

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2013**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2013, 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, and discuss the Employee of the Year selection. Commissioners Goñi, 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, January 24, 2013, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairperson Goñi, followed by an Invocation given by Pastor Charles Henderson, Relevant Church Inland Empire and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Quiroga.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None.

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Parks and Landscape Supervisor Eric Garwick; Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez; Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt; Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber; Community Services Coordinator Megan Wolfe; Services Coordinator Jason Hendrix; Community Services Coordinator Bianca Morales; City Clerk Toni Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Employees of the Month

The Parks and Community Services Commission to recognize Christina Enriquez, Community Services Coordinator as employee of the month.

CHRISTINA ENRIQUEZ

Christina Enriquez has been with the City of Fontana for ten years; starting as a part-time lifeguard, water safety instructor, and pool manager.

She has worked as a Community Services Assistant at the Miller Fitness Center and a Senior Community Services Assistant at the Don Day Neighborhood Center as the head instructor for the Tiny Tots Program.

In 2007, Ms. Enriquez became a full time employee in the Community Services Department as the Aquatics coordinator overseeing all community pools and the Miller Fitness Center. In 2010, Ms. Enriquez was asked to oversee the Don Day Neighborhood Center in which she continues to oversee the programming and day-to-day operations.

Ms. Enriquez is well like by her peers, supervisor and staff who work with her on a daily basis. Her ability to focus on the community that she services as well as see the vision of the Department is just some of the outstanding traits that Ms. Enriquez possesses.

Over the past year, Ms. Enriquez has developed strong partnerships with local businesses and non-profit organizations in the Southridge area that have helped with events put on by the Don Day Neighborhood Center. The events which have been a huge success in welcoming the local community include Easter, Summer Food Program, Halloween and Breakfast with Santa.

Ms. Enriquez has received donations and volunteers for the Easter Event and Breakfast with Santa from the Great Commission Baptist Church, which utilizes the Don Day Neighborhood Center every Sunday. The church has contributed by making breakfast for both of these successful events and donating items to raffle. Ms. Enriquez has also developed a great partnership Rio Ranch Market that has donated food items and give-aways for these events. Other local businesses Ms. Enriquez has developed strong relationships with have been with the Southridge Dental Group, Starbucks, Smart and Final, Edible Arrangements, State Far and Blockbuster; all of which have contributed to the events offered by the Don Day Community Center.

The community of South Fontana has embraced the events and activities offered through Ms. Enriquez's programming and partnerships with the instructors, non-profit organizations and local businesses. It is for this reason that the Community Services Department is proud to recognize Ms. Enriquez as employee of the month. If you are interested in meeting Ms. Enriquez in person and to know more about the Don Day Neighborhood Center, you are invited to attend Coffee with the Coordinator on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Enriquez will be discussing programs, activities and events offered at the center and anything else you would like to know about programs offered throughout the city.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Michael Wright spoke on the Let's Move Award presented to Mayor Warren and the Fontana City Council on Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

The Let's Move! Campaign was started by First Lady, Michelle Obama, in a quest to end obesity within one generation. Since then, Let's Move has joined the National League of Cities to build upon the movement and get local elected officials' commitment to help the cause. Mayor Warren and Fontana City Council are some officials that have made the commitment.

National League of Cities and the Let's Move! Cities, Counties and Towns movement has honored Mayor Warren and the City Council with nine awards in five different categories.

Of the 169 cities, towns and counties that have joined the initiative, Fontana ranks fifth in the nation, second in California and first in the southern region of the state. Only four areas from southern California have received medals – Los Angeles, Santa Clara County, Riverside, and Corona.

Fontana Middle School Travel Club students spoke on the travel opportunities and the annual Hamburger Eating Challenge to be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, at the McDonald's on Foothill and Citrus. McDonald's will provide 20% of the proceeds to the Fontana Middle School Travel Club.

A parent of one of the Travel Club members thanked Mr. Quiroga for making this opportunity available for the students.

