

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 27, 2013**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2013, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, receive a 2013-14 budget update, receive a work plan overview, get an update on the ASES After School Program, and discuss a Joint Council/Commission meeting. Chairperson Vaquera and Commissioners Coleman, Goñi, Quiroga, Rowland, and Tigner were present; Commissioner Espinoza was absent.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, June 27, 2013, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by Chairperson Vaquera, followed by an Invocation given by Pastor Richard Alvarado from The Great Commission Baptist Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Espinoza.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Commissioner Espinoza

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez; Community Services Supervisor Kristy Samples; Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock; Community Services Supervisor Rafael Gonzalez; Community Services Coordinator Hector Vasquez; Community Services Coordinator Nick Johnson; Community Services Coordinator Megan Wolfe; Community Services Coordinator Eydee Jimenez; City Clerk Toni Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A. Parks & Recreation Month Proclamation

Director Nelson shared that throughout the nation, local agencies, cities, counties, states, and federal government, recognize July as Parks and Recreation Month. This provides an opportunity for the country to recognize the achievements of volunteers, civic leaders, and professional staff that develop parks, recreation and community services and programs throughout the country.

Fontana is recognized as one of the lead agencies in the Inland Empire for the quality programs and services and the amazing parks and facilities that have been developed in Fontana over the years.

Chairperson Vaquera accepted a proclamation declaring July as Parks and Recreation Month at last week's City Council meeting on behalf of the Parks and Community Services Commission and staff.

B. 2012 Employee of the Month

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Community Services Secretary, Sheree Anderson, as the employee of the month.

C. Special Recognition

Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Cali Olsen-Binks, former Fontana Unified School District Superintendent.

The Parks and Community Services Commission presented Cali Olsen-Binks with a certificate and plaque; and staff presented her with flowers.

A recess was called at 7:40 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:11 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Richard Thornhill spoke on an offer from him and his wife, Sunshine, to donate a park bench to be installed at Shadow Hills Park, in memory of their son, Kyle Thornhill, who passed away last Christmas. He and his wife will cover the cost and installation of the bench and hopes the City will waive the fee.

Director Nelson has set up a meeting with the Public Works Department to work with Mr. Thornhill.

Anna Marie Molino spoke on behalf of Cross Fit, who has submitted an application for a Turkey-Thon; they are not asking for any money from the City, only permission to have a 1.5 run down Cherry Avenue. Director Nelson directed Kristy Sample to meet with a Cross Fit representative.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

- A. Approve minutes of the May 23, 2013, Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting.
- B. Community Services Department Monthly Report for May 2013.
- C. Public Works Operations - Parks and Landscape Division Operations Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Events Update – Kristy Samples

Community Services Supervisor Kristy Samples introduced Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock to provide the Special Events Update.

The following events were held in May:

- **Friday, May 3, 2013, Fontana Car Show;** There were seventy-five cars and ten motorcycles with 200 hundred people in attendance who enjoyed the classic cars, good food and the band, Shameless playing classic rock. The next event is on July 5, 2013, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with the band, Outstanding, performing.
- **May 18-19, 2013, Relay for Life;** The Relay for Life attracted over one thousand residents to the event over the twenty-four hours. Residents fundraised over \$70,000 towards fighting cancer as forty-seven teams collaborated by walking the track at Summit High School for this worthy cause. This was a Co-Sponsorship event put on by the American Cancer Society, the City of Fontana, and the Fontana Unified School District.
- **May 25, 2013, Miss Fontana Scholarship Pageant;** For the first time, the pageant was divided into two groups, one for the Miss Fontana ladies (18-25 years old) and one for the Teen Miss Fontana ladies (15-17 years old). The Miss Fontana Scholarship Pageant and Miss Teen Fontana Pageant had sixty-one participants at Steelworkers' Auditorium. Six hundred residents came out to support these beautiful young ladies. Kayla Hockman was crowned Miss Fontana and Alexandria Alaman was crowned Teen Miss Fontana. This is a Co-sponsorship event sponsored by the Fontana Rotary Club in conjunction with the City of Fontana.

