

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2012**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 23, 2012, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, review Commission Assignments, discuss the Goal Development process, Facility/Park tours, and Volunteer Recognition Event. Commissioners Goñi, Quiroga, Rowland, Tigner and Vaquera were present. Commissioner Espinoza was absent.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, August 23, 2012, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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 Rowland.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Commissioner Espinoza

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Public Works Manager Dan West; Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez; Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt; Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber; Community Services Supervisor Michael Wright; Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock; Community Services Coordinator Christina Enriquez; Community Services Coordinator Tiffany Stark; Community Services Coordinator Virginia Solis; City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Employees of the Month

RAFAEL GONZALEZ

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Rafael Gonzalez as the Parks and Community Services employee of the month. Community Services Supervisor Rafael Gonzalez has been with the City just over four years. He is responsible for the overall operation of Aquatics, including providing support for staff, volunteers, Jr. life guards, managers, hiring of life guards, interacting with parents and community organizations. In addition, Mr. Gonzalez has a lead role of supervision and responsibility of the Sports Division.

Rafael has also assisted in various city wide special events, initiating the contact for Fontana Aquatics Swim Club and oversees the site supervision with Action Park Alliance for both of the Skate Parks.

Rafael is being recognized this month for his exemplary work on the Martin Tudor Splash Park Project. Rafael assisted Public Works in various capacities, insuring that the City passed all state regulations as required. Rafael also assisted with various recommendations to increase safety and ensure each resident had a memorable experience while visiting the new water park.

Everyone enjoys the opportunity to work alongside Rafael and the department looks forward to the many years and innovative programs he will bring to the City of Fontana. He is a crucial part of the Community Services Team.

MARIANA ROMERO-HERNANDEZ

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Mariana Romero-Hernandez as the Parks and Community Services employee of the month. During the past summer, Mariana Romero-Hernandez was instrumental in overseeing the Summer Food Program at the Fontana Parks Aquatics Center. This location served an average of 300 lunches and 250 snacks daily. Lunches were served to youth participants who attended various camps, recreational swim, swim lessons and drop-in programs at the Fontana Park Aquatic Center.

Ms. Romero-Hernandez' attention to detail, exceptional customer service, extraordinary communication skills and willingness to go the extra mile are a true model to her peers. She exhibits absolute professionalism and initiative with all tasks and duties she assists with. She has a can do attitude that is followed by "with what else may I help you with?"

ELIZABETH LIM

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Elizabeth Lim as the Parks and Community Services employee of the month. Miss Lim has worked for the City since November 2010 as a Senior Community Services Assistant in the Cultural Arts Division. Since she began working in 2010, she has strived to serve the community and "enrich life through art" as a key staff member developing quality programs including: Summer Concerts, Salsa Dance Night, Fontana's Art Festival, and numerous cultural arts events, programs, and activities.

Miss Lim is being recognized for her outstanding leadership at two summer events: the Poolside concert and Pops in the Park: A Summer Symphony. Her exceptional organization and thoughtful ability to create new event components enhanced the scope, effectiveness, and community benefit of these two events.

Miss Lim's guidance allowed the Poolside Concert to reach the highest community participation levels since the event began; her desire and enthusiasm to create new quality arts programs produced the discovery of a partnership opportunity with the San Bernardino Symphony resulting in the Pops in the Park event.

Historical Society Quarterly Oral Update – Tonia Lewis, City Clerk

City Clerk Lewis reported that the Historical Research Library is located at 16830 Spring Street, Fontana. The Spring Street office is open on Mondays and Fridays only from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Appointments for unscheduled hours and weekdays are encouraged and handled by volunteers. The small building contains bound copies of The Herald News newspapers dating from 1923-1964. There are also hundreds of articles and documents currently being refiled and documented. Volunteer staff is responsible for maintaining the following records:

- Sale of Rose Garden Memorial Markers

- Donations of historical documents and artifacts
- Monetary receipts and disbursements

The Lewis Library History Room is located at the Lewis Library and is staffed by volunteers Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The room contains historical documents and local artifacts.

