

**CITY OF FONTANA  
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2013**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2013, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda and discuss the 2014-2015 Programs and Services Priorities. Chairperson Vaquera and Commissioners Coleman, Espinoza, Goñi (arrived at 6:20 p.m.), Quiroga, Rowland and Tigner were present.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, December 5, 2013, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairperson Vaquera, followed by an Invocation given Pastor Jeremy Bryan, Foothill Bible Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Rowland.

**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 Kristy Samples; Community Services Supervisor Michael Wright; Parks and Landscape Supervisor Eric Garwick; Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock; Community Services Supervisor Rafael Gonzalez; Community Services Coordinator Jason Hendrix; Community Services Coordinator Dede Benson; City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

**A. EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH:**

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Dede Benson, Community Services Coordinator and Suzanna Garcia, Office Assistant II, as employees of the month.

B. Kristy Samples introduced Jenny McCormick, Marketing Communications Specialist, as the newest member of the Parks and Community Services team.

C. The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Community Services Supervisor Rafael Gonzalez for his years of service to the City of Fontana as he moves on to a position in another city. Rafael thanked the Commission, Community Services leadership and staff for their time and support.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

- A. Approve minutes of the September 26, 2013, City Council and Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting.
- B. Approve minutes of the October 24, 2013 Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting.
- C. Public Works Operations - Parks and Landscape Division Operations Report for October 2013.
- D. Community Services Department Monthly Report for October 2013.
- E. Fontana Art Association Quarterly Report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Special Events Update – Michael Wright**

Community Services Supervisor Michael Wright introduced Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock to provide a Special Events Update.

Supervisor Bock spoke on events held in October 2013 and upcoming events to be held in December 2013. More information is available at 909.349.6900 or at [Fontana.org](http://Fontana.org)

All events are free at the Winter Festival.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the Tree Lighting Ceremony being a great event.

**B. Jack Bulik Teen Center and Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) Update – Frances Hernandez**

Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez introduced Community Services Coordinator Jason Hendrix to provide an update on the Jack Bulik Teen Center and the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC).

Coordinator Hendrix was accompanied by MYAC member, Nadia Palestino, to provide the MYAC report.

All classes at the Youth Success Center are included in the \$5 per year membership fee; no supplies are required for participants to bring to the Rainbow Chef class.

Commissioner Espinoza thanked Jason and MYAC members for allowing her to attend the FULCRUM Ropes Course with them.

**C. Healthy Fontana Update – Michael Wright**

Community Services Supervisor Michael Wright introduced Community Services Coordinator Dede Benson to provide a Healthy Fontana Update.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Goñi, seconded by Commissioner Tigner, 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 wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Commissioner Coleman encouraged everyone to take a moment to experience the season instead of trying to create it.

Commissioner Coleman thanked Jason Hendrix for taking care of our teens that are so important for the success of our city.

Commissioner Espinoza congratulated the employees of the month.

Commissioner Espinoza wished Rafael the best of luck

Commissioner Espinoza wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Espinoza congratulated the Summit Aquatic Water Polo Girls' team.

Commissioner Goñi spoke on the article in the Herald News on Fontana being ranked as the 15th safest city in America.

Commissioner Goñi invited everyone to participate in the Winter Festival this weekend.

Commissioner Goñi announced that the Winter Brochure is now available.

Commissioner Goñi invited everyone to come out to Center Stage for the Holiday Follies.

Commissioner Goñi recognized Amena Imoud, a six year old little girl battling Leukemia that is involved in the Christmas Choir, an excellent example of what the season is about. Commissioner Goñi presented Amena with gifts on behalf of the Parks and Community Services Commission.

Commissioner Tigner wished everyone happy holidays.

Commissioner Tigner congratulated the employees of the month.

Commissioner Tigner wished Rafael Gonzalez well.

Commissioner Vaquera attended the Mayor's Gala, the Tree Lighting Ceremony and commented that City events are quality events!

Commissioner Vaquera commended Rafael for his team and all their work.

Commissioner Vaquera wished everyone a Merry Christmas and hopes to see everyone at the parade.

Commissioner Vaquera reminded everyone that the season is about giving time and realizing what is important to us – each other.

Commissioner Rowland welcomed Amena.

Commissioner Rowland attended the tree lighting ceremony.

Commissioner Rowland hopes to see everyone at the parade.