The following events will be held in July:

- **July 11, 18, and 25, Sunset Concert Series at Miller Park;** The following bands will play on the following dates: July 11, Sgt. Pepper, Beatles Tribute Band; July 18, Southbound; and July 25, Aquarius
- **July 5, 12, 19, and 26, Dive In Movies at Heritage Pool;** The following movies will air on the following dates: July 5, Here Comes the Boom; July 12, The Lorax; July 19, Dolphin Tale; July 26, Wreck-It-Ralph
- **July 27, Fontana Arts Festival at Fontana Park**

B. Cypress Neighborhood Center Programming Update – Kristy Samples

Community Services Supervisor Kristy Samples introduced Community Services Coordinator Eydee Jimenez to provide an update on the Cypress Neighborhood Center Programming.

The Cypress Neighborhood Center Class program has increased by seventeen percent over the past year. One of the newest classes, Ballet Folklórico, is expanding rapidly.

The Cypress Neighborhood Center has increased rentals by over twenty-eight percent this past year.

The Cypress Neighborhood Center continues to improve programs due to staff customer service and education. Cypress staff knowledge for supporting children and youth with developmental disabilities in the center's Sparks Club.

Camp Imagination is offered June 3 to July 20, 2013, and provides physical activity and exercise; ability to build skills not taught at schools; increases sense of independence and confidence; and enhances social interaction.

During the summer, over 5,000 lunches and snacks were served.

Community Garden is located behind the Cypress Neighborhood Center and has three different sizes available for rent; with renters taking their produce to the Fontana Farmers' Market to sell. The cost of the garden plots is \$25 per year for 24' x 32'; \$20 per year for an 18' x 32'; and \$15 for a 12' x 32' with water provided as part of the rental.

The Sparks Club in collaboration with the Sunshine Club at the Heritage Center held a 66er's Disabilities Awareness Night, Fun with Art, Friends of Frankenstein, Fun with Kickboxing, Easter, Valentine's Day Dance, and Show Your Talent event.

The Tiny Tots recreational preschool is offered Monday through Thursday for 3 to 5 year olds; there were 297 participants.

Special events held include Halloween; Easter; Bridal and Quince Expo, and Eat and Be Well; that over 10,000 participants came out for at Seville Park.

The Cypress Neighborhood Center has established strong partnerships in the community with:

- City Link
- Water of Life (Summit)
- Calvary Chapel
- Frito Lay
- California State University San Bernardino
- American Red Cross
- Mountain West Financial
- San Bernardino County – Children and Social Services
- Be the Message Church
- Hilton Garden Inn
- Eat & Be Well – Thanksgiving Meals

Thanks partnerships are responsible for being able to provide services at low costs to the community.

Commissioner Goñi commended Eydee for her work with special needs participants.

Director Nelson echoed Commissioner Goñi's comments and reminded everyone that Eydee recently received the Parks and Community Services Director's Award.

Services offered by the Community Assistance Program are free of charge.

C. 2013 Aqua Prom Recap – Garth W. Nelson

Community Services Director Garth W. Nelson introduced Community Services Supervisor Rafael Gonzalez and Community Services Coordinator Megan Wolfe to provide a Recap of the 2013 Aqua Prom.

The Third Annual Aqua Prom was held at the Fontana Park Aquatic Center on Friday, May 24, 2013 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 p.m. with a Candy Land theme. Tickets were \$5 presale and \$7 at the door.

Activities included pool volleyball, pool basketball, gladiator joust, water slides, dance floor, DJ, photo booth, and candy bar. As well as complimentary ice cream sundaes from Pharrell's Ice Cream Parlor.

Two-hundred and nine students from Summit, AB Miller, Fontana and Kaiser high schools participated.

Planning for the Fourth Annual Aqua Prom in 2014 has been initiated with a Mad Hatter theme!

Commissioner Quiroga commended staff on their accomplishments.

The number of participants held steady from previous years.

The City of Apple Valley has contacted staff for information on how to hold such an event.

Commissioner Vaquera spoke on having great staff and having them like their work that is evident in staff's enthusiasm when speaking on this event.