Current scheduled events include:

- Quarterly Membership Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 8, 2012, at Cypress Community Center, 8380 Cypress Avenue, Fontana, California. The scheduled guest speaker is newspaper columnist John Weeks. A potluck lunch will follow the presentation and brief business meeting.
- Clean-up party at Pepper Street Museum the second weekend in October.
- Pepper Street Open House – Saturday, October 27, 2012. Time to be announced in September. Plans including busing from the Senior Center to the Pepper Street site. Pot luck desserts will be provided.

Purchasers of memorial markers in the Rose Garden are encouraged to write historical essays about the persons honored on the individual markers. The essays submitted will be published in a book to assure that the histories are not lost. At the current rate of enthusiasm for this project, publishing should begin after the first of the year.

New roses are available in the garden on the corner of Sierra and Seville and south of the Art Depot. Public Works is considering putting more roses on the northwest side of the Art Depot. There is a high demand for markers and all of the original sections of the garden have been sold out.

The Historical Society can be reached at fhist@sbcglobal.net or 909.350.3539

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

The Parks and Community Services Commission and the Community Services Department recognized Lifeguard, George Barrios, for a successful rescue and exemplary performance by a city employee when he identified that 2-year old Willow Taylor needed assistance in the pool, he activated the Emergency Action Plan, and was the first responder who removed Willow from the water, provide first-aid and chest compressions to remedy the obstructed airway. George Barrios was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

The Parks and Community Services Commission and the Community Services Department also recognized personnel for outstanding performance in support of a successful rescue. The following staff that assisted Mr. Barrios in the rescue of Willow Taylor:

- Lonnie Deck III, Assistant Pool Manager, has been with the City three years. He was the pool manager at the time and orchestrated staff's efforts during and after the incident.
- Nicholas Marquez, Lifeguard, has been with the City two years. He was the secondary responder and assisted with the care of Willow.
- Kaylie Taylor, Lifeguard, has been with the City for two years. She assisted with the incident.

- Garrett Whiteleather, Lifeguard, has been with the City for one year. He was the one that cleared the "lesson pool" during the incident.
- Mariana Romero Hernandez, Senior Community Services Assistant, has been with the city three years. She assisted in calling emergency medical services.
- Megan Wolfe, Community Services Coordinator, has been with the city for three years, she is the Lead and oversees all operations at the Fontana Park Aquatics Center.

Director Nelson also thanked Frances Hernandez and Rafael Gonzalez for their leadership.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

- A. Approve minutes of the July 26, 2012 Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting.
- B. Accept Staff Reports:
 - Community Services Department monthly reports for July 2012.
 - Public Works Department monthly report for July 2012.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2012 Summer Camp Recap – Karen Gerber

The City of Fontana's Community Services Department had another successful season of Summer Day Camps throughout the community of Fontana to meet local camper's needs between the ages of five and eighteen. The City continues to provide Fontana's youth with many fun and educational activities that take place in a safe and supervised environment. Three recreation camps and four Specialty Camps were offered.

Recreation camps were held as follows:

The Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Community Center once again kicked off the summer by hosting Camp FIT during the 2012 summer season that was held Monday, June 4, and concluded on July 27, 2012. This year Camp FIT offered four sessions totaling 356 campers ages 6-11 years.

The goal for Camp FIT was to create a fun and safe environment, promote positive attitudes, instill the importance of self-worth, self-esteem, leadership and self-respect,

provide families with a fun, safe and educational program at low cost, and to promote team work among the different groups through team building activities.

