

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 29, 2012**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 29, 2012, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, discuss 2013-2014 Program/Service Goals, get a User Fees update, and discuss Commission Appointments. Commissioners Coleman, 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, November 29, 2012, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Vaquera, followed by an Invocation given by Pastor Charles Henderson, Relevant Church Inland Empire and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Coleman.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Vice-Chairperson Vaquera, Commissioners Coleman, Espinoza, Quiroga, Rowland, and Tigner

Absent: Chairperson Goñi

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Public Works Manager Dan West; Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez; Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt; Services Coordinator Jason Hendrix; Community Services Coordinator Bianca Morales; and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Veteran's Day Essay Contest Recipients – Bianca Morales

Community Services Coordinator Bianca Morales presented City Council Member Elect, Jesse Sandoval, with an award of for his continued support and sponsorship of the Veteran's Day Essay Contest.

First and Second place essay contest winners were present to recite their poems.

Employees of the Month

The Parks and Community Services Commission to recognize Robert Vidaure and Joanne Villa, Community Services Assistants as employees of the month.

ROBERT VIDAURE

Robert Vidaure consistently displays an outstanding effort and true dedication to the City of Fontana Community Services Department Marketing Division as a Senior Community Services Assistant. His commitment to enrich the lives of the community is evident through his support of creative and impactful designs which garner awareness and participation in recreational, cultural and human services programs. Such as the Summer Events

Campaign, Fontana Days Run Campaign, Festival of Winter Campaign, Farmers' Market Campaign, Mayor's Jazz Jam Campaign, City's Annual Report, Community Services Annual Report, 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, John B. Roberts Fire Station Dedication, and Fall Sports Campaign.

Robert also has an astute ability to be a team leader by providing keen guidance through his knowledge of skills, techniques, software applications and materials. Mr. Vidaure has a perceptive ability to listen and communicate to his peers and to all levels. He understands and executes staff's visions into innovative designs with engaging content that is a true asset. Robert's level of quality design production and his understanding of successful content application to connect the value of the program or event and its experiences is a testament to his multifaceted talents.

Robert continually impresses with his ability to not only meet the City's needs, but exceed them. His creativity, dedication, dependability, loyalty, flexibility and professionalism are a true reflection of his commitment and dedication to the City of Fontana.

JOANNE VILLA

The Youth Programs Division would like to nominate Community Services Assistant I Joanne Villa for part time employee of the month. Mrs. Villa began her career with the City of Fontana at the Fontana Community Senior Center and has now been with the Jack Bulik Teen Center/Mobile Recreation Unit for just under a year. As lead staff for the Mobile Recreation Unit, Joanne has facilitated 20 private rentals at local residents' homes, over 80 school events, and countless internal Community Services Department Special Events.

Aside from doing a great job with general Mobile Recreation Programs, Mrs. Villa is also responsible for securing donations for teen center and Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Events. At last year's Teen Summit on Anti-Bullying Event, Mrs. Villa was directly responsible for the donation of close to \$1,000 in-kind and product donations.

Mrs. Villa's talents are also evident in the ever changing and developing programs at the Jack Bulik Teen Center from Homework Happy Hour to the Teen Fitness Center; she always pays close attention to detail to ensure the Teen Center is a place that Fontana Teens want to be.

It is truly an honor to present the October 2012 Part Time Employee of the Month Award to Joanne Villa.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

- A. Approve minutes of the October 25, 2012 Parks and Community Services

Commission Meeting with a correction to the meeting time of the November 29, 2012, Parks and Community Services Commission meeting.

- B. Accept Staff Reports:
 - Community Services Department monthly reports for October 2012.
 - Public Works Department monthly report for October 2012.
- C. Fontana Art Association Quarterly Update
- D. Fontana Community Senior Center, Senior Advisory Board Quarterly Update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Jack Bulik Teen Center Update – Jason Hendrix

Community Services Supervisor Jason Hendrix provided an update on the Jack Bulik Teen Center.