D. Adult Sports Recap – Garth W. Nelson

Community Services Director Garth W. Nelson introduced Community Services Supervisor Rafael Gonzalez who introduced Community Services Coordinator Nick Johnson to provide a Recap of the Adult Sports Program.

The City of Fontana Community Services Department, Sports Division's Mission Statement is "The City of Fontana Sports Division is committed to providing a quality, safe, fun, recreational sport experience while honoring the game."

Some of the Benefits of Participation include an enjoyable physical fitness activity; community involvement; social setting; developing new friendships; stress relief; rekindle a love of sports; and skill development.

Adult Sports is for ages 18 and up with four adult sports programs currently offered. Programs are offered year round and registration is accepted on a per team basis – individuals are encouraged to call the Sports Office to be placed on a team. Seasons run for 10 weeks with playoffs at the end of the season.

Adult Basketball leagues are offered Saturday mornings, Sunday mornings, and Friday evenings. There were 1,100 participants and 550 spectators at Fontana Park.

Adult Roller Hockey leagues are offered on Thursday evenings. There were 210 participants and 100 spectators at Fontana Park.

Adult Soccer leagues are offered Friday evenings and Sunday mornings and afternoons. There were 600 participants and 300 spectators at Ralph M. Lewis Sports Complex.

Adult Softball leagues are offered for Men's Division on Thursday evening and Sunday morning; and Co-Ed Divisions on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons. There were 1,400 participants and 700 spectators at Southridge Park.

Masters Swim Team began with one participant and is now up to 30. The cost is \$50 and swim meets are held. There were 110 participants at Fontana Park Aquatic Center.

Drop In Water Polo is offered on Saturday mornings for \$3 per visit. There were 450 participants and 150 spectators at Fontana Park Aquatic Center.

Total adult sports participants were 291 teams; 3,870 participants; and 1,800 spectators.

Please visit Sports.Fontana.Org or call 909.428.8864 or Aquatics.Fontana.Org or call 909.854.5108 for more information.

Commissioner Quiroga asked if the Master Swim Team price includes swim meets on Saturday; swim meets are included.

The Water Polo team is Co-Ed.

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

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Coleman thanked staff for operating under extreme circumstances over the past few months, and for working busily during the summer and appreciates their dedication.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the Fontana Days Event being a great event.

Commissioner Coleman has attended the Concerts in the Park and are very well attended.

Commissioner Coleman announced that tomorrow is Patriotic Day and open house, health fair, brunch, and facility tours, with club meetings at the Senior Center on Saturday.

Commissioner Goñi spoke on the Fontana Days events and commended all participants.

Commissioner Goñi has enjoyed the Summer Concert Series.

Commissioner Goñi commended City of Fontana staff for all they do.

Commissioner Goñi commended the lifeguards at the Fontana Aquatic Center.

Commissioner Goñi commended office staff for their assistance to all callers.

Commissioner Goñi wished everyone a happy and safe 4th of July.

Commissioner Tigner thanked Tonia Lewis for organization of the Fontana Days event.

Commissioner Tigner congratulated Ms. Anderson, the employee of the month.

Commissioner Tigner spoke on the pleasure of knowing Cali Olsen-Binks.

Commissioner Tigner thanked staff for doing an excellent job.

Commissioner Tigner wished everyone a very happy and safe 4th of July.

Commissioner Quiroga commended Tonia Lewis for caring for Fontana so much and her work on the Fontana Days event.

Commissioner Quiroga toured the Fontana Community Senior Center and was impressed with the facility; it is special to have something so complete for the seniors.

Commissioner Quiroga commended the lifeguards at Fontana Park for staying involved and engaged with safety as their priority.

Commissioner Quiroga wished the City of Fontana a happy and safe 4th of July and cautioned children to be safe.

Commissioner Rowland announced that the Relay for Life has raised over \$72,000!

Commissioner Rowland thanked Cali Olsen-Binks and she will be missed.

Commissioner Rowland sent her condolences to the family of Carlos Guzman on his loss.

Commissioner Rowland thanked Mr. Thornhill for the bench donation in memory of his son.