The Heritage Neighborhood Center held its Annual Summer Camp Journey, Explore, Discover (JED) for children ages 6-11 years old from June 4 through July 27, 2012, Monday through Friday. Daily camp activities included team building activities, science experiments, camp journals, talent shows, team cheers, painting, sculpting, jewelry making, relay races, and video and board game tournaments. Participants were also provided the opportunity to enjoy swimming at the Heritage pool every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The City of Fontana also provided a great component to this year's camp with visits from Healthy Fontana, Cultural Arts, and the Girls Scouts; who provided lessons on art history, maintaining healthier lifestyles, and healthy living along with camping. There were 305 total participants in this year's summer Camp JED.

Camp Imagination was offered at Cypress Center with an array of different themes each week, and a variety of fun games, arts and crafts, science experiments, sports, field trips, and more; all while making friends. Camp Imagination provided a pre-camp drop-off and after camp pick-up for parents that needed the extra time to accommodate their work schedule for a small fee. Camp Imagination had 115 campers that called the Cypress Center home for the summer.

Specialty Camps were held at the following:

The Nature Center offered four weekly sessions of its Nature Discovery Camp throughout the month of July. In addition to making learning fun, the camp emphasizes engaging new experiences, outdoor discovery and making new friends. Weekly field trips traveled to Icehouse Canyon, Kidspace Discovery Museum, LA Zoo, and Corona Del Mar Beach.

The City of Fontana Sports Summer Camp had 198 boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 14 come together to take part in a fun filled action packed summer all while enjoying their love of sports! Camp participants started mornings off with warm ups and stretches to get them ready for all of what the day had to offer; with weekly visits to the Fontana Park Aquatic Center pool and visits from the Healthy Fontana Program staff. There was a little something planned for everyone!

The Fontana Arts Summer Camp was a mixture of performing arts and visual art instruction. The participants learned sculpting, ceramics, painting, drawing, paper mache, pastels, screen acting, musical theater, choreography, costume design, make-up, and stage improve. The program featured a combination of theater based and art studio classroom activities and exercises.

The Jack Bulik Teen Summer Excursion series was climbing to new heights with the first summer excursion to Hanger 18 Rock Climbing for 40 participants. Summer camp was overflowing with over 65 teens attending each day. Staff worked hard to keep them busy with computer scavenger hunts, SPARKS PE fitness activities and numerous experiments. Teens took part in several team challenges, including obstacle courses and softball games. Each game and activity was designed to unite the students and teach them to trust in each other.

The 2012 summer marked the third consecutive year of collaboration between the Fontana Unified School District and the City of Fontana with the Summer Food Program. This program allowed each Summer Camp to offer an additional service to the enrolled participants. Each day, more than 500 camp participants throughout the City received a nutritious meal and snack. All meals met and exceeded the State of California SB-12 School Nutrition Standards.

Once again, the City of Fontana Community Services Department has provided outstanding, low cost, day camps for the Fontana Community with over 1,815 campers enrolled. Plans are well under way for future day camps to continue to meet the needs of the Fontana Community.

B. Don Day Neighborhood Center Overview – Karen Gerber

Community Services Supervisor, Karen Gerber, introduced Community Services Coordinator Christina Enriquez to provide an update on the Don Day Neighborhood Center.

The Don Day Neighborhood Center offers Parent and Me classes such as Alphabet Learner and Learn with Fun, which are introductions to the Tiny Tot Program for children that are not ready to go alone.

Beginning in September, Show Me the Sign classes will be available for children four months to two years old. It is a great way to communicate with pre-verbal children. It will be offered on Mondays starting on September 24, 2012.

The Tiny Tots program is offered Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. There will be an Open House on Monday, September 10, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tae Kwon Do is offered for children three years to adult, on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$55 for a four week session; additional family members are \$35 each. There were 1,011 participants enrolled in 2011-2012.