Matthew Slowik, former City Council member, invited the community to support the Burger Challenge to benefit the Fontana Middle School Travel Club. Mr. Slowik invited the School Board to provide a team and opened the invitation to any Parks and Community Services Commissioners and Commissioner Vaquera volunteered. For more information or any questions, please contact Mr. Quiroga at 909.357.5370 x346 or 909.275.9673

Commissioner Quiroga spoke on the parents and students working to raise funds to sponsor the trip and thanked Mr. Slowik for helping to send the kids on this trip.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Rowland, seconded by Commissioner Vaquera, and passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0 to approve Consent Calendar Items "A-B."

- A. Approve minutes of the November 29, 2012, Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting.
- B. Accept Staff Reports:
 - Community Services Department monthly reports for November and December 2012.
 - Public Works Department monthly report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Facility Reservation Overview – Karen Gerber

Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber provided an overview of the seven facilities in the City of Fontana that are rented out to non-profit, private and business groups. They are the Don Day Neighborhood Center, the Cypress Neighborhood Center, the Art Depot, the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center, the Fontana Community Senior Center, Steelworkers' Auditorium, and Heritage Neighborhood Center. These facilities are available for wedding receptions, anniversary parties, birthday parties, baby showers, luncheons, banquets, recitals, musical performances, business and club meetings.

Potential renters should have a good understanding of their event type, date, number of attendees, seating arrangement, alcohol and location. They may then stop by, call any facility, or email to rentals@fontana.org and staff will get in contact within 48 hours. The rental application is available online.

Rentals are fee based and divided into categories – non-profit groups, resident, non-resident or for profit business.

Payments are based on facility and amenities chosen. Fees include trust deposits, trust deposits with alcohol, hourly room rate, insurance, warming/catering kitchen, and security.

The Don Day Neighborhood Center has a maximum occupancy of 140. It has six foot rectangle tables, warming kitchen, patio area, and a flat screen TV. During the July 2011 to June 2012 fiscal year, there were 51 non-profit rentals, 28 resident rentals and 8 internal rentals.

The Fontana Community Senior Center has a capacity of 300 with a large room that can be broken into three sections, stadium seating, 60-inch round tables, 48-inch round tables, rectangular tables, banquet style chairs, audio and visual equipment and a courtyard. Total rentals last fiscal year were 28 non-profit, 43 resident, 2 non-resident/for profit business, and 129 internal rentals.

Larger facilities are the hub of professional development training for the school district and they city.

The Cypress Neighborhood Center has an occupancy of 180, 6-foot round or rectangular tables, banquet or stadium style seating, warming kitchen, patio and grass area, audio and visual system with projector and drop down screen. The Knopf Specialty Room is also available for rental. They had 156 and 88 non-profit, 45 and 16 resident, and 23 and 5 internal rentals respectively.

The Steelworkers' Auditorium seats 333 theater style seating, a 33' x 17' stage, wireless and corded microphones, podium and microphone projector and built in

screen; theatrical lighting and sound; audio and visual equipment, backstage and wing space; stage curtains; and dressing and staging rooms. Past fiscal year rentals there were 119 non-profit, 4 for profit and 91 internal. This facility is perfect for musical performances, dance showcases, speaking engagements, seminars, trainings, meetings, award ceremonies, and performing arts showcases.

The Art Depot Gallery recently opened up for rentals. It seats sixty and is perfect for wedding receptions, birthdays, graduation parties, performances and art receptions.

The Heritage Neighborhood Center seats 180 banquet style or 200 assembly style, it can be broken off into three smaller rooms, it has 5 foot round tables, black banquet style chairs, projector, screen, DVD player, wireless microphones, stage with curtains, patio area with water feature and patio furniture, and a 16' by 16' dance floor. Last year, it has 64 non-profit, 24 resident, and 68 internal rentals.

The Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Community Center has a maximum occupancy of 300, it has 5-foot round tables, banquet style chairs, projector, screen, DVD player, wireless microphones, stage with curtains, patio area with furniture, water feature, and a 16' by 16' dance floor. It also has a small conference room with occupancy up to 15, with a conference table, plasma TV, DVD, laptop hook ups, white board podium, and conference phone. There is also an outdoor patio used for weddings and includes tables, chairs umbrella, a water feature, and outdoor speakers. Total rentals last year were 75 non-profit, 53 resident, 16 non-resident/for profit business, and 143 internal.

