helped the department in numerous selfless ways while managing the Performing Arts program which included the Center Stage Theater, Steelworkers' Auditorium, Bookmark Coffee Bar, special events, classes and rentals.

She took the challenge with a positive attitude and effectively handled all programs, contracts and staff while seizing an opportunity to grow professionally. She models a commitment to the community which is evident by the vast amount of time and energy she expends in organizing and participating in various community-based art programs and activities. Courtney does an outstanding job for the Department of Community Services and the community she serves. Her attitude, dedication, professionalism and hard work should serve as an example to her staff and peers. Courtney Hodnick is truly deserving of the Employee of the Month honor due to her exemplary service to the citizens of the City of Fontana.

TIM FISHER

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Tim Fisher as the Parks and Community Services employee of the month.

Tim Fisher began his employment with the City of Fontana in June 2011. In the year Tim has been a part of Fontana's Community Services Team, he has become a familiar and welcoming figure to the public who utilize the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Community Center and Fontana Park.

Tim can often be seen in the morning hours auditing the 38 acres that encompass Fontana Park, greeting the community who utilize the many amenities of the park, handing out and verbally giving out programming information and ensuring that Fontana Park meets the high expectations of the community on a daily basis. Tim provides superior customer service and has built a rapport with the residents that utilize the park. He is always willing to assist his coworkers, coordinators and supervisor and is always looking for ways to keep the park and center looking as good as the day it opened. Tim is a valuable team member, well liked by his peers, coordinators, and supervisor and truly has Fontana's best interest at heart.

The City of Fontana Community Services Department is proud to acknowledge Tim Fisher as June's Part Time Employee of the Month.

Recognitions

Carlos Anzora and Mary Beth Snyder of the Fontana Historical Society publically recognized The Mormon Helping Hands for their work at the Pepper Street Agricultural Museum. Throughout three weekends in April, volunteers came out to restore the building and grounds by providing a new roof for the utility building; repainted the barn and bunkhouse; cleaned the rafters; made a new sidewalk; provided new landscaping and sprinklers; replaced all the eaves and doors, and repaired the walls in the house. The Fontana Rotary Club provided the funding for this project.

The Fontana Historical Society also recognized A.B. Miller High School teacher, Manuel De La Rosa for his work with students in his masonry class to manufacture new marker pedestals to be used for the 200 new roses planted at the Memorial Rose Garden. The students along with volunteers from the Masonry Union and Calvary Chapel Church completed this project on April 28, 2012, on the National Day of Service. The Fontana Rotary Club and the Fontana Exchange Club funded this project.

A memorial plaque in each group's honor has been placed at the Memorial Rose Garden.

The Fontana Historical Society presented The Mormon Helping Hands and the A.B. Miller students with certificates of appreciation.

Mr. De La Rosa thanked his students and appreciated the pride they took in their work and their community.

A representative from The Mormon Helping Hands thanked the 370 church members, City Council, Rotary Club, and Historical Society members that came out to complete this project. He stated that they all learned that when you have people willing to come together for a common purpose, it is a miracle what can be accomplished.

Chairperson Goñi complimented the groups for their inspiration and great accomplishment.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Rowland, and passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0 to approve Consent Calendar Items "A-C."

- A. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 26, 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 April 2012.
 - Public Works Department Monthly Report for April 2012.
- C. FONTANA ART ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY UPDATE**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Jack Bulik Teen Center Report –Jason Hendrix

Community Services Coordinator Jason Hendrix and Senior Community Services Assistant Alondra Banuelos provided a report on the Jack Bulik Teen Center.

On May 5, 2012, the Teen Center hosted the third annual Cinco De Mayo Festival. The festival featured games, arts and crafts, and activities for teens and their families. Special presentations this year included Ballet Folklorico and a professional Karaoke Troup led by Valentine Garcia and his amazing singers. Each attendee had the opportunity to purchase a delicious plate of traditional Mexican food. An estimated 350 attended this year's event.

On Friday, May 11, 2012, the Teen Center, in conjunction with the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council and Learning Edge Learning Centers of Fontana, hosted a free practice SAT test that was open to all Fontana teens in the 8th through 12th grade. The event was well received with a total of 25 participants taking part.