Dance is offered in various forms:

- Tap, Jazz, and Ballet – is offered for 3 and 4 year olds on Thursday or Friday at 4:30 p.m. and for 5 to 7 year olds on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.
- Gymnastics is offered for children aged seven to eleven on Friday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Hip Hop is offered for ages 3 and 4 on Friday at 6:30 p.m.
- Break Dancing is offered for ages 6 to 14 years old on Friday at 4:30 p.m.
- Pom Pom Cheer and Dance starts next week and is offered on Wednesdays for \$30 for a four week session for 3 to 16 year olds.

Adult fitness had 670 participants in a fitness class. Classes are offered in:

- Zumba, which has a waiting list, is offered for ages 13 and up, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Jazzercise is offered for ages 13 and up, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Oneness Yoga is a new class and is offered on Tuesday and Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and costs \$45 for 4 weeks.

Upcoming events at Don Day include:

- Halloween on Wednesday, October 31, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Southridge Park. There will be games, entertainment, costume contest, food vendors, and prizes; there will also be jumpers and community vendors. This will be a safe way for kids to collect goodies. wed, 10/31, 4 7 pm., free at Southridge Park.
- Breakfast with Santa, on Saturday, December 15, 2012. Pre-registration is being accepted from December 1 through 12 at the Don Day Center. There will be a free pancake breakfast provided by the Great Commission Church, pictures with Santa, and raffles.

The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and closed on Sunday. It is available for private rentals for baby showers, banquets, birthday parties on Saturday after 1:00 p.m. and on Sunday. Please call (909) 349-6996 for more information. The Don Day Center is located at 14501 Live Oak, Fontana, California.

Commissioner Goñi asked if registration is available for the tot's classes. Coordinator Enriquez replied that there is room in the Learn with Fun, and the Alphabet Learner classes as well as the Tiny Tot program as one-half of the class graduated to Kindergarten.

C. Fontana Community Senior Center Overview – Michael Wright

Community Services Supervisor Michael Wright introduced Leslie Ramirez, Virginia Solis and Tiffany Starks to provide an update on the Fontana Community Senior Center.

The center continues to have high foot track and provide life learning opportunities. Membership remains steady at about 1,500 members per year.

The Nutrition Program can serve up to 200 seniors on Monday through Friday between 11:00 and 1:00 p.m. at a low cost of \$3.00 and \$5.00 for non-seniors. During operating hours, the seniors are seated where they are able to converse with one another and enjoy a nutritious meal.

Most recently a senior came up to staff and shared that he has been around to many senior centers and owned a couple restaurants of his own and he was impressed with the food and the service. He could not believe the quality of food that is served for such a low cost and he brings other to share the experience with him.

For the fiscal year July 2011 through June 2012, the nutrition program distributed 49,183 meals, a 3.97% increase from the previous fiscal year, and an estimated 198 meals per day. The quality of food that is prepared by chefs and staff is set to a high standard. Menus are

carefully prepared, nutrition facts are closely looked at and recommendations are listened heard. Many seniors wait anxiously for the next month's menus and it makes our hearts content to know a service is being provided to the likings of our seniors.

The courtyard and the assembly rooms have been magically transformed by the renters for many special events. From an elegant wedding to a fairytale Sweet 16 to a swinging retirement party, these rooms can be made up to anyone's likings. The many transformations that take place at the Fontana Community Senior Center have renters coming back and becoming regular renters.

During the past fiscal year, the Fontana Community Senior Center had a total of 213 rentals, averaging 18 rentals per month. This is a 7.5% increase from the previous fiscal year.

Those who enter the building for the first time compliment how beautiful the facility is and are excited to start planning their event.

Transportation services offered through the Fontana Community Senior Center provide the senior population with access to the City of Fontana; this allows older adults to remain active members in their community and operates Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Individuals 55 and older as well as disabled persons over the age of 18 who reside in the City of Fontana are eligible to participate in the transportation program.

The cost of an annual van pass is \$25 and provides one round trip per day. Participants also have the option of purchasing rides on an as needed basis for \$2 for a round trip.