The Jack Bulik Teen Center enjoyed a tremendous 2012 Summer. As a part of our annual teen camp program, approximately 400 youth spent their summer at the Jack Bulik Teen Center. Campers had an opportunity to participate in daily group activities, including scavenger hunts, sports tournaments, and healthy eating activities. Each Wednesday, participants had the option to visit several attractions in Southern California, such as Hangar 18 rock climbing, the USS Midway tour, and the most popular excursion; Six Flags Magic Mountain. Over 300 teens participated in the 2012 summer Excursion Series.

On September 29, 2012, the Jack Bulik Teen Center, in partnership with the Fontana After School Program, Healthy Fontana, and the Boys & Girls Club of Fontana, held the Second Annual Families Play Together Event. The Families Play Together Event featured STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities that allow participants to discover the math and science behind everyday occurrences. Activities included building your own rocket to “blast”, slime racers, blender bikes where you make your own salsa or smoothie, and make your own box racer. Entertainment for the day was provided local alternative rock band, Violent Son. Each participant that completed every STEM activity received a free meal provided at a discounted rate by local restaurant, Juan Pollo. The event was well received by the community with approximately 350 Fontana families in attendance.

October is always a frightfully good time at the Jack Bulik Teen Center. The annual Knott’s Scary Farm Excursion took place on Saturday, October 6, 2012. Forty-two participants survived the expanded mazes and monsters prowling throughout the amusement park grounds. On Saturday, October 28, 2012, staff along with the assistance of eighteen volunteers began construction of this year’s haunted house named “Fear Factories”.

In the latest installment in the Jack Bulik Teen Center annual Haunted House, there were five elaborate and frightening rooms, three alley ways and a minimum of fourteen “monsters” patrolling the house during the hours of operation. The event was widely promoted on the City of Fontana’s Facebook page allowing teens and adults alike to “share” the event details resulting in a total of 595 Fontana residents who “survived” this year’s haunted house.

The Teen Talent Show was held in collaboration with the Cultural Arts Division. There were 36 participants performing beat boxing, a cappella, individual instruments, and group shuffle dances. Members of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council served as event judges with Olivia Kiefer, 8th grade student at Truman Middle School the grand prize winner.

When not involved in holiday and community events, the Jack Bulik Teen Center provided daily activities that continue to evolve in order to best meet the needs of today's youth. Teen Center staff has put together several clubs that members have asked for and responded to by alerting their friends about the place to be for Fontana Teens.

The Triple H Club (Homework Help Hour) gives participants an opportunity to use the computer lab or ask for staff assistance to complete homework and major school projects. The Teen Sports Club promotes physical activity and wellness by highlighting three major sports (basketball, baseball and football) as teens compete against one another. Members celebrate by watching a professional game on the new LCD flat screen television. The Teen Fitness Club continues to be a popular destination for hopeful athletes looking for a place to train in preparation for school tryouts. Staff closely monitors participants and tailors workout programs to meet their individual needs. The Teen Center is home to approximately 25-30 participants daily from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Jack Bulik Teen Center is looking forward to providing its members with even more innovative and exciting programming in the coming months. Partnerships with Leading Edge Learning Centers, Reach Out, the Fontana Community Coalition (FCC), Community Alliance for Fontana Students (CAFFS), and Children's Resources, promises to give members the opportunity to enrich their lives each time they visit the Teen Center.

Commissioner Quiroga commended the fantastic job being done at the Jack Bulik Teen Center.

Vice Chairperson Vaquera asked if applications are being accepted to become members of the MYAC. Supervisor Hendrix replied that applications are now being accepted at the Jack Bulik Teen Center from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Vice Chairperson Vaquera commended Supervisor Hendrix on the great job.

Commissioner Espinoza asked for an update on the MYAC Thanksgiving event. Supervisor Hendrix replied that the MYAC members held a food drive and delivered the boxes of food donated to eight families; the boxes included everything needed for a perfect Thanksgiving meal.

B. Special Events Update – Bianca Morales

Community Services Coordinator Bianca Morales provided a special events update for events held in October:

- Saturday, October 6, 2012, the Mayor's Jazz Jam, was held at the Fontana Community Senior Center from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Two hundred fifty people were in attendance to dance the night away to the Reggie Vision Band and enjoy food from Spaggi's. The event and silent auction helped raise over fifty-four thousand dollars for the Fontana Boys and Girls Club.

