

**PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 23, 2013**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2013, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, receive a summer programming overview, and review Commission assignments and priorities. Chairperson Vaquera and Commissioners Coleman, Espinoza, Rowland, and Tigner were present; Commissioners Goñi and Quiroga were absent.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, May 23, 2013, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Chairperson Vaquera, followed by an Invocation given by Pastor Mark Rogers from The Gathering of the Inland Empire, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Espinoza.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Commissioners Goñi and Quiroga

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez; Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt; Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock; Community Services Coordinator Hector Vasquez; Supervisor Rafael Gonzalez; Community Services Coordinator Victoria Reyna; Community Services Coordinator Jason Hendrix; Sr. Community Services Assistant Joanne Villa; City Clerk Toni Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

New Parks and Community Services Staff

New Employee, John Huber, Marketing Communications Specialist, is looking forward to his time here and hopes to make Fontana a better place to live, work and play.

Director Nelson introduced Anna Sinner, Administrative Technician, who will be responsible for fiscal management in the Community Services Department.

A. 2012 Employee of the Month

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Kristy Samples, Community Services Supervisor, as the employee of the month.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Joe Varela, President, Fontana Elks Little League, spoke on the fee increase for field usage. Mr. Varela requested a discussion be opened to evaluate the fees and come up with a compromise.

Doug Morris, District 71 Administrator, spoke on the fee increase for field usage. Mr. Morris has spoken with staff and would like to come up with a compromise; he understands that cities are being robbed of redevelopment fees by the state.

Lynn Durrett, spoke on the fee increase for field usage. Mr. Durrett has been involved in little league since 1973 and has seen older boys talk about the fun they had as little leaguers. He requested that the fees be reconsidered and not be taken out on the backs of the kids.

Wendy Jensen, Fontana Community Little League, spoke on the fee increase for field usage. Ms. Jensen spoke on the Fontana Little Leagues being successful in post season play and bringing great attention to Fontana as they represent the community well. She requested something else be worked out to help the city.

Jim Gardner, District 71 Assistant District Administrator, spoke on the fee increase for field usage. He lives in Fontana and has been a coach for 13 years. Mr. Gardner apologized for the notice on the fee increase going under the radar; even though a letter was sent in February, he did not hear about it right away as he was out of the state. Mr. Gardner understands what the economy is like and the loss of funds due to redevelopment fees.

Planning Commissioner Matt Slowik spoke on the Fontana Days Centennial Celebration. The event is being held on May 30-June 2, 2013, and is a significant milestone in the City of Fontana. The Fontana Exchange Club has generated coupons for unlimited rides which can be copied and used. Thursday is \$1 family night. Coupons are also available in the quarterly city magazine. Commissioner Slowik can be reached at 909.329.9348. There will be live entertainment, a fireworks show, parade, and marathon.

Planning Commissioner Matt Slowik spoke on having played little league with Mr. Durrett and commended him for his 40 year commitment to little league.

Paul Curayag, President Southwest Little League, spoke on the fee for field usage. He has served on the board for 12 years. He spoke on kids not being able to afford to play sports but are brought in to keep busy. They are taught how to work in the snack bar, field, and provide community service. When kids are not occupied, they can get into other situations. Mr. Curayag thanked the City for Jack Bulik being a beautiful park and he played there when it was only 2 fields. Mr. Curayag stated that most parents in his league use scholarships for their kids to play and although it doesn't seem like a big increase, that small amount can stop some parents from coming forward.

Chairperson Vaquera requested staff meet with little league officials to discuss the fee increase issue as soon as possible.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Rowland, seconded by Commissioner Tigner, and passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0 to approve Consent Calendar Items "A-D."

- A. Approve minutes of the April 25, 2013, Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting.
- B. Community Services Department Monthly Report for April 2013.
- C. Parks and Landscape Division Operations Report.
- D. Fontana Art Association Quarterly Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Events Update – Jennifer Hunt

Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt introduced Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock to provide the Special Events Update.