For the 2011–2012 fiscal year, a total of 214 van passes and provided 40,700 individual one way trips, an average of about 147 trips per day; an increase of 4,074 more individual one way trips - an 11% increase from its first year of service in the new center.

The transportation program experienced a growth spurt not only in its statistics but also in its services. The fleet increased from 4 to 6 vehicles with the addition of two Type III buses acquired through a grant with the Department of Transportation in January 2012. The addition of these vehicles has enhanced services by adding a Fontana Senior Shuttle which runs between six separate senior apartment complexes in central Fontana as well as Wal-Mart, Kaiser Hospital, and Stater Bros.

The inclusion of this fixed route system has provided seniors with a new found freedom. Seniors that hold an annual van pass are able to navigate their way through the city of ease and allows them to feel included in their community.

Whether seniors are new to the city or they have lived here their entire lives, the transportation program gives them the ability to travel throughout the city to run errands, meet with friends for lunch, receive medical care, or even shop for gifts for their family during the holidays.

The Fontana Community Senior Center Resource program offers presentations, workshops, and consultations on senior related issues and concerns.

Participants are able to gain access to a variety of professionals located throughout the community and receive legal assistance, health insurance planning, health screenings and so much more.

The Resource Center currently partners with 186 organizations to provide these services to the senior community and is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

In the 2011–2012 fiscal year, the Resources Center participated in programs such as the Great California Shakeout, AARP's annual free tax assistance, the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health Flu Shot Clinic and the Annual Senior Health and Resource Fair that had over 47 vendors in attendance.

In the 2011–2012 fiscal year, 5,888 individuals have been assisted through the Resource Center, an average of 24 individuals per day of operation.

The Resource Center has seen tremendous growth in both its attendance as well as in its number of partnerships. There has been a 170% increase in the number of seniors that participated in a resource program. The resources program added 124 more organizations to the roster of providers.

The spike in attendance attributed to the fact that the resources program spent much of the 2011–2012 fiscal year focusing on providing programming that help seniors in the community make their lives better. Having that focus, allowed the resources staff to build a foundation where seniors know that a quality program will be offered where they can learn how to eat better, stay safe, prepare for a disaster, and receive various health screenings free of charge.

Seniors were so excited with the information they received, that they told their friends, family, and even their doctors about all of the great things that they learned. This word of mouth advertising is what makes the resources program so successful.

The community was invited to stop by for a visit and visit the webpage at seniors.fontana.org.

D. Fontana Community Senior Center, Senior Advisory Board Quarterly Report – Michael Wright

Community Services Supervisor Michael Wright provided a quarterly report on behalf of the Fontana Community Senior Center Senior Advisory Board. The report covered the months of April, May and June.

During this period, the advisory board met four times, with three meetings open to the public meetings on the second Wednesday of each month and a closed meeting on Wednesday, June 20, 2012.

At the public meetings, the advisory board discussed the following:

- Participant & Facility Safety

- The Center Newsletter
- Programs
- Services
- Fundraising

As a result of these meetings:

- Staff is working with the Fire Department to review and update building safety and current evacuation procedures
- The development of a Drama Club; and
- The raising of \$600 from selling pictures to benefit the Fontana Community Senior Center.

During the closed meeting, the advisory board discussed goals that have been accomplished, are outstanding, or may no longer be pertinent and a plan of action to accomplish outstanding goals.

Currently the Advisory Board is down two members, because one board member resigned due to other obligations and another member recently passed.

Supervisor Wright publicly thanked both of these individuals for their hard work, dedication and love for this community. With a special thank you and condolences to the family and friends of Jerry Weitzman for sharing him with the senior community. His passion to enhance the lives of the community he loved and the will to do it his way to the very end will always be remembered and appreciated.

At the next advisory board meeting, the members of the board will decide how the vacancies are filled.

E. National Public Lands Day – Rob Bock

Rob Bock introduced Rick Dean who provided a report on National Public Lands Day. National Public Lands Day is the “nation’s largest, single-day volunteer event for public lands”.

