

**CITY OF FONTANA  
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2014**

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

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, February 27, 2014, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson Vaquera, followed by an Invocation given by Iglesia Cristiana El Salvador, Pastor Manuel Aguilar, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Espinoza.

**ROLLCALL:**

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

Absent: None.

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez; Community Services Supervisor Michael Wright; Community Services Supervisor Karen; Community Services Coordinator Courtney Hodnick and Community Services Coordinator Nathan Hunt; Community Services Assistant Lauren Griffen; City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

**SPECIALPRESENTATION:**

**A. Commission Swearing In**

Mayor Aquanetta Warren swore in new Parks and Community Services Chairperson, Daniel Quiroga; new Parks and Community Services Secretary Luisa "Patty" Espinoza; Parks and Community Services Commissioner Lourdes Goñi; and Parks and Community Services Commissioner Karen Coleman.

**PUBLICCOMMUNICATION:**

Rayton White spoke on being happy to be a resident of Fontana and the need to eliminate division in the city so that everyone can get along and putting more emphasis on binding together as a family. He has seen many new buildings in the past four years and wants to believe that things will get better.

## **CONSENTCALENDAR:**

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

- A. Approve minutes of the February 27, 2014, Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting.
- B. Community Services Department Monthly Report for February 2014.
- C. Public Works Operations - Parks and Landscape Division Operations Report for February 2014.

## **UNFINISHEDBUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEWBUSINESS**

### **A. Special Events Update-MichaelWright**

Community Services Supervisor Michael Wright introduced Community Services Assistant Lauren Griffen to provide an oral update on special events held in the month of February, which included the Stand Up Speak up Youth Job Fair; Black History Parade; Jazz N' Art Celebration; and upcoming events in April which included the Fontana Car Show on April 4, 2014; Special Olympics on April 5, 2014; and the CAP (Community Assistance Program) Resource Fair on April 24, 2014, at the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center.

### **B. Cultural Arts Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Update – Michael Wright**

Community Services Supervisor Michael Wright introduced Community Services Coordinator Courtney Hodnick and Community Services Coordinator Nathan Hunt to provide an update on the Cultural Arts Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

Coordinator Hodnick spoke on visual arts which include the art galleries in the city; programming; community outreach, Learning Educational Arts Program (L.E.A.P); and the Fontana Art Association partnership.

Coordinator Hunt spoke on the Steelworkers' Auditorium performances; Center Stage Theater which offers musicals, cabarets, murder mysteries, dancing showcases, concerts, special events, and rentals; and special engagements such as the Fontana Arts Festival.

Coordinator Hunt thanked the Parks and Community Services Commissioners for their participation in events.

Commissioner Goni commended everything that is done through the galleries and the performance and asked about volunteer opportunities. Information is available at the community centers.

Chairperson Quiroga spoke on the wonderful job staff does in providing the citizens of Fontana with good quality arts.

**C. Nature Center Update – Michael Wright**

Community Services Supervisor Michael Wright introduced Community Services Coordinator Rick Dean to provide an update on the Nature Center.

Community Services Coordinator Rick Dean spoke on the revitalization of the Nature Center and a recently published article naming the Mary Vagle Nature Center as one of “30 Fun Spring Break Activities For Under \$35”.

Coordinator Dean provided information on the focus for the 2013 work plan, programs offered at the Nature Center, the youth leadership program; partnerships with Inland Empire Resource Conservation District, California Regional Environmental Education Community (CREEC), Hands on Inland Empire (United Way), Santa Ana Watershed Association, and California Conservation Corps; and Signature Events such as Arbor Day on April 17, 2014, and National Public Lands Day on September 27, 2014.

Commissioner Goni commended staff on the development of the Mary Vagle Nature Center over the years.

City Clerk Lewis personally thanked Rick Dean for all of his support on the Rose Garden.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on going to the Mary Vagle Nature Center years ago when it was not so nice and it is now a beautiful facility.

Chairperson Quiroga spoke on the treasure the Mary Vagle Nature Center is to the City of Fontana.

Director Nelson spoke on Coordinator Dean’s amazing work at the Mary Vagle Nature Center.

**D. 2014 Easter Events - Garth W. Nelson**

Community Services Director Garth W. Nelson introduced Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber to provide a report on the 2014 Easter Events.

Supervisor Gerber spoke on the Easter Events being held on April 19, 2014, at three sites in Fontana – Don Day Center will have a pancake breakfast, egg hunts, jumpers, and games; Cypress Center will have a pancake breakfast, egg hunt, crafts,

and games; Jessie Turner Center will have an egg hunt, class demonstrations, games, and jumpers.

Discussion was held on any activities will be held for children with special needs. All children are invited to participate in all of the events.

**E. 2014 Summer Day Camps - Garth W. Nelson**

Community Services Director Garth W. Nelson introduced Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber to provide a report on the 2014 Summer Day Camps.

Supervisor Gerber spoke on the 2014 Fontana Summer Camps in the City of Fontana. There are seven camps, including Nature Discovery Camp at Mary Vagle Nature Center; TEAM (Teens Engaged and Motivated) Camp at Jack Bulik Teen Center; Fontana Arts Summer Camp at the Art Depot; Camp Imagination at Cypress Neighborhood Center; Camp JED (Journey Explore and Discovery) at Heritage Neighborhood Center; Sports Summer Camp through the Sports Division; Camp FIT at Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center.

Online registration begins on April 5 and runs through April 18; walk in registrations begin on May 3, 2014.

Discussion was held on the cost of meals; they are free.

