

**CITY OF FONTANA  
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 11, 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, December 11, 2014, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, a Field Management Program Update, and a workshop on Access Fontana. Chairperson Quiroga and Commissioners Coleman, Espinoza, Goñi and Rowland were present.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, December 11, 2014, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Chairperson Quiroga, followed by an Invocation given by Iglesia de Dios Vida Nueva, Pastor Ruben Calderon, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Espinoza.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chairperson Quiroga, Commissioners Coleman, Espinoza, Goñi, and Rowland

Absent: Commissioners Tigner and Vaquera.

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco; Community Services Manager Michael Wright; Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock; Community Services Supervisor Kristy Samples; Community Services Supervisor Tiffany Starks; Community Services Coordinator Dee Dee Benson; Community Services Coordinator Jessica Gandara; Community Services Coordinator Jason Hendrix; Administrative Analyst Brent Strong; Landscape Supervisor Erik Garwick; and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

**A. Veteran's Day Essay Contest Award Winners**

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock introduced the Veteran's Day Essay Contest Winners.

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Second Place Winner of the Veteran's Day Essay Contest, Jasmine Solarzano.

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized First Place Winner of the Veteran's Day Essay Contest, Jessica Jenkins.

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

None.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Rowland, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, and passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0 to approve Consent Calendar Items "A-D."

- A. Approval of Minutes** Approve minutes of the October 23, 2014 Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting.
- B. Fontana Art Association Quarterly Report**
- C. Public Works Parks & Landscape Monthly Report**
- D. Special Events Update for November**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. User Fees Oral Update - Garth W. Nelson**  
This item was not heard.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Teen Programs Update - Aaron Orozco**

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco introduced Community Services Coordinator Jessica Gandara and Community Services Coordinator Jason Hendrix to provide an update on Teen Programs.

The Community Services Department provides a wide-range of teen focused activities, programs, and events with the goal of creating city-wide opportunities for all teens. Teen services are currently available at the Jack Bulik Teen Center, Jessie Turner Health & Fitness Community Center, Heritage Neighborhood Center, and the Don Day Neighborhood Center.

Chairperson Quiroga spoke on the Dodge Ball Tournament that will be held at Jack Bulik Pavilion.

### **B. Healthy Fontana Annual Update - Michael Wright**

Community Services Manager Michael Wright introduced Community Services Coordinator Dee Dee Benson to provide an annual update on Healthy Fontana.

The Community Services Department continues to integrate the Healthy Fontana message throughout all programming, services and events the department offers.

In 2014, Healthy Fontana has outreached to over 93,400 people to educate or provide resources to the community. These outreach efforts include education within the Fontana After School Program, 55+ events and the weekly Farmers' Market. All of these are possible by being awarded over \$470,000 in grants in the past 6 years and over 22 partnerships developed to enhance or provide services.

The City of Fontana is ranked number one in the Nation for the *Let's Move Cities, Towns and Counties* initiative and was the first City in California to reach five gold medals for this initiative. The Mayor and City Council were presented with an award for the City's accomplishments at the National Congress of Cities Conference in Austin, Texas in November.

There will be two Farmer's Markets in the City.

Manager Wright spoke on the outdoor fitness equipment on the Pacific Electric Trail being ADA accessible.

**C. Access Fontana - Erik Garwick**

Landscape Supervisor Erick Garwick walked through how to report an issue using the Access Fontana application program available for all residents to use.

Access Fontana is an application that is designed to report issues in your community with easy to use mobile and web applications. Access Fontana can be accessed by visiting [www.Fontana.org](http://www.Fontana.org) or by downloading the application to your iPhone or android smart phone through the app store or goggle play.

Discussion was held on where to report abandoned dogs; they are to be reported to the Police Department who will dispatch animal control.

Discussion was held on requests being anonymous.