The National Public Lands Day will be held on September 29, 2012, at the Nature Center. This event is co-sponsored by the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District and they have contributed upwards of \$6,000 to the event over the years for such projects as the native plant gardens, irrigation equipment, and trails, which are installed by volunteers during the event.

The morning work-day portion of the day attracts 100-150 students, teachers, scouts, and community participants. Activities for the afternoon are staffed by volunteers. Activities include animal demonstrations, crafts, and family activities.

The Mary Vagle Nature Center is located 11501 Cypress Avenue, Fontana, California. More information is available at nature.fontana.org.

F. Special Events Update – Rob Bock

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock provided a special events update for the month

of July as follows:

- Heritage Pool hosted cooling off fun for residents on Friday in July with Pool Side Fun themed activities as follows:
 - July 6, Zombie Movie Night Party
 - July 13, Dive-In Movie, Matilda
 - July 20, Sports Party
 - July 27, Summer Olympic Opening Ceremony
- Family Fun Nights took place throughout the city on Tuesday nights throughout July as follows:
 - July 10, Fernandez Park
 - July 17, Sycamore Hills Park
 - July 24, Fontana Aquatics Center
 - July 31, Jack Bulik Park
- Sunset Concert Series had three concerts during the month of July as follows:
 - July 12, Soto (Latin/Funk)
 - July 19, Blue Breeze Banc (Motown, R & B, Jazz)
 - July 26, Silverados (Country)
- Fontana Car Show, July 28, 2012, took place at the Civic Center where 15 classic cars were on display.
- 4th Annual Fontana Arts Festival, July 28, 2012, at Fontana Park. A successful celebration of performing and visual arts. The Jim Munoz Latin Ensemble serenaded guests. There were live demonstrations and hands-on workshops, painting live on the Artist Stage by Alejandro Moreno, Pablo Damas and Joshua Hunt; and a scrap gallery featuring recycled bicycles turned into artwork. A successful addition to this year's even was the participation of three gourmet food trucks – Short Rib BBQ, the Cupcake Place, and ZZ Truck. The event boasted an estimate of 4,000 attendees throughout the evening.

Upcoming events include:

- September 11, 2012, John B. Roberts Fire Station 71 Dedication and 9/11 Remembrance, 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Fire Station 71 on Arrow Avenue.
- September 29, 2012, Fontana Car Show, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Civic Center.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS:

Public Works Manager Dan West announced the next park clean up at The Mary Vagle Nature Center on Saturday, September 8, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 p.m. This will be a great way to get the park in shape for National Lands Day. Anyone interested can call 909.350.6760 for more info.

Manager West commended Community Services staff for all their hard work in getting the new Splash Park opened.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMENTS:

Community Services Manager Hernandez thanked the employees of the month for their hard work.

Community Services Manager Hernandez announced that were over 1,500 to 2,000 residents at the Splash Park on opening day and thanked Public Works Manager Dan West and his staff for their incredible work behind the scenes to get it opened; especially Doug, Luis and Mr. Bill.

Community Services Manager Hernandez thanked the Parks and Community Services Commissioners for being out there that day and the City Council for making the vision come true.

Community Services Manager Hernandez echoed Commissioner Goñi's comments regarding the save at the Aquatics Center. Manager Hernandez oversees the Aquatics Center with Rafael and Megan and staff is trained for those things that *may* happen. Staff did an incredible job, and their parents raised great adults. The Taylor family was very grateful.

Community Services Manager Hernandez announced that registration is being accepted for youth roller hockey that will begin in September for ages 7 to adult.

Community Services Manager Hernandez announced that youth basketball has begun with 100 kids playing.

Community Services Manager Hernandez announced that even with school started, the Community Services Department continues to keep the city active.