On Monday, June 4, 2012, the Fontana Teen Summer Camp kicks off and continues to be extremely popular amongst teens with over 50 teens and pre-teens signed up on the first day of registration.

The Teen Camp is open to all Fontana residents and runs Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the cost is \$30; extended hours are available for a one time membership fee of \$5.00 for the entire year.

The Excursion Series is open to Fontana residents of all ages however, some excursions are not recommended for youth under the age of nine. Excursions are planned to Hangar 18; the world Famous USS Midway Museum; Santa Monica Pier; Fontana Water Park; Newport Beach; a Los Angeles Dodgers game against the Philadelphia Phillies; Raging Waters; and Six Flags Magic Mountain. Specific excursion information, including pricing, arrival and departure times is available by contacting the Jack Bulik Teen Center at 909.349.6984.

The Teen Center and Mayor's Youth Advisory Council will continue efforts to reduce bullying in the Fontana Community. Through a grant provided by Youth Grant Writers and in collaboration with Children's Resources and Community Alliance for Fontana Students, the Anti-Bullying Institute will offers hands on examples of how youth can prevent and/or report bullying in their community safely. The Anti-Bullying Institute beings July 2 and concludes on July 31 with classes running from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The institute is free, but pre-registration is required.

Contact the Jack Bulik Teen Center at 909.349.6984 or visit the website at youth.fontana.org to sign up for a Teen Center membership or to inquire about any of the programs.

Commissioner Vaquera asked if there was a limit on participants for excursions. Each bus has room for 50 participants and it is on a first come first served basis.

B. Summer Food Program – Victoria Reyna

Community Services Coordinator Victoria Reyna provided a Summer Lunch Program 2012 preview.

The Summer Lunch Program is provided in collaboration with the Fontana Unified School District through grant funding provide by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The program provides lunch and/or a snack at no cost to anyone under 18 years old that can eat on their own. All meals must be eaten on site and cannot be removed. All meals follow the SB12 School Nutrition Standards and are served with milk and/or water.

Staff is trained on food handling and the lunch is served from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. and snacks start being served at 3:00 p.m.

Last year's program ran for eight weeks from June 6 through July 29, 2011, with service at 16 sites and the City of Fontana hosting 11 of those sites. There were 36,880 lunches served and 22,148 snacks served.

This year's Summer Lunch Program will run for eight weeks, from June 4 to July 27, 2012, with service at 17 sites and the City of Fontana hosting 10 of those sites. Neighborhood and Community sites include: Don Day Neighborhood Center, Cypress Neighborhood Center, Heritage Neighborhood Center, Fontana Park/Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center, Jack Bulik Teen Center, Mary Vagle Nature Center, Miller Fitness Center, and the Art Depot; park locations include Bill Martin and North Tamarind; the high school sites include: AB Miller, Kaiser, Jurupa, and Summit; and the Boys and Girls Club at Almeria Middle School.

Marketing included flyers sent to schools; postcards at community centers, doctor's and dentist's offices, WIC offices, street banners and banners at park centers.

More information is available by calling the Fontana Unified School District at 909.357.5160 x35; visiting www.fusd.net or Community Services at 909.349.6900.

Chairperson Goñi asked if special needs participants must be able to feed themselves. Community Services and Fontana Unified School District staff are available to assist participants.

C. Special Events Update – Rob Bock

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock introduced Community Services Coordinator Bianca Gutierrez to provide a special events update and summer events overview.

Community Services Coordinator Bianca Gutierrez provided a report on events held in April:

- Easter Events, held on April 7, 2012, at the following locations:
 - Fontana Park held Easter Egg-citement a partnership between the City of Fontana and Water of Life Community Church at Summit. There were over 4,000 guests in attendance and activities included an arts and crafts, egg hunt, carnival games, giveaways, food and contract class demonstrations.