The following events were held in April:

- **Friday, April 5, 2013, Fontana Car Show;** The Fontana Car Show was moved back to Friday evenings from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. It kicked off with its first show of the year and will run through September. There were fifty-five cars and ten motorcycles in attendance despite overcast weather. The band Chico performed as patrons danced the night away; there were three food vendors with a variety of options available for patrons. The next car show is on Friday, June 7, 2013, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the band Bump Town performing.
- **Saturday, April 13, 2013, Veteran's Health and Resource Fair;** The Fontana Veteran's Resource Center partnered with the City of Fontana to make this event a success. There were over two hundred in attendance provided with information on veteran housing, health, and the newly established Veteran's Resource Center in Fontana was distributed to all in attendance.
- **Saturday, April 20, 2013, Special Olympics;** The Special Olympics took place at Fontana High School. The Fontana Kiwanis Club along with the City of Fontana and the Fontana Unified School District partnered to help make this co-sponsorship event a big success. There were over 500 athletes participating in bocce ball, basketball, track and field, and swimming.

- **Thursday, April 25, 2012, Community Assistance Resource Fair:** The Community Assistance resource Fair took place at the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center. The Water of Life Church and the Fontana Police Department sponsor the event along with the City of Fontana. There were ninety-seven vendors and over three hundred fifty residents.

The following events will be held in June:

- **May 30-June 2, 2013, 100th Fontana Days Festival** at Veteran's Park. Thanks to the Exchange Club and many volunteers for the past year of planning. The gates will open at 4:00 p.m. at Veteran's Park and the fee is \$1. There will be live bands performing each day.
- **June 1, 2013, Fontana Days Run.** The run is sold out with over 2,000 runners. The half-marathon begins at 7:30 a.m. It is the world's fastest and longest running half-marathon course. The 5K begins at 7:45 for everyone. There is a two-day vendor fair and costume contest awards for male, female, teen and child.
- **June 1, 2013, Fontana Days Parade** at 11:00 a.m., begins at Arrow and Sierra Avenue with the Grand Marshal, Sammy Hagar. Highlights include over 50 bagpipers escorting an 11,500 pound beam from 9-11 and over 50 cars representing the decades from 1913.
- **June 6, 13, 20, 27, Sunset Concerts** begin at 7:00 p.m. at Miller Park. Neon Nation will be performing 80's hits on June 6; Chico will perform on June 13; Soto will perform on June 20; and Upstream will perform on June 21, 2013.
- **June 21 and 28, Dive In Movies** at Heritage Pool. The movies include the Band of Misfits on June 21 and Coraline on June 28.

Commissioner Vaquera commented that there will be a summer full of events for the citizens of Fontana.

B. 2013 Summer Food Program Preview – Jennifer Hunt

Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt introduced Community Services Coordinator Victoria Reyna to provide a 2013 Summer Food Program Preview.

The City of Fontana, Community Services Department will be collaborating for the fourth consecutive summer with the Fontana Unified School District (FUSD) to provide free lunch meals and snacks to members of the community ages 18 and under. The Summer Lunch Program will take place during the summer when school meals are not readily available. The Summer Lunch Program is made possible due to grant funding by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Meals and snacks are provided at no cost to participants. Participants must be 18 years old and under and must be able to feed themselves. Participants cannot remove food from the premises.

All meals meet and exceed the State of California SB-12 School Nutrition Standards. All meals are served with milk and/or water. All locations will be staffed with Fontana Unified School District Food Services trained personnel. Lunch is served from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. and snack is served at 3:00 p.m. at most locations.

Service in 2012 ran for 8 weeks from June 4 to July 27, 2012, at 17 total sites; 10 sites hosted by the City of Fontana, 7 open sites, and 3 closed sites, as well as 4 high schools and 2 elementary schools and the Boys and Girls Club. The total lunches served were 47,080 and snacks was 24,083.

There has been an increase in lunches and snacks served each year since 2010 – 18,505 lunches and 16,587 snacks in 2010; 36,880 lunches and 22,148 snacks in 2011; and 47,080 lunches and 24,083 snacks in 2013.

Service in 2013 will run for 9 weeks from June 3 to August 2, 2013, at 18 total sites; 11 sites hosted by the City of Fontana, 8 open sites, 3 closes sties, as well as 5 high schools and 1 elementary school and the Boys and Girls Club.

Martin Tudor Park will be serving meals this year. Participants will be able to have lunch and enjoy all of the amenities the Splash Park has to offer on those hot summer days.

