

**CITY OF FONTANA  
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 25, 2013**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2013, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, 2013-2014 staff reports calendar, Commission assignment worksheet, and to discuss November and December Commission meeting dates, and City Council and Parks and Community Services Commission joint meeting agenda topics. Chairperson Vaquera and Commissioners Coleman, Espinoza, Goñi, Quiroga, Rowland, and Tigner were present.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, July 25, 2013, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairperson Vaquera, followed by an Invocation given by Pastor Paul Sasis of Be the Message Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Quiroga.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: None

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez; Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock; Community Services Supervisor Rafael Gonzalez; Community Services Coordinator Jason Hendrix; Community Services Coordinator Brenda Kalberg; City Clerk Toni Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

**A. None**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

Todd Vigiletti and Ryan Barnhardt of Stargazer Productions at Center Stage Theater shared the 2013-2014 schedule of shows. The group Forever Plaid performed a musical number.

April You, Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Chairperson and MYAC members introduced themselves to the Parks and Community Services Commission. Community Services Coordinator Jason Hendrix announced that 2013-2014 applications are still being accepted.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

- A. Approve minutes of the June 27, 2013, Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting.
- B. Public Works Operations - Parks and Landscape Division Operations Report.
- C. Community Services Department Monthly Report for June 2013.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Special Events Update – Rob Bock**

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock provided the Special Events Update.

The following events were previously held:

- **May 30-June 2, 2013, Fontana Days Festival:** There were over 30,000 participants enjoying the outstanding live band entertainment, a quilting contest, hen derby, ballet folklorico contest, and a fireworks show. Thanks to the Committee Chair, Toni Lewis, and all of the volunteers that made this event a huge success
- **June 1, 2013, 58<sup>th</sup> Fontana Days Run:** Included in this event was a two-day vendor fair with health related items; Massage Envy provided free massages to all runners. Thanks to sponsors R & B Auto Center, Manheim Southern California, Kaiser Permanente, 24 Hour Fitness, Crystal Geyser and Organic Milling.
- **June 1, 2013, Fontana Days Parade:** Sammy Hagar was the Grand Marshall. Some of the highlights were the fifty bagpipers escorting the eleven ton steel beam from September eleventh and over fifty cars representing the years from 1913 to 2013.
- **June 6, 2013, Summer Concert Series:** The band Neon Nation performed 80's music.
- **June 13, 2013, Summer Concert Series:** The band Chico performed.
- **June 20, 2013, Summer Concert Series:** The popular Latin band Soto performed.
- **June 27, 2013, Summer Concert Series:** The Caribbean band Upstream performed.

- **June 7, 2013, Fontana Car Show:** There were over 200 residents entertained by Bumtown and enjoyed the hot rods, custom, lowrider and classic cars.
- **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

The following are upcoming events:

- **August 1, Summer Concert Series:** Contemporary Praise Concert. Thanks to Crosspoint Community Church for coordination of this event.
- **August 2, Fontana Car Show:** In the City Hall parking lot.

Information for all events is available at [www.fontana.recreation.org](http://www.fontana.recreation.org) or by calling 909.349.6900.

Chairperson Vaquera commented that all events have been great.

**B. Martin Tudor Splash Park Update – Garth W. Nelson**

Community Services Director Garth W. Nelson introduced Community Services Supervisor Rafael Gonzalez and Community Services Coordinator Brenda Kalberg and to provide an update on the Martin Tudor Splash Park.

The Splash Park is surrounded by open grass areas, large shade trees and 7 shelters open for public use and rental. There is a shelter park package that includes rental of the shelter and Splash Park entrance.

Attendance from August 2012 to September 2012 was 1,199 Adults, 2,922 children and 192 seniors; with the Splash Park being opened through weekends in September, attendance in 2013 is expected to increase. It is a safe place for kids to enjoy.

The Splash Park is open through Monday, September 2, 2013, with two sessions seven days a week. Proper swim attire is expected and participants must be 40 inches to use the water slides.

**C. ASES Oral Update – Frances Hernandez**

Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez introduced Community Services Supervisor Mariana Mitchell and to provide an update on the ASES program.

There was a delay in getting the ASES program contract approved, but it was reinstated at the end of June and staff is now working on getting the program staffed at all sites.

The Fontana After School Program (FASP) had to dissolve organizational operations at all ASES sites at the end of the 2012-2013 school year, which included laying off all FASP staff, closure of school sites without pre-registration for 2013-2014; and

submittal and return of all ASES related paperwork and inventory to Fontana Unified School District.

A two-year contract was approved by the Fontana Unified School Board of Education on June 26, 2013, and by the City Council on July 9, 2013.

FASP is currently re-hiring all available staff and filling any vacancies-current levels will meet the ASES ratio staff requirements; registering at Community Services Department, Fontana Unified School District administration and school sites for all After School Program sites with priority to returning and wait-listed students; lesson planning and classroom preparation; and staff development for all staff.

FASP is available at 32 elementary and 5 middle schools throughout the Colton, Etiwanda, and Fontana Unified School District with a potential to serve 3,300 students daily. Last year, there were 552 students on waiting lists at two-thirds of the FASP sites.