**D. Special Events Update – Rob Bock**

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock provided an update on events held in November which included the following:

- Veteran's Day Celebration on November 11, 2014, at the Memorial Rose Garden on Spring Street. The event is held to celebrate Fontana Veterans current and past and thank them for their service.
- Eat and Be Well event on November 26, 2015, at Seville Park; this event was co-sponsored with the Fontana Community Assistance Program

Supervisor Bock provided a review of events being held in December which include the Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 3, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at City Hall; Christmas Parade on December 13, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. on Sierra from

Arrow to Merrill; Festival of Winter on December 13, 2014, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Miller Park.

Supervisor Bock provided a review of events being held in January which include the Veterans Resource Fair on January 16, 2014, at the Fontana Senior Center.

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

Commissioner Rowland pointed out her uncle in the Veteran's Day celebration picture.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Goni, seconded by Commissioner Espinoza and passed by a vote of 5-0 to receive and order filed the report on items given under New Business.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Rowland wished her son and brother a happy birthday.

Commissioner Rowland hopes to see everyone at the parade and winter festival.

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

Commissioner Espinoza wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Goni thanked the Jenkins family for staying throughout the meeting.

Commissioner Goni congratulated Jessica and Jasmine.

Goni spoke on the events going on in the City.

Commissioner Goni spoke on the Heritage Community Center hosting the Sunshine Club and Sparks Club holiday events.

Commissioner Goni spoke on honoring Veteran's.

Commissioner Goni spoke on honoring local law enforcement.

Commissioner Goni wished her son, Kyle, a happy birthday.

Commissioner Goni wished her mother-in-law a happy birthday.

Commissioner Goni invited everyone to come out and join all of the events.

Commissioner Coleman commended staff on the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the Winter Formal Dance at the Senior Center for \$3 for senior residents and \$5 for all others.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the parade being held on Saturday and invited everyone to come out.

Commissioner Coleman wished everyone a merry and safe Christmas and it's all about love.

Commissioner Goni invited everyone to a Christmas Concert on December 20, 2014, 7:00 to 9:30 at Friendship Community Church. More information is available at 909.904.3339

Chairperson Quiroga congratulated Jessica and Jasmine and commended Jessica for her writing.

Chairperson Quiroga thanked staff that presented tonight.

Chairperson Quiroga spoke on Access Fontana and the goal is to spread the word about using it.

Chairperson Quiroga spoke on the parade being held even if it is raining.

Chairperson Quiroga thanked the audience for joining us tonight.

Chairperson Quiroga wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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

Director Garth Nelson thanked Pastor Calderon and his wife for his invocation.

Director Nelson spoke on the new winter and spring activities and programs brochure will be coming out soon.

Director Nelson thanked the Commissioners for the feedback.

Director Nelson thanked Ysela and Toni for their support throughout the year.

Director Nelson congratulated Maria Torres on her new position in the Community Development Department.

Director Nelson thanked Michael Wright for helping him get through this year.

Director Nelson recognized Aaron Orozco for being a key role in the department.

Director Nelson wished everyone a blessed Christmas and amazing 2015.

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco spoke on the events being hosted this week.

Manager Orozco wished everyone a safe holiday season and looks forward to an exciting new year.

Commissioner Espinoza recognized the Summit Girls Water Polo Team on their great year.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright spoke on the Holiday Feast being held on December 19, 2014, at the Senior Center.

Manager Wright spoke on the Winter Wonderland event at the Senior Center.

Manager Wright congratulated the essay winners and thanked everyone that participated in the essay contest.

Manager Wright thanked Garth for getting him through the year.

Manager Wright thanked staff, Aaron Orozco and Jennifer Hunt.

Manager Wright wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Supervisor Bock invited everyone to the parade and winter festival on Saturday, December 13, 2014.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS:**

Supervisor Erick Garwick spoke on the number of requests and work completed.

Supervisor Garwick commended graffiti removal staff for their amazing work.

Supervisor Garwick spoke on what a pleasure it is working with Community Services and supporting all of their events.


Supervisor Garwick wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. with a prayer from Pastor Ruben Calderon to the Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting

on Thursday, January 22, 2015, 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 Quiroga