Commissioner Rowland wished everyone a happy 4th of July.

Chairperson Vaquera thanked Cali Olsen-Binks for her work in Fontana; she will be missed.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated City Clerk Lewis for her work on the 100th Anniversary of the Fontana Days Event.

Commissioner Vaquera attended the

Commissioner Vaquera visited the Aquatic Center and witnessed many activities and suggested some events for adults while they are waiting for their children that are participating in events. Supervisor Gonzalez thanked Commissioner Vaquera for his input.

Commissioner Vaquera announced that the Fontana Unified School District Board approved the ASES program agreement with the City of Fontana and congratulated the City; the students will be the ones that benefit.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked staff for their work.

Commissioner Vaquera asked Director Nelson for information on the user fee increase concerns that Little League representatives brought forward. Director Nelson is working with City staff and the Little League representatives and will place this item on the July or August Parks and Community Services agenda.

Commissioner Vaquera shared that the Blessed John XXIII Summer Fiesta event will be held this weekend.

Commissioner Vaquera wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked the Thornhill family for being here today.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMENTS:

Community Services Director Garth W. Nelson commended City Clerk Lewis for her work on the Fontana Days Event.

Director Nelson commended the City team for doing their best to bring the best programming to the community.

Director Nelson spoke on the best government being the local government and feels blessed to represent the community and the freedom to live our lives safely in a wonderful community.

Director Nelson thanked staff for their work tonight.

Director Nelson thanked the seniors in the audience for accompanying him at lunch today.

Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez congratulated Sheree Anderson for being selected employee of the month.

Manager Hernandez congratulated Cali Olsen-Binks on her new career and thanked her for her service.

Manager Hernandez asked Supervisor Gonzales to share the hours of operation for the aquatics centers. www.fontanaaquatics.org 909.854.5108

Manager Hernandez invited residents to come out to the pools and reminded them that all of the community centers are “cooling facilities” that can be used to cool down on hot days.

Manager Hernandez reminded parents to enroll their children in summer camps.

Manager Hernandez announced the free food program through August 2013.

Manager Hernandez announced the MYAC fundraiser at Shakey’s on July 8, 2013. They are raising funds to attend a leadership training.

Manager Hernandez wished everyone a happy 4th of July.

Community Services Supervisor Kristy Samples invited the community to all of the events in the city.

Supervisor Samples wished everyone a happy 4th of July.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS:

Parks and Landscape Supervisor Erik Garwick invited everyone to the Mary Vagle Nature Center that has been improved.

Supervisor Garwick spoke on the dedicated lifeguards at the aquatics center; commended staff for their heart.

Supervisor Garwick spoke on the tree planting program and invited community members to call 909.350.6536 with any concerns.

Supervisor Garwick announced that there were 194 volunteers on June 8 for the community clean up even; the next even will be held on July 13, 2013, between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on the Pacific Electric Trail on Cypress and Oleander.

Supervisor Garwick spoke on the Access Fontana Application that allows residents to report graffiti; pictures can be taken that go directly to the Public Works office and residents do not have to wait for their voice mail to be answered so the graffiti can be removed quickly. Mr. Garwick encouraged residents to download the application. Graffiti can also be reported at 909.350.GONE

Supervisor Garwick wished everyone a good evening.

Tonia Lewis appreciates the praise for the Fontana Days Event, but commended the Fontana Days Event committee that met for almost a year, specifically Yvonne Williams, who went to a lot meetings and helped a lot; Bonnie Edmiston and Tina C. and the Community Services staff; this event was so important and without their help it could not have been pulled off; City Clerk Lewis shared praise with the others.

City Clerk Lewis asked to keep the Brooks family in their prayer, Richard Brooks, is not doing well.


City Clerk Lewis asked her neighbors not to burn her house down with illegal fireworks and reminded everyone to consider their neighbors and animals.

Chairperson Vaquera welcomed City Council Member Jesse Sandoval and Planning Commissioner Matt Slowik to the meeting.


Chairperson Vaquera spoke on the hardship of losing loved ones.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m. in memory of Carlos Guzman, to the next Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, July 25, 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 Vaguera