Commissioner Rowland announced that applications are being accepted for the Miss Fontana Pageant 2014; there are already 27 girls signed up. There will be Miss Teen Fontana (ages 15-17) and a Miss Fontana (ages 18-25). Applications are available at [www.missfontana.com](http://www.missfontana.com).

Commissioner Rowland reminded everyone about the Fontana School District Clothes Closet.

Commissioner Rowland wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chairperson Vaquera wished Rafael Gonzalez the best.

Chairperson Vaquera reminded everyone about the reason for season.

Chairperson Vaquera reminded everyone to acknowledge their loved ones.

Chairperson Vaquera hopes to see everyone at the Winter Festival where all activities are free.

Chairperson Vaquera reminded everyone to drive safely.

Chairperson Vaquera thanked Amena and her parents.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked everyone for letting the Parks and Community Services Commission be a part of the Fontana family.

Commissioner Vaquera recognized Planning Commissioners Phil Cothran and Mathew Slowik for their attendance and our dedicated audience members.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked Amena for the first and best Christmas gift.

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

Community Services Director Garth W. Nelson asked for a motion to add an eighth Commissioner to tonight's meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Quiroga and seconded by Commissioner Espinoza. Motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Amena loves her mommy and daddy and hopes to get better soon.

Commissioner Amena thanked everyone.

Director Nelson thanked Amena for joining the Commission tonight.

Director Nelson acknowledged the Community Services team for a great Halloween season; the Healthy Fontana program; and Rafael Gonzalez for his service to the City.

Director Nelson spoke on the gift of time, service and leadership and the City Council supporting and believing in this community; the City Council leads with strength and commitment.

Director Nelson thanked the Parks and Community Services Commission for their time and commitment to connecting with the community.

Director Nelson acknowledged Planning Commissioners Cothran and Slowik who were present this evening and commended them for their contributions in Fontana's rank as one of the 15 safest cities; the programs offered and facilities operated speak to a safe community.

Director Nelson thanked the City Manager and Deputy City Manager in leading the whole organization.

Director Nelson thanked the Community Services team members that believe they are making a difference in Fontana.

Community Services Director Nelson recognized City Clerk Toni Lewis, Boards and Commissions Secretary Ysela Aguirre, and City Treasurer Janet Koehler-Brooks.

Community Services Director Nelson asked the Parks and Community Services Commissioners to meet in the conference room after tonight's meeting.

Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez welcomed new Commissioner Amena.

Manager Hernandez congratulated the employees of the month.

Manager Hernandez thanked Rafael Gonzalez.

Manager Hernandez announced that Jack Bulik and Don Day will have Breakfast with Santa and reservations are now being taken.

Manager Hernandez announced that the Police Department is collecting toys for children in the community.

Manager Hernandez thanked her staff and the Parks and Community Services Commission for their work throughout the year.

Manager Hernandez wished everyone Happy Holidays and a safe and great New Year.

Community Services Supervisor Michael Wright announced that residents should receive the new Parks and Community Services brochure on Saturday.

Community Services Supervisor Wright reminded the community about the Christmas parade on Saturday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Community Services Supervisor Wright reminded the community about the Winter Festival from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Community Services Supervisor Wright congratulated the employees of the month.

Community Services Supervisor Wright congratulated Rafael Gonzalez.

Community Services Supervisor Wright wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

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

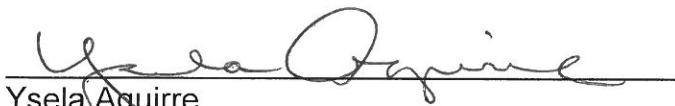
Parks and Landscape Supervisor Eric Garwick wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

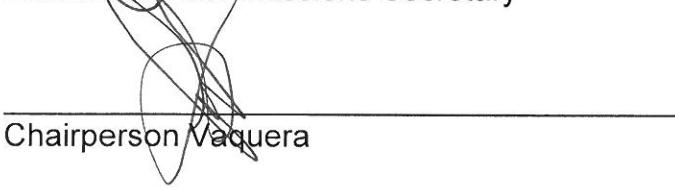
Supervisor Garwick spoke on the devices in six city utility trucks reducing the response time to remove graffiti.

Supervisor Garwick acknowledged Rafael.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m. to a Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2014, with a Workshop at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Executive Conference Room and the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, CA 92335. Please call the Community Services Office at (909) 349-6904, if you are unable to attend the meeting.

  
Ysela Aguirre  
Boards and Commissions Secretary

  
Chairperson Vaquera