Discussion was held on the youngest age of the camp participants, must be 5 years old and completed Kindergarten and some camps are offered to the age of 18.

Chairperson Quiroga spoke on the wonderful programs offered to help teens not be bored during the summer.

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

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Rowland thanked Chairperson Quiroga for

Commissioner Rowland congratulated the Commissioners that were reappointed and sworn in today.

Commissioner Rowland attended the Anti-Bullying Summit and commented that was awesome.

Commissioner Rowland spoke on the Relay for Life, being held on May 17-18, 2014, at Summit High School. Information is available at [www.relayforlife.org/fontanaca](http://www.relayforlife.org/fontanaca).

Commissioner Rowland spoke on upcoming events including an ice cream social birthday celebration for cancer survivors on April 8, 2014, at the Fontana Senior Center; and a silent auction at Koehler Gallery on April 12, 2014.

Commissioner Rowland announced that the Fontana Unified School District Clothes Closet has prom dresses available, but donated shoes are needed.

Commissioner Rowland announced the Miss Fontana pageant has over 200 girls registered and will be held at Fontana high school on May 31, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Espinoza congratulated Jason Hendrix on the wonderful Anti-Bullying event.

Commissioner Espinoza announced the CAFFS event from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. with a fashion show from 11:00 to 12:00. This event supports PTAs, Booster Clubs, and other fundraising clubs.

Commissioner Tigner congratulated the newly sworn in commissioners.

Commissioner Tigner invited the community to come out and enjoy the activities planned.

Commissioner Coleman reminded everyone about the Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings that is open until 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Coleman wished Chairperson Quiroga good luck on his trip with the Fontana Middle School Travel Club.

Commissioner Coleman offered to donate some jewelry to the Clothes Closet.

Commissioner Goni reminded everyone about using the community services book that provides lots of information.

Commissioner Goni reminded everyone about the summer camps online registration.

Commissioner Goni spoke on the availability of events, especially the Easter events.

Commissioner Goni thanked Rayton White for sharing his words of encouragement.

Commissioner Goni wished everyone a good evening.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated the reappointed Commissioners.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated Chairperson Quiroga.

Commissioner Vaquera encouraged everyone to enjoy the spring weather and the kids to enjoy spring break.

Commissioner Vaquera attended the Anti-Bullying Summit it has seen it grow every year; it is a great program that should be at the high schools.

Commissioner Vaquera announced that Summit High School has an official Foothill Booster Club and is looking for former Skyhawk to participate and they will be at the CAFFS event.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked the audience for being here.

Commissioner Coleman announced the Senior Prom dinner and dance on April 11, 2014, at the Fontana Senior Community Center.

Commissioner Espinoza thanked everyone that joined the audience for the swearing in and especially her daughter, Amber Ventura.

City Clerk Lewis congratulated her daughter, Kim Lewis-Hoyt, who was selected preschool teacher of the year for the Fontana Unified School District and will receive an award at the next school board meeting.

City Clerk Lewis invited everyone to the National Day of Prayer being held on Thursday, May 1, 2014, at Sierra Lakes, at 4:30 p.m. There is no fee, but donations are welcome. Reservations are required by calling 909.854.8054 or email to [FontanaPrayerEvent@gmail.com](mailto:FontanaPrayerEvent@gmail.com). No small children are permitted.

City Clerk Lewis thanked Commissioner Espinoza for her help on National Day of Prayer event.

Chairperson Quiroga spoke on the volleyball season being offered through the city and offered at middle schools.

Chairperson Quiroga attended the basketball program event at Staples and thanked Hector and Nick for making it possible for having the only city that has an opportunity to play on the court that professionals play on.

Chairperson Quiroga attended the Anti-Bullying event that was another example of how proactive Fontana is and why Fontana is on the national map.

Chairperson Quiroga announced that he leaves on a Fontana Middle School Travel Club trip to Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., and thanked the City of Fontana for their support.



Chairperson Quiroga thanked the Parks and Community Services Commission for the vote of confidence; he has been in Fontana since 1980, is a proud product of Fontana, and is honored to be a part of this commission.

Chairperson Quiroga thanked his family for their support.

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

Community Services Director Garth Nelson thanked City Clerk Lewis for organizing the swearing in ceremony tonight, Mayor Warren for participating, and friends and family members who attended.

Director Nelson thanked the Parks and Community Services Chairperson and Commissioners for their support of team.

Director Nelson spoke on the Spring /Summer brochure coming out in April.

Director Nelson announced the Community Services is gearing up for summer camps, aquatics, and concerts.

Director Nelson wished Chairperson Quiroga a safe trip.

Manager Hernandez congratulated the reappointed and senior Commissioners.

Manager Hernandez announced that the summer aquatics program is taking applications for life guards and life guard instructors. Information is available at [www.fontana.org](http://www.fontana.org).

Manager Hernandez thanked Karen Gerber for her work on the summer camps.

Manager Hernandez announced that peewee soccer registration is ongoing

Manager Hernandez thanked the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council for their hard work with the Anti-Bullying Summit and for doing such a great job presenting at the Parks and Recreation Conference on March 6, 2014.

Parks and Community Services Supervisor Michael Wright wished everyone a happy first day of spring.

Supervisor Wright congratulated the newly sworn in Commissioners.

Supervisor Wright announced that Senior Prom tickets go on sale Monday, March 24, 2014 for \$3 for dance and \$4 for dinner!

Supervisor Wright announced the art exhibit that opens on April 8 and runs through May 23, 2014.


**PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. to a Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, April 24, 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.

  
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Ysela Aguirre  
Boards and Commissions Secretary

  
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Chairperson Quiroga