Service will be provided at the following neighborhood and community centers: 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, Art Depot Gallery/Steelworkers' Auditorium; at the following park locations: Bill Martin, North Tamarind, Martin Tudor; at the following school sites: AB Miller High School, Fontana High School, Kaiser High School, Jurupa Hills High School, Summit High School, and Beech Elementary School; and the Boys and Girls Club at Almeria Middle School.

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 Vaquera asked if there was a daily limit on how many lunches can be served so that no one walks away without food. The numbers are projected from each day's attendance.

Children under 5 may have their parent sit with them to help them eat; volunteers are also available.

Commissioner Espinoza commented that it is a great relief for parents to know their kids are being fed every day.

C. Jack Bulik Teen Center Update – Frances Hernandez

Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez introduced Community Services Coordinator Jason Hendrix and Senior Community Services Assistant Joanne Villa to provide a report on Jack Bulik Teen Center Update.

The Teen Center is in the midst of major transition in programming and to the overall structure of the facility. Community Services and Public Works Department staff have collaborated to create a more modern and welcoming appearance to the facility with a complete interior paint job, new cabinets and countertops in the office, new furniture in the game room, and the addition of a gate in the rear of the teen center to enhance safety for members.

The Community Services Department and Fontana Police Department staff have also collaborated and blurred the lines between departments to reduce the reoccurrence of graffiti and negative behavior and activities at Jack Bulik Park and Sports Pavilion. With this effort city staff has noted close to a fifty percent decrease in graffiti and suspicious behavior in the park over the course of the last three months.

Jack Bulik Teen Center staff looks forward to additional collaborative projects including: the addition of park kiosks for higher visibility to park amenities, new teen center doors, and interior vinyl decals for Teen Center marketing. Programming at the Teen Center during the first five months has begun a gradual shift to the upcoming Youth Success Center activities.

In January, teen center participants formed intramural basketball and roller hockey teams and competed in weekly tournaments with the winners receiving a smoothie bike party. In addition, participants explored the game of chess, with a culminating tournament against staff, which the youth participants won. During the month of February, participants were introduced to online colleges, staff identified several local colleges that offer scholarships, and financial aid to students. Participants had an opportunity to identify fields of study that may lead to employment in their individual areas of interest.

The month of March brought the continuation of the Teen Center's mission to reduce bullying in the Fontana community. The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council presented the second annual Teen Summit on Anti-Bullying which took place on Saturday, March 2, 2013, at Jack Bulik Park. The goal for this year's conference was to give youth the opportunity to directly deal with bullying in their communities and at their schools by creating this year's theme; "CHANGE: it starts with me".

Members actively planned the event alongside city staff. One of the key areas of implementation for MYAC was assisting with marketing, which included a two minute commercial shot at the KFON studios which aired on the KFON channel, YouTube, and Facebook prior to the event. MYAC members wanted to provide powerful

speakers with real experiences, so a call was placed to B.R.A.V.E. Society Founder Lisa Ford-Berry who shared her real life tragic experiences of how bullying affected her family. Members also set out to create their own workshop to promote tolerance and respect amongst peers. The response to this year's summit was overwhelming with an estimated 400 youth in attendance.

On May 4, 2013 the Jack Bulik Teen Center hosted the Cinco de Mayo event for Fontana Families. The goal of the Cinco de Mayo event was to bring cultural awareness to Fontana families while providing a safe, fun, and memorable experience. Event attractions included: A Folklorico Dance Competition, live music provided by the Valentine Rivera Band, face painting, balloon animals, snow cones, games, arts & crafts, and a plate of food and drink. 250 Fontana residents enjoyed and attended the event.

The Jack Bulik Teen Center will also be home to the premiere camp for Teens in Fontana this summer, the T.E.A.M. (Teens Engaged and Motivated) Summer Camp. The T.E.A.M. camp is programmed specifically for teens. For \$10 a day, activities include: group trivia and sport challenges, computer lab access, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities, video game tournaments, arts & crafts, and a lunch with an afternoon snack. Each week has a specific theme related to popular songs for the teen demographic. Register for T.E.A.M. camp early, space is limited.

During the first five months of 2013, over 1,000 participants have signed in to the Jack Bulik Teen Center; with an additional 34 new members joining the Teen Center. Staff is excited about the upcoming May and summer events which included the Teen Talent Show on May 10 at the Steelworkers Auditorium, and the Practice SAT Test on May 17 at the Jack Bulik Teen Center.