There has been a 5% increase in rentals each year.

All of the facilities, except Steelworkers' Auditorium and the Art Depot, have a warming or catering kitchen that can be used for warming, not cooking. Some facilities have catering kitchens that can be used by licensed caterers to prepare and serve food. Price for rental warming kitchen is \$75 per day.

For more info call each center for rental information.

These facilities along with pools, park shelters, and Center Stage Theater are available to host your special event. Call 909.349.6900 for information. Rental info was shared at the dais and is available at the centers and online.

Discussion was held on caterers being required to have a City of Fontana business license and San Bernardino Health license and not a specific designated caterer. If a bartender is used, they must also be a licensed bartender.

Discussion was held on insurance requirement, every type of event must have insurance.

Discussion was held on the security guard requirement at any event with alcohol.

Discussion was held on the dressing of tables not being provided by the centers.

Discussion was held on the rental by churches being done month-to-month or up to one year in advance. Some facilities are booked solid nine months in advance.

All facilities are hosting church services during the week as the venues are popular for new emerging churches.

B. Fontana Aquatic Club – Megan Wolfe

Community Services Coordinator Megan Wolfe introduced the Fontana Aquatics Club President Erick Fisher and Secretary Tracy Garcia.

Club President Erick Fisher shared that the Fontana Aquatics Club is a non-profit community based competitive swim team that has been in Fontana for 54 years. It has grown from a seasonal January through July team to a year-round team in 2005. All swimmers, coaches & board members are members of USA Swimming, which is the most nationally organized sports group in the US. Nearly all members are residents of Fontana. Coaches & board members are required to have a background check as well as training relating to child abuse & safety.

The Fontana Aquatics Club is also a part of the San Gorgonio League, a local group of teams who get together for dual meets and a championship. The San Gorgonio League is a fun, low pressure environment for new swimmers to get a feel for competition, and seasoned swimmers to be able to enjoy their sport with less pressure.

There are now over 100 swimmers who range in age from 5 to 18 years old and four coaches who are coach certified with USA Swimming.

There are four swimming groups, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Jr/Sr. They practice from three to six days a week depending on their level.

The Bronze level focuses on technique & begins getting swimmers used to the endurance required in swimming.

The Silver level continues refining technique and increasing yardage to build endurance.

The Gold level not only continues refining technique and increasing yardage, but adds dry land training for strength.

The Jr/Sr level increases yardage increases and they are pushed to increase their speed. There is also dry land in this group.

They compete in meets anywhere from once a month to 4 times a month depending on the time of year and the level of swimmer. There are swimmers that have been nationally recognized and continue to grow our participation in higher level meets such as Junior Olympics, Sectionals and meets in Canada and Mexico.

Teams not only swim, but consider ourselves as part of the community with the responsibility to teach our children to be good student athletes, sportsmanship, nutrition, responsibility, participation in community activities such as the annual Christmas parade (which is one of the highlights of our year), giving back to the community by doing food donations and writing to our troops, becoming good human beings and citizens, not just good swimmers. We also have over a dozen scholarship swimmers who have reduced monthly dues based on income & other criteria.

Swimmers typically go on to college, often continuing to swim at the college level, the military and to work in the community by continuing to participate in swimming as lifeguards/swim instructors, pool managers and coaches.

Discussion was held on the process for the scholarship program. There are various criteria and the Fontana Aquatics Club works with families so their children can swim, no one is turned away.

Discussion was held on how many students are participating, currently there are 120 registered with 30 new swimmers.

Chairperson Goñi commended the Fontana Aquatics Club.

Commissioner Espinoza commented that her daughter, Amber, misses swimming.

C. Fontana Park Aquatic Center Update –Megan Wolfe

Community Services Coordinator Megan Wolfe provided an update on the Fontana Park Aquatic Center.

The Aquatic Center offers year round programming in lap swimming and water walking, aqua aerobics, water polo, masters swim team, recreational swimming, aqua boot camp, swimming lessons, and America Red Cross training.

