

**CITY OF FONTANA  
SPECIAL PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 14, 2015  
7:00 PM**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2015, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda and discuss Fontana Days Parade Involvement and the Co-Sponsorship Review. Chairperson Espinoza, Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Casey, Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Vaquera, Commissioner Goni (via telephone conference), and Commissioner Tigner were present.

The special meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, May 14, 2015, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chairperson Espinoza, followed by an Invocation given by Commissioner Casey, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Bravo.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chairperson Espinoza, Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Casey, Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Tigner, and Commissioner Vaquera

Absent: Commissioner Goni

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

A. None.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

A. None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Bravo, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve Consent Calendar Item A.

**A. Approval of Minutes**

Approve minutes of the March 26, 2015, Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Co-Sponsorships for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 - Jennifer Hunt**

The Parks and Community Services Commission reviewed the twenty-three Co-Sponsorship applications for fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 totaling an amount of \$40,872 to provide a recommendation to City Council.

The application period was from February 1 through February 28; there is a second filing period from September 1 through September 30. There were 25 applications filed, with 23 eligible to move forward for review and 2 were facility use requests.

Funding for this process is budgeted at \$37,500; the current co-sponsorship request exceeds the budget by \$3,372.

Chairperson Espinoza has recommendations for approval of the co-sponsorship applications, but requested each Commissioner share their thoughts.

Commissioner Tigner recommended a 10% cut of funding for each application as it would be a fair amount and they are viable to the city.

Commissioner Casey agreed with the recommendation Chairperson Espinoza shared with the Commissioners during the workshop.

Commissioner Casey thanked Chairperson Espinoza for taking the lead in this process.

Commissioner Casey feels that each of the activities presented in the co-sponsorship applications are beneficial to the City and add value to what the City is accomplishing through Community Services.

Commissioner Vaquera agreed with the recommendation Chairperson Espinoza shared with the Commissioners during the workshop.

Commissioner Vaquera feels that all of the applicants are worthy of City support and each activity provides