

**CITY OF FONTANA  
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 28, 2014  
6:00 PM**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2014, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, review Commissioner Assignments, Volunteer Recognition Event and User Fees. 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, August 28, 2014, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chairperson Quiroga, followed by an Invocation given by Commissioner Goñi, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Vaquera.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: None.

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt; Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco; Community Services Manager Michael Wright; Community Services Supervisor Kristy Samples; Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock; Parks and Landscape Supervisor Erik Garwick; City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

**A. Historical Society Quarterly Report - Tonia Lewis, Historical Society Secretary**  
Historical Society Secretary, Tonia Lewis, shared the Historical Society Mission; information on the Pepper Street House, the Pagliuso Family Chapel that is available for wedding ceremonies, as well as the Art Depot for the reception; information on the Memorial Rose Garden, and membership fees.

More information is available by contacting Tonia Lewis at 909.350.7655

The fee for use of the chapel is \$100. Information on the cost of the Art Depot rental is available through the Community Services Department.

**B. Introduction of Aaron Orozco, Community Services Manager - Garth Nelson**

Director Garth Nelson introduced new Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco. Manager Orozco shared that he was attracted to the City of Fontana because it's well renowned programs and comes from the City of Fullerton. He is excited and grateful to be in Fontana. He will oversee facilities and community programs including ASES and Community Centers.

**C. 2014 Aquatics Program Lifeguard Recognition – Michael Wright, Community Services Manager**

Community Services Manager, Michael Wright, introduced and recognized the Aquatics Program Lifeguards and staff for their life saving efforts of a visitor to the aquatic center. They included Taylor Pope, Edward Li, Josh Marquez, Tarek Abd-Alla, Mariana Romero-Hernandez, Leslie Dove, Jacob Crowl, Taylor Uruza, Tara Bryant, Morgan Dillon and Aquatics Supervisor Geneo Farrar and Fontana Aquatics Center Coordinator Teresa Ramirez.

Parks and Community Services Commissioners thanked the lifeguards for their work.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Rowland, seconded by Commissioner Vaquera, and passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0 to approve to add "Public Communication" to the agenda.

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

**A. Approval of Minutes**

Approve minutes of the July 24, 2014, Special Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting.

**B. Public Works Operations - Parks and Landscape Division Operations Report for July 2014**

**C. Fontana Community Senior Center Advisory Board Annual Report**

**D. Fontana Art Association Quarterly Report**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **E. Special Events Update – Jennifer Hunt**

Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt introduced Community Services Supervisor Rob Back to provide an update on events held in July including the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration w co-sponsorship with the Fontana Unified School District; Summer Concerts at Miller Park; Fontana Car Show on July 11, 2014; Dive-In Movies at Heritage Pool on Friday evenings; and the Fontana Arts Festival on July 26, 2014.

Supervisor Bock provided a review of events being held in September which include the final Car Show on Friday, September, 5, 2014; and the 9/11 Remembrance at John B. Roberts Fire Station 71 at 5:00 p.m.

More information for any of the events is available at [www.fontanarecreation.org](http://www.fontanarecreation.org) or 909.349.6900.

### **F. 2014 Community Services Summer Day Camps Recap – Aaron Orozco**

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco introduced Supervisor Karen Gerber to provide a recap of the Community Services Summer Day Camps held at Mary Vagle Nature Center (Nature Discovery Camp); Jack Bulik Teen Center (TEAM Camp); Art Depot Gallery, Steelworkers' Auditorium and Center Stage Theater (Fontana Arts Summer Camp); Cypress Neighborhood Center (Camp Imagination); Heritage Neighborhood Center (Camp JED); Fontana Park (Sports Summer Camp), Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Community Center (Camp FIT).

In collaboration with the Fontana Unified School District, approximately 400 summer camp participants were served a nutritious meal and snack throughout the city.

Discussion was held on the possibility of increasing the number of participants next year.

### **G. Fontana Community Senior Center Overview - Michael Wright**

Community Services Manager Michael Wright introduced Community Services Coordinator Virginia Solis, Community Services Coordinator Leslie Ramirez, and Community Services Coordinator Tiffany Stark to provide the Fontana Community Senior Center Overview.

Discussion was held on transportation vehicles. Staff is currently looking at other grants to find more resources/buses and other programs to create more opportunities for transportation for our senior community.

Commissioner Coleman commented that the senior center makes a difference in seniors' lives.

Commissioner Vaquera commented that he has visited the sr. center a few times.

He really appreciates senior citizens and what the city has done for the seniors. Kids are our future, but seniors are our past.

Chairperson Quiroga commented on all the activities available in the city.

Chairperson Quiroga welcomed Councilmember Sandoval to the meeting.

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

#### **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Goñi thanked those in attendance and those watching at home.

Commissioner Goñi spoke on the great things that have happened over the summer.

Commissioner Goñi welcomed Aaron Orozco to the City of Fontana.

Commissioner Goñi reminded everyone to come to the events, especially the 9/11 Remembrance.