Lap Swim and Water Walking are available Monday through Friday, 5:30 to 10:00 a.m., 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, 7:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Aqua Aerobics is the fastest growing class at the Aquatics Center and is offered Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Water Polo's Tiger Shark team is offered for children 8 to 18 years old. There is a Black Team that meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and competes in USA

Water Polo Tournaments. The Orange Team is for children learning the basic fundamentals of water polo and meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays with optional Fridays.

Masters Swim Team is for adults 18 and over and meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. It is a US Masters Swimming organization and meets all over southern California,

Recreation Swim begins on March 2, 2013, on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m. Fees are \$3 for children/\$5 with slides, \$5 adults/\$7 with slides.

Aqua Boot Camp provides an intense full body workout using land and water. It begins on March 2 for a four week session of one-hour classes on Saturday and cost \$60 per session.

Swim Lessons for children and adults begin on March 4 with classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Mondays and Wednesdays or Saturdays.

American Red Cross Classes are available for various courses and fees vary from \$160 to \$175.

Applications are now being accepted for positions for the Fontana Aquatics program. Applications are at the Human Resources Office or online. There is a physical performance test and an interview.

Discussion was held on the various lifeguard and water safety instructor courses.

Discussion was held on instructors being trained on how to work with the disabled and all programs being available to students with disabilities. Pools are equipped with lifts.

D. Stand Up, Speak Out Youth Conference Oral Presentation – Jason Hendrix

Community Services Coordinator Jason Hendrix introduced Justice Montgomery, Chair of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.

Justice Montgomery invited the Parks and Community Services Commissioners and the members of the public, especially youth, to the MYAC Stand UP, Speak OUT event which will be at the City Council Chambers on Saturday, February 2 at 10:00 a.m. This will be a great opportunity for youth to have their voice heard by members of the City Council, and city department representatives. Youth will also hear first hand information about all of the awesome programs and services offered to youth in this community. Each youth that attends will also receive a special commemorative item for their participation. For more information, please contact the Jack Bulik Teen Center at 909-349-6984.

Discussion was held on if this info has been shared with the Fontana Unified School District. It was shared at the Board meeting, at schools, during lunch rallies and via the Fontana Unified School District website.

E. Special Events Annual Calendar of Events Oral Update – Bianca Morales

Community Services Coordinator Bianca Morales provided a special events schedule for the year and highlighted the following upcoming events:

- Easter events on March 30, 2013, at Cypress Neighborhood Center, Fontana Park and Don Day Neighborhood Center.
- Fontana Days Festival Centennial celebration on May 30, 2013, at Veteran's Park.
- Fontana Days Run on June 1, 2013.
- Fontana Days Parade on June 1, 2013, with Grand Marshall, Sammy Haggard.
- Summer Concert Series starts June 6, 2013, and runs through August 1, 2013, on Thursday evenings. (Except on July 4)
- Halloween events on October 31, 2013, at Cypress Center, Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center, Jack Bulik Teen Center, and Don Day Neighborhood Center.
- Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 4, 2013, at City Hall
- Festival of Winter on December 7, 2013, at Miller Park
- Christmas Parade on December 7, 2013, begins on Sierra and Arrow.

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

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Espinoza, and passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0 to receive and order filed reports on Items "A-E" given under New Business.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS:

Parks and Landscape Supervisor Eric Garwick had no comments.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMENTS:

Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt reminded everyone that the new brochure went out in December and is also available at Fontana.org or by calling 909.349.6900.

Manager Hunt announced the Sweetheart Dance to be held at the Fontana Community Senior Center, on February 8, 2013. Tickets are \$3 for seniors and \$5 for non-seniors. For more information call 909.854.5151.

Manager Hunt announced that the Farmers Market is doing well and encouraged everyone to come out and support our local farmers every Saturday, from 8:00 to 1:00 ON Sierra and Arrow.

Manager Hunt announced that Center Stage Theater is offering a range of theater productions and is currently running Happy Days the Musical, on February 24, 2013, for tickets or information, call 909.429.SHOW or online at CenterStageFontana.com.

Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez wished everyone a happy new year.

Manager Hernandez invited the Commissioners to enjoy the great basketball program and middle school intermural basketball program.

Manager Hernandez announced hockey sign ups for the next program that begins in March. Please visit www.Fontana.org sports for upcoming information.