- Don Day Neighborhood Center held Eggs-Quisite Eggs-Cursion a partnership with Great Commission Church served a free pancake breakfast to over 500 patrons. Guests visited different partners' booths – State Farm, Southridge Dental Group and Fontana Teachers Association– to collect eggs in lieu of a traditional Easter Egg Hunt. Activities included face painting, balloon animals, arts and crafts, a petting zoo, carnival games, inflatables and pictures with the Easter Bunny. There approximately 1,800 community members in attendance.
- Cypress Neighborhood Center held Easter Egg-citement with a free pancake breakfast provided by City Link served to over 600 community members. Easter egg hunts were provided to different age groups. Activities included face painting, balloon animals, arts and crafts, pony rides, a magic show, a puppet show, free haircuts, giveaways sponsored by Frito Lay and pictures with the Easter Bunny. There were approximately 1,000 community members in attendance.
- Teen Talent Show was held on April 14 at Steelworkers' Auditorium with nearly 30 participants that competed and about 300 people came out to see the performances. Voting was done through text messaging by members of the audience and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards in each category. The first place vocal winner sang the national anthem at the Relay for Life event.
- Special Olympics were held on April 14 at Fontana High School. Over 250 athletes participated in bocce ball, basketball and track and field. The swimming portion was cancelled due to weather. The Kiwanis Club, Fontana Unified School District and the City of Fontana partnered for this event.
- CAP Resource Fair was held on April 26 at the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center. Over 100 organizations informed over 350 public and community members of their services and opportunities available. Lunch was provided by Costco.
- Relay for Life was held on April 28-29, 2012, at Summit High School. There were over 500 participants raising over \$65,000. Activities included various stage entertainment, face painting and balloon animals, themed laps, and a late night movie and snacks.
- The Fontana Car Show was held on April 28 with 30 show quality cars and 600 guests in attendance. America's Tire, the event sponsor, gave out over \$200 in gift certificates.

Events coming up in June include:

- The 99th Annual Fontana Days festival from Thursday, May 31 to Sunday, June 3, 2012, at Veteran's Park from
- Fontana Days Parade on June 2, 2012, from Sierra and Arrow to Sierra and Merrill and ending at Veteran's Park.
- Fontana Days Run on June 2, 2012, at 7:00 a.m. A two day fitness expo begins on Friday, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and continues on Saturday, from 7:00 a.m. to noon.
- Sunset Concert Series begins on Thursday, June 7, 2012, at Miller Park and will continue throughout the summer on Thursday nights. Scheduled performers include Chino, Beatles Tribute Band, Soto, Mirage Groove, The Silverados, Blue Breeze Band and Southbound. The Summer Concert Series ends with gospel groups from various churches around the city performing.

- Family Fun Nights will be held on Tuesday's at 5:00 p.m. and kicks off on June 12, 2012, and will travel throughout the city.
- Dive In Movies will be held on June 15 and June 29 at Heritage Park
- Poolside Fun will be held on Friday nights at Heritage pool with themed events.
- Ride the Waves of Music Poolside Concert will be held on June 30, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fontana Park Aquatics Center.
- Recreational Swim opens May 26 and runs through September 3 at Heritage Neighborhood Center, Fontana Park Aquatics Center, Miller Fitness Center, and Don Day Neighborhood Center.
- Fontana Summer Camps kick off on June 4. Registration is open if there is still space available at Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center, Heritage Center, Cypress Neighborhood Center, Jack Bulik Teen Center, Nature Center, and Fontana Park.
- Car Show on June 30 at the Civic Center Campus from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Espinoza is happy that the concerts will be returning to Miller Park.

Commissioner Vaquera asked if people know that Miller Park will be opened during construction and where would they park. Parking is available in the library parking lot and there will be electronic message boards announcing the concerts.

Chairperson Goñi commented that these are great different activities going on and the co-sponsorships. She stated that she attended the Special Olympics event on April 14 and even with the bad weather, they moved forward.

Chairperson Goñi thanked staff for their report.

Commissioner Tigner asked for the costs for swimming at the recreational pools. Costs vary and are available on the website.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Espinoza, seconded by Commissioner Tigner, and passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0; to receive and order filed reports on items "A-C" given under New Business.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS:

Public Works Manager Dan West had no comments.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMENTS:

Director Nelson provided a packet of marketing materials for summer programming that the public can also access on Fontana.org.

Director Nelson attended staff training for the amazing aquatics program. There will soon be a new aquatics program at Martin Tudor and an update will be provided at a later date. This past weekend 150 lifeguards were trained. Director Nelson encouraged residents to visit the sites.