The Mayors Youth Advisory Council Awards and Installation event will be held at Jessie Turner Community Center on June 7, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.

For more information related to any Youth or Teen Program, please visit www.facebook.com/fontanaCa or contact the Teen Center at 909-349-6983.

Dan West and Public Works staff were thanked for their work on the facility.

Commissioner Coleman thanked Joanne and Jason for being helpful to the seniors that have been hanging out at the Teen Center as they work on their float.

Commissioner Rowland thanked staff for all the work they are doing with teens.

Commissioner Rowland thanked Jason for DJing the Relay for Life event.

Commissioner Vaquera attended the anti-bullying summit and commended staff on the job well done.

Commissioner Espinoza commended staff on the great job on the anti-bullying summit.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Espinoza, and passed by a vote of 5-0 to receive and order filed reports on Items "A-C" given under New Business.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS:

There were no comments.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Coleman is excited about Fontana Days and the seniors are working on their float.

Commissioner Coleman commented that Fontana is a great place to live and play.

Commissioner Espinoza invited everyone to come to all the great events Fontana is holding. Concerts in the park are her favorite. Most programs are affordable or free.

Commissioner Tigner congratulated Kristy Samples.

Commissioner Tigner spoke on Fontana Days kicking off the summer events and invited everyone to come out and have a good time.

Commissioner Rowland spoke on the Miss Fontana Scholarship Pageant being held on May 25, 2013, with a teen and a miss category.

Commissioner Rowland spoke on Relay for Life event that had 48 teams and close to 1,500 people in attendance. The event raised \$70,000 with donations still being accepted through December. The goal is \$100,000.

Chairperson Vaquera congratulated Kristy Samples.

Chairperson Vaquera thanked the little league representatives for sharing their concerns, he knows sports are very important for the youth of Fontana.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated the Fontana Days Run for being the longest running and fastest half-marathon event.

Commissioner Vaquera commended staff on their reports.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated all graduates of the 2013 class, especially his son, Luis Vaquera II.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked Commissioner Rowland for her support.

Commissioner Vaquera reminded the community of all the things to do in Fontana and encouraged everyone to use the book for something to do with their family.

Commissioner Vaquera is looking forward to the Fontana Days Parade.

Commissioner Vaquera bid farewell to the Summit High School principal who is retiring.

Commissioner Vaquera bid farewell to Superintendent Cali Olsen-Binks who will be leaving to Yucaipa School District.

Commissioner Rowland thanked the Commissioners and City Council members and Mayor for participating in the Relay for Life.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMENTS:

Community Services Director Garth W. Nelson shared with City Council that Tonia Lewis will no longer be coordinating the Fontana Days Parade. Director Nelson commended City Clerk Lewis for all the hard work for all those years and making Fontana Days a reality. He is looking forward to the 100 year celebration.

Director Nelson spoke on having an amazing community and amazing clergy and churches and tonight's invocation by Pastor Mark Rogers hit it on the head on who we are and put things in perspective. The churches do so much for us in the city and we get to work with them at community centers, programs, they reach out, offer and provide and that doesn't happen in every community. Every month a different member of the clergy/church will be here.

Director Nelson spoke on having lunch at the Fontana Community Senior Center this month with Venie Kopp.

Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez congratulated Kristy Samples.

Manager Hernandez welcomed the two new Community Services employees.

Manager Hernandez announced the Art Depot's first art show for the afterschool program participants on Friday, May 24, 2013.

Manager Hernandez shouted out to Hemlock Elementary and the Principal on the new cafeteria and new mural done by after school students.

Manager Hernandez announced that this weekend, May 25, 2013, all community pools will be opened.

Manager Hernandez announced that summer camps begin on June 3, 2013, and some still have availability for kids.

Manager Hernandez shouted out and thanked Commissioner Rowland for her work on the Relay for Life.

Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt congratulated Kristy Samples.

Manager Hunt welcomed John and Anna to the Community Services team.

Manager Hunt reminded the community of the Farmers' Market on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Manager Hunt announced that Fontana Days half-marathon run is sold out! There are over 2,000 runners that will participate prior to the parade and festivities.

Manager Hunt thanked Victoria Reyna for her contribution to the Summer Food Program and special projects.


Chairperson Vaquera quoted George Washington Carver for all class of 2013 graduates.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. to the next Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, June 27, 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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Chairperson Vaquera