Manager Hernandez invited everyone to the Stand UP Speak Out conference. Youth are encouraged to attend and learn about opportunities in the city. Police and Fire Explorers, ROP, FUSD, and others will be attending. This is an opportunity for youth to get involved. Mayor Warren has challenged all youth to participate.

Community Services Director Garth W. Nelson congratulated Daniel Quiroga for his work with the Fontana Middle School Travel Club.

Director Nelson thanked former councilmember Matt Slowik for all his support of the Fontana Middle School Travel Club and wished them a safe travel.

Director Nelson thanked the lead volunteers of the Fontana Aquatics Club for their work with the swimmers and thanked the Community Services team for all of their close work with Fontana Aquatics Club.

Director Nelson commended staff behind the scenes that do an amazing job in providing quality service.

Director Nelson complimented the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council on their upcoming event.

Director Nelson reminded everyone that the aquatics program runs year round, it is not just a summer time activity.

Director Nelson is looking forward to having young lifeguards.

Director Nelson complimented staff for the great job they do.

Director Nelson is excited for the role the Parks and Community Services Commission will be playing in achieving and developing their goals.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the travel club being important to have kids see different things. Her brother and sister-in-law traveled to Washington, D.D. and saw things they never would believe they would see.

Commissioner Coleman personally thanked Matt Slowik and Commissioner Quiroga for stepping out and giving their lives to children.

Commissioner Coleman had the honor of knowing two very special people that passed away – Patricia Peoples and Bill Tunney. Ms. Peoples was an associate superintendent and made it the most important thing in her world; and Mr. Tunney was the “resident grumpy old man” who was an enormous asset to the city and school board for many years.

We all lost two super stars in Fontana.

Commissioner Espinoza thanked Jason and Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council for including her in their event this past weekend. She commended Jason for his great job with teenagers.

Commissioner Espinoza thanked Megan Wolf and staff on behalf of the Summit water polo and swimmers that have a place to go swim.

Commissioner Espinoza wished her daughter, Amber, a happy birthday.

Commissioner Espinoza wished everyone a good night.

Commissioner Rowland announced that Relay for Life is having a team captain meeting on Monday, January 28, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at Fontana Unified School District, John Piazza Information Center. There will be a survivor’s ice cream social in March. The Relay for Life will be held May 18-19 at Summit High School. Please call 951. 662.5748 for more information.

Commissioner Tigner encouraged everyone to come out to all the city events/programs.

Commissioner Quiroga commended the Fontana Aquatic Club for doing a great job and offering a great program to our children. His first job was jr. lifeguard at Miller Center. He started out working bag check, then graduated to lifeguard and swim lesson instructor. It is a wonderful experience for youth, it offers them a lot more than just swimming; it teaches being good leaders and working together and serving the community.

Commissioner Quiroga reminded everyone about the hamburger challenge on February 13, 2013.

Commissioner Quiroga thanked former City Council member Matthew Slowik for his support; he has been involved in helping 70 kids go on this trip.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated city staff for all their work last year and looking forward to this year.

Commissioner Vaquera commented that the travel club should be a model throughout the district.

Commissioner Vaquera welcomed his son to the Fontana city team in the sports division.

Commissioner Vaquera enjoyed the pee wee practices and is looking forward to seeing a game.

Commissioner Vaquera expressed condolences to those lost recently.

Commissioner Vaquera reminded us to always appreciate our loved ones.

Chairperson Goñi thanked everyone for the updates this evening.

Chairperson Goñi congratulated Christina Enriquez.

Chairperson Goñi congratulated the Fontana Aquatics Club.

Chairperson Goñi reminded everyone to come out and support the Fontana Middle School Travel Club, at the McDonald's on Citrus and Foothill.

Chairperson Goñi reminded everyone of all of the events in the City.


Chairperson Goñi thanked the Commissioners for their well wishes during her illness.

Commissioner Coleman requested that tonight's meeting be adjourned in memory of Dr. Patricia J. Peoples and William Tunney.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Patricia J. Peoples and William Tunney at 8:37 p.m. to the next Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, February 28, 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.


Ysela Aguirre
Boards and Commissions Secretary



Chairperson Goñi