FASP is available the following Fontana Unified School District elementary schools: Almond, Beech, Binks, Canyon Crest, Chaparral, Citrus, Cypress, Date, Grant, Hemlock, Juniper, Live Oak, Locust, Mango, Maple, North Tamarind, Oak Park, Oleander, Palmetto, Poplar, Primrose, Randall Pepper, Redwood, Shadow Hills, Sierra Lakes, South Tamarind, West Randall, and Ted Porter; at the following Fontana Unified School District middle schools: Alder, Fontana, Truman, Ruble, and Sequoia; at the following Colton Joint Unified School District fee based elementary schools: Jurupa Vista, Michael D'Arcy, and Sycamore Hills; and at Solorio elementary in the Etiwanda School District.

FASP has three distinctive components supported with resources and materials aligned to the California State Content Standards:

1. Academic Support: 10 minutes to success; homework assistance
2. Literacy: KidzLit, Accelerated Reading, Sight Words, Flocabulary
3. Enrichment: Math Games, SPARK PE, Cultural and Visual Arts, Character and Leadership Development, Career Enrichment, Technology Education and Healthy Snack.

Upcoming program highlights include: Cultural Arts – LEAP Program; Health Fontana – Team California for Healthy After Schools, Nutritional Cooking Classes, Harvest of the Month; STEM and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills – Science Explorers, Career and College Exploration, Online College Courses, Project Based Learning; Field Trips – Fontana Aquatics Center, College Field Trips, Neighboring School Collaboration i.e. walking field trips; Community Special Events, and Guest Speakers.

Commissioner Espinoza welcomed back and congratulated the ASES program.

Chairperson Vaquera congratulated and commended staff for all of their work to get the program restarted.

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

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Coleman mentioned that she has attended the concerts in the park and is amazed by the attendance.

Commissioner Coleman attended the Farmers' Market and is amazed by the attendance.

Commissioner Espinoza wished Mayor Warren a happy birthday.

Commissioner Espinoza enjoys the concerts.

Commissioner Espinoza thanked Rick for allowing her to attend a field trip with his group.

Commissioner Goñi thanked Manager Hernandez and staff for all their work on the after school program and encouraged eligible applicants to participate.

Commissioner Goñi invited everyone out to the concerts in the park.

Commissioner Goñi invited everyone to enjoy the recreational swimming.

Commissioner Goñi encouraged everyone to participate in the Dive-In Movies event.

Commissioner Goñi invited everyone to the Fontana Arts Festival on July 27, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Goñi wished Mayor Warren a happy birthday.

Commissioner Goñi wished everyone a blessed and great evening.

Commissioner Tigner wished Mayor Warren a happy birthday.

Commissioner Tigner commended those who are working hard to get the after school program up and running.

Commissioner Quiroga reminded the community to stay involved, and enjoy the opportunities for attractions and events that the City offers. They are quality events, from the sound, stage, performers, food, games, etc.

Commissioner Quiroga congratulated Frances and her team for doing a wonderful job.

Commissioner Rowland congratulated newly appointed Fontana Unified School District Board members Shannon O'Brien and Ayanna Blackmon-Balogun.

Commissioner Rowland encouraged the community to come to the Fontana Clothes Closet. She can be reached at 951.662.5748.

Commissioner Rowland wished Mayor Warren a happy birthday.

Chairperson Vaquera wished Mayor Warren a happy 40th birthday.

Chairperson Vaquera thanked Stargazer Productions for their performance.

Chairperson Vaquera thanked the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.

Chairperson Vaquera congratulated the Fontana Unified School District and is looking forward to a great year.

Chairperson Vaquera thanked Rob, Brenda, and Rafael for their reports tonight.

Chairperson Vaquera congratulated the ASES program for another two years!

Chairperson Vaquera reminded everyone on the many opportunities for things to do in Fontana.

Chairperson Vaquera wished everyone a good night.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMENTS:**

Community Services Director Garth W. Nelson appreciated the presentation from Stargazer Productions and will email the schedule to Commissioners.

Director Nelson thanked Frances and Mariana for their very hectic work this past month and a half and for hanging in there. It has been the best of times, and the worst of times and they have done an amazing job working hard to get the program up by next week.

Director Nelson shared that City Council members visited sites and saw all of the amazing things being done.

Director Nelson thanked staff for their hard work.

Director Nelson continues to get request from other cities to visit our sites, they have had council members, community members, department heads, and staff visit.

Director Nelson announced the Fontana Arts Festival on Saturday, July 27, 2013.

Director Nelson thanked the Parks and Community Services Commissioners for coming out to the events and connecting with the community.

Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez thanked Rafael and Brenda for doing an excellent job at Martin Tudor Splash Park.

Manager Hernandez thanked Karen Gerber for providing visitors from Pasadena and Ontario a tour of facilities; and commended Dan West and his Public Works team for being praised by the visitors for City facilities and operations.

Manager Hernandez reminded the community that pools are still open through September 2, 2013; and weekends only in September.

Manager Hernandez thanked the Fontana After School Program, Mariana Mitchell, the City Council and the Fontana Unified School Board for allowing the ASES program to come back and serve the community and children of the district; parents are pleased and grateful for the program. Staff is listening to all suggestions working to meet those needs.

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock invited everyone out to the Fontana Farmers' Market, on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sierra and Arrow. It is an opportunity buy locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS:**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. to the next Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, August 22, 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~~