- Saturday, October 27, 2012, the Fontana Car Show, the final one of the season was held in the City Hall parking lot from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. with thirty cars. Over 100 residents came out and viewed the classic cars while children in costumes participated in Trunk or Treating. Live music was provided by Outstanding and a free slice of pizza was provided by My New York Pizza to all car owners participating in the Trunk or Treating.
- Wednesday, October 31, 2012, the Cypress Neighborhood Center Halloween Event held its Cypress Monster Bash with a circus show theme and was open to the community free of charge. The event consisted of a pumpkin patch with free pumpkins and a decorating area, a magic show with a professional magician, a fortune teller, and a petting zoo with pony rides, a circus character display show with each character in a themed room, a costume contest and a trunk-or-treat in the parking lot, provided by the Water of Life Church. Five hundred residents came to celebrate at the Cypress Neighborhood Center.
- Wednesday, October 31, 2012, the Don Day Neighborhood Center Halloween Event allowed families to enjoy a fun and safe Halloween at Southridge Park. The event was full of families enjoying games, crafts, jumpers, balloon animals and the costume contest. Residents were able to experience the snakes from the Mary Vagle Nature Center. Costume contests were held for children from ages 0 to 17 years of age. Rio Ranch Market provided a booth with fun games and treats as well. Eight hundred people came out to this successful event.
- Wednesday, October 31, 2012, the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center held its Halloween Spooktacular "Trunk or Treat" and it was a big success with nearly 3,000 community members participating. This year's "Spooktacular" event was held in the front parking lot and participants were invited to enjoy trunk-or-treating which included 19 vehicles decorated with great Halloween décor. Various game booths, arts and crafts, face painting and costume contest for all ages as well as a group theme category were enjoyed. There was a picture booth by "Smiles are Contagious" where families could pay a small fee to have their pictures taken with a festival back drop. Participants were able to enjoy roving entertainment which included a magician and balloon artist by Magic and Variety.
- Sunday, October 28, 2012, through Wednesday, October 31, 2012, the Jack Bulik Teen Center staff along with eighteen volunteers, constructed this year's haunted house, "Fear Factories". In the latest installment in the Jack Bulik Teen Center annual Haunted House, there were five elaborate and frightening rooms, three alley ways and a minimum of fourteen "monsters" patrolling the house during the hours of operation. Five hundred ninety-five people "survived" this year's haunted house.

Community Services Coordinator Bianca Morales also provided a special event update for upcoming events in December:

- Wednesday, December 5, 2012, Tree Lighting Ceremony and Spark of Love Toy Drive, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p. m., at City Hall. Rio Rancho will be providing festive treats.
- Saturday, December 8, 2012, 10:00 a.m., the Fontana Christmas Parade hosted by the Fontana Exchange Club will begin at Sierra and Arrow.
- Saturday, December 8, 2012, 11:00 a.m., Festival of Winter with a Fontana's Rock and Roll Christmas, at Miller Park. There will be lots of activities, snow, roller skating, a train and pictures with Santa.

For more information, visit www.fontana.org or 909.349.6900

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS:

Public Works Manager Dan West wished everyone a good holiday season.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMENTS:

Community Services Director Garth W. Nelson extended thoughts and prayers to Commissioner Goñi on her illness and sent her positive thoughts.

Director Nelson wished Vice Chairperson Vaquera well on his upcoming medical treatment.

Director Nelson wished residents and the community a wonderful holiday season and a terrific 2013.

Director Nelson shared that a report is being prepared that will provide statistics to the City Council on the growth of participation from 800,000 to 900,000 through all programs, activities, facilities, youth and non-profit organizations, and service clubs. This continued growth shows the value the community has towards programs and activities.

Director Nelson thanked everyone for their support.

Director Nelson thanked the City Council for their great leadership.

Director Nelson thanked the Parks and Community Services Commission for the great job.

Director Nelson congratulated Commissioners Quiroga and Coleman for their appointment this year to the commission and thanked them for their hard work, commitment and interest.