Commissioner Goñi encouraged everyone to pray for peace.

Commissioner Goñi thanked all law enforcement officers and military servicepersons.

Commissioner Espinoza commented on how amazed she was by all of the events.

Commissioner Espinoza wished everyone a good night.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated the Lifeguards for a job well done.

Commissioner Vaquera welcomed Aaron Orozco.

Commissioner Vaquera spoke on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event and the fireworks display.

Commissioner Vaquera commented that the Concerts in the Park were nice.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated Karen Gerber and Michael Wright and their teams.

Commissioner Vaquera wished his son, Luis, a happy birthday.

Commissioner Vaquera wished his son, Damien, a happy birthday.

Commissioner Tigner congratulated Aaron on joining the team.

Commissioner Tigner congratulated Brian Banks on becoming a Sergeant.

Commissioner Tigner reminded everyone to watch for the kids out on their way to school.

Commissioner Rowland welcomed Jennifer Hunt back.

Commissioner Rowland spoke on being old enough to enjoy going to the Senior Center.

Commissioner Rowland spoke on the Crosspoint Church Shoe Drive giving over 900 pairs of new donated shoes to the Fontana Unified School District and thanked Pastor Sams.

Commissioner Rowland wished Dale a happy birthday.

Chairperson Quiroga spoke on the good, great, quality activities in Fontana and encouraged everyone to get the Community Services Program book.

Chairperson Quiroga spoke on Fontana being ready for whatever happens.

Chairperson Quiroga welcomed Aaron Orozco to the Fontana team.

Chairperson Quiroga spoke on the summer programs growing and getting better every summer.

Chairperson Quiroga spoke on the Parks and Community Services Commissioners and employees being the eyes and ears of Fontana; if ever there is something shared, their concerns are taken to heart and acted upon accordingly.

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

Community Services Director Garth Nelson thanked City Clerk Lewis who always helps navigate through the meetings.

Director Nelson spoke on having lunch at the Senior Center and heard some great stories.

Director Nelson thanked the supervisory administrative team over the past five months for their support including Kristy Samples, Rob Bock, Eugene Farrar, Karen Gerber, and thanked Michael Wright for stepping up to the plate.

Director Nelson complimented the Senior Center staff and all of the amazing teams.

Director Nelson is happy to have Jennifer Hunt back and is excited for the great team.

Director Nelson spoke on meeting with each lifeguard individually and their experience in reacting to a very significant incident.

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco spoke on the After School Program.

Manager Orozco announced the Family Game Day at the Cypress Center September 13, 10:00am to 12:00pm.

Manager Orozco announced Don Day Center Open House on September 27, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt spoke on being happy to be back from maternity leave.

Manager Hunt thanked Michael Wright for all of his work over the past five months.

Manager Hunt welcomed Aaron Orozco.

Manager Hunt encouraged all residents to review the brochure.

Manager Hunt spoke on National Public Lands Day on September 27, 2014, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Mary Vagle Nature Center.

Manager Hunt thanked Erick Garwick for all of his support.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright welcomed Aaron Orozco to the team.

Manager Wright welcomed Manager Hunt back.

Manager Wright thanked all of the lifeguards for keeping the pools and aquatic centers safe.

Manager Wright announced that the aquatic season is coming to an end.

Manager Wright announced that fall sports are starting up.

Manager Wright announced the Youth and Pee Wee sports sign-ups going on now.

Manager Wright thanked Senior Center staff for keeping it fun and active.

Manager Wright announced the Senior Center parking lot opening tomorrow at 10:30 a.m.

Manager Wright wished everyone a safe holiday weekend.

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

Parks and Landscape Supervisor Erik Garwick spoke on all the amazing events that are going on in Fontana and is proud to be here.

Supervisor Garwick spoke on "Access Fontana" to report concerns in the City, i.e. potholes, graffiti, trees, etc. Staff is at a 95% removal rate within 24 hours. Residents' eyes and ears help the City succeed in making it a better place.

Supervisor Garwick spoke on the Pacific Electric Trail being used by lots of people and trying to keep it maintained.

Supervisor Garwick thanked Director Nelson, Manager Hunt, Manager Wright, and Supervisor Gerber and welcomed Manager Orozco.

Supervisor Garwick spoke on the Jack Bulik men's restroom challenge and work continues on it.

Supervisor Garwick wished everyone a good night.

Director Nelson announced that staff will be rotating seats at the dais and some presentations will be done from the audience seating.

Commissioner Vaquera welcomed Manager Hunt back.

Commissioner Coleman welcomed Millie Henson to the audience.

City Clerk Lewis welcomed Manager Hunt back and welcomed Aaron Orozco to the team.

City Clerk Lewis thanked Erick Garwick for all his work on the Rose Garden.

City Clerk Lewis announced that her granddaughter, Molly, is graduating from Air Force boot camp.

Chairperson Quiroga announced that Molly was a member of the Fontana Travel Club and he is very proud of her.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. to the Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, September 25, 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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