Director Nelson stated that parents should have peace of mind that the great programs provide great opportunities with great young people leading them.

Director Nelson complimented the special events team for having the Fontana Days half marathon nearly sold out and the 5K is sold out. June 2, 2012 will be a great day with great weather with runners from all over world coming to this event as it is a great qualifying race.

Director Nelson stated that the May 12 Aqua Prom was a great event that gave an opportunity for kids that cannot afford going to prom. It was held at Fontana Parks Aquatic Center with a tropical theme. The aquatics team did an amazing job.

Director Nelson congratulated the Parks and Community Services Officers and Commission.

Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber reminded the public of the registration for day camps and the variety of activities. Registration is available at any of the community centers.

Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber congratulated the new graduates.

Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber congratulated the preschool tiny tot 'graduates'; new enrollees are welcome at Don Day, Cypress and Jessie Turner. Registration is available at any center.

Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber announced that the pools open this weekend at Miller Health and Fitness, Heritage Park, Fontana Park, and Don Day Park.

Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt announced that the Farmer's Market was very successful and will be held every Saturday from 8:00 to noon on Sierra and Arrow, but will not be held on June due to the parade and the run.

Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt invited everyone to visit Summer.Fontana.org for all summer programs and community events.

Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt announced that the new brochure is available and has information on classes, programs, and community centers. She invited anyone to talk to staff if their need is not being met.

Director Nelson announced that the recreational swimming fees are \$3 for children age 2 to 17; \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Rowland thanked Dan West and Dan Chadwick for providing Public Works information at the Parks and Community Services Workshop held before tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Rowland announced that the Relay for Life was held in April with over 1,500 participants, over 50 teams and raised over \$65,000. This was the 12th year of this event. , with over 50 teams,

Commissioner Rowland thanked the City of Fontana and the Public Works Department for all their help.

Commissioner Rowland announced that the Adult School graduation ceremony will be held on June 1 at Fontana High School.

Commissioner Rowland stated that she enjoyed the Summer Feeding program. She toured the new BBQ van/truck and hopes that everyone comes out to get awesome food.

Commissioner Espinoza wished everyone a great summer.

Commissioner Espinoza congratulated all the graduates.

Commissioner Espinoza invited everyone to bring the kids and come out and enjoy the great events.

Commissioner Tigner congratulated all the graduates.

Commissioner Tigner congratulated The Mormon Helping Hands for their great job

Commissioner Tigner congratulated the students of the masonry class.

Commissioner Tigner wished everyone a wonderful summer.

Commissioner Tigner invited everyone to come out to the events.

Commissioner Quiroga congratulated the graduating class of 2012; he attended one of the graduations and saw some of his former 8th grade students.

Commissioner Quiroga encouraged everyone to have fun, be safe and be careful.

Commissioner Quiroga encouraged residents to go out and enjoy the activities Fontana has to offer as the summer kicks off. He has attended some events and they are lot of fun.

Commissioner Quiroga thanked the Mormon Helping Hands for their renovation work.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated to Courtney Hodnick and Tim Fisher.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked Jason Hendrix and staff for their Cinco de Mayo event.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked the Mayors Advisory Council as he toured the Teen Center and it was great to see all that is offered to kids.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated Chairperson Goñi on her appointment.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated the class of 2012 and encouraged them to keep working on their future.

Commissioner Vaquera wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day to June 17.

Commissioner Vaquera wished all the mothers a belated Happy Mother's Day.

Commissioner Vaquera stated that the Relay for Life was a success. He helped with preparations, walked on team and seems like there are more people every year.

Commissioner Vaquera encouraged Spanish speaking viewers to bring their children to events and programs offered.

Commissioner Vaquera announced that Blessed John XXIII will have their summer festival 2012, on June 22-24, 2012. Admission is \$1.

Commissioner Goñi thanked staff members of the City of Fontana for their presentations.

Commissioner Goñi encouraged the community to be safe and enjoy all the things to do without a large financial impact.

Commissioner Goñi thanked the Community Services offices for the brochure.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. to the Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting to be held on Thursday, June 28, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Grover W. Taylor 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.


Ysela Aguirre
Boards and Commissions Secretary


Lourdes Goñi
Chairperson