Community Services Manager Hunt announced the new art display and new show starting, September 7 to 13, 2012, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with an opening reception on from 11:00 to 1:00 on September 7, at Koehler Gallery, 8536 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California.

Community Services Manager Hunt announced that every Saturday, the Farmers' Market is open and invited everyone to come out and buy fruits and vegetables, tamales, and honey, from 8:00 to 1:00 p.m. on Sierra and Arrow Highway.

Community Services Manager Hunt announced the major fundraising event for the Fontana Boys and Girls club, the Mayor's Jazz Jam, will be held on October 6 at the Fontana Community Senior Center from 6:0 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 for dancing, music, food, and a bar. Everyone is invited to call 909.822.4988 for more info or to get tickets.

Community Services Manager Hunt announced that the fall brochure is now available with classes starting next week.

Community Services Manager Hunt thanked the KFON team.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Coleman announced that she is so excited to have attended so many events, the Farmers' Market, Splash Park VIP night, and the Art Festival! There is no reason why anyone in Fontana could be bored as there is something to do every day.

Commissioner Coleman, send condolences to the family of Jerry Weitzman and will miss him on Monday and Wednesday as they will not be the same without him. He was an Ambassador for Fontana who will be missed.

Commissioner Rowland encouraged everyone to attend the baby sign language class.

Commissioner Rowland announced that the Splash Park grand opening was great.

Commissioner Rowland commented that the Senior Center lunch is awesome for only \$5 the food is good.

Commissioner Rowland thanked George and staff for saving the baby.

Commissioner Tigner thanked the lifeguards for the life they saved.

Commissioner Tigner thanked the employees of the month and Rafael for everything he does.

Commissioner Quiroga attended the Arts Festival and commented that it was really nice being able to see the work of our local artists. There is a lot of talent in Fontana!

Commissioner Quiroga Attended the summer concert series and it was nice seeing so many residents of Fontana going out to have a fun and safe time with the family.

Commissioner Quiroga attended the Splash Park that is another success for Team Fontana! Team Fontana is not just the elected officials and employees, but the residents as well. The Splash Park is an opportunity for Fontana to enjoy a wonderful venue.

Commissioner Quiroga announced the September 11 Fire Station Grand Opening.

Commissioner Quiroga sent a shout out to his students that just started school three weeks ago and are doing a wonderful job; they will have a great fun school year.

Commissioner Quiroga sent a special shout out to Elias!

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated the employees of the month and everyone behind the scenes.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked the KFON team.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated George and the fellow lifeguards for saving the little girl.

Commissioner Vaquera reminded everyone of the importance of learning CPR and first aid, you never know when you may need it.

Commissioner Vaquera attended the grand opening of the Martin Tudor Splash Park on Wednesday and Saturday.

Commissioner Vaquera attended the Mayor's Town Hall meeting, where there were not that many people in attendance, but some citizens expressed concerns that the Mayor took note of.

Commissioner Vaquera commented that the Fontana Arts Festival was great and is looking forward to the next one.

Commissioner Vaquera welcomed all students back and reminded everyone to stay cool and be careful with kids and pets.

Commissioner Vaquera reminded everyone to look at their quarterly brochure for programs and entertainment.

Commissioner Goñi expressed condolences to the Weitzman family.

Commissioner Goñi congratulated George and staff on saving the life of the little girl. It serves as a reminder to parents to know their children are well taken care of at the aquatic centers.

Commissioner Goñi commented that Rafael's liaison with the state regarding the Splash Park regulations makes a huge difference.

Commissioner Goñi commented that so much was shared this evening and reminded everyone to refer to "the book" for answers or contact information.

Commissioner Goñi commented that staff takes pride in what they do, serve the community.

Manager Hernandez announced that September 26, is Fontana Community Day at the LA Count Fair where Parks and Community Services Commissioner Janie Rowland will be honored as a Fontana Hero.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. to the Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting to be held on Thursday, September 27, 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 Goñi