Director Nelson sent special blessing to the great staff, the young people who really believe in the residents of this community. This city is blessed to have such great people working for their programs and the services they provide. There are over 500 part time employees who do an amazing job.

Director Nelson thanked the management team for their great job.

Director Nelson wished everyone a blessed a holiday season and an amazing 2013.

Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez reminded residents that on December 15, 2012, there will be a Winter Recital Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Heritage Neighborhood Center for all residents.

Manager Hernandez announced that on December 15, 2012, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., there will be Breakfast with Santa events at Don Day and Jack Bulik centers.

Manager Hernandez announced that youth basketball camp registration is \$40.

Manager Hernandez announced that registration for youth basketball season will begin in January.

Manager Hernandez thanked staff and departments for doing a wonderful job and being dedicated to giving back to the community.

Manager Hernandez wished everyone happy holidays and happy new year.

Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt thanked the team for all they do and appreciates the dynamic group of people.

Manager Hunt reminded residents to check their mailboxes for the new Community Recreation brochure it contains 58 pages of exciting and interesting things to do in Fontana.

Manager Hunt hopes to see everyone out for the tree lighting and holiday events.

Manager Hunt reminded everyone to spend their dollars here in town and at the Fontana Farmers' Market.

Manager Hunt announced the Nature Center Holiday Open House on December 15, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call 909.349.6994.

Manager Hunt announced the Center Stage Holiday Follies that provides music, dancing with a good meal. For more information, call 909.429.7469.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Coleman congratulated Joanne for being recognized as an employee of the month.

Commissioner Coleman wished Commissioner Vaquera well.

Commissioner Coleman wished everyone a holiday with family and friends.

Commissioner Espinoza congratulated the Summit Water Polo Girls Team who won their game today.

Commissioner Espinoza congratulated everyone for doing a great job.

Commissioner Espinoza invited everyone to the events in December.

Commissioner Espinoza wished everyone a blessed holiday, a happy new year and fun with their family.

Commissioner Rowland invited everyone to the tree lighting ceremony on December 5 at 6:00 p.m. and then the parade on December 8.

Commissioner Rowland congratulated newly elected officials, Lydia Salazar Wibert, Jesse Sandoval, Barbra Chavez, and Lorena Corona.

Commissioner Rowland wished former Commissioner Bob Baker a happy birthday.

Commissioner Rowland wished Chairperson Goni well.

Commissioner Rowland wished Commissioner Vaquera good luck.

Commissioner Rowland wished everyone happy holidays.

Commissioner Tigner wished everyone happy holidays.

Commissioner Tigner wished Director Nelson and his team happy holidays.

Commissioner Tigner thanked Fontana Unified School Board member Kathy Binks for her 25 years of service and touching many lives.

Commissioner Quiroga commended all of the great things happening in Fontana and asked current attendees to continue to attend and to spread the word on everything going in Fontana.

Commissioner Quiroga stated that he has had a fun year on the Parks and Community Services Commission and looks forward to another year.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated Robert and Joanne.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked city staff, everyone deserves employee of the month recognition.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated new and re-elected officials, Jesse Sandoval, Lydia Salazar Wibert, Barbra Chavez, and Lorena Corona.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked everyone on the dais for their company and being a part of the team.

Commissioner Vaquera is looking forward to next year.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked KFON staff, Pastor Charles, and the small but loyal audience in attendance.

Commissioner Vaquera acknowledged Planning Commissioner Hall's attendance at tonight's meeting.

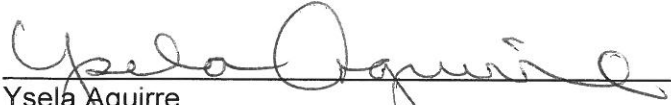
Commissioner Vaquera asked to keep in prayer those less fortunate than us.

Commissioner Vaquera wished everyone a great and safe holiday season.

Commissioner Vaquera reminded us to tell our loves ones we love them.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. to the next Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, January 24, 2013, 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 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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Boards and Commissions Secretary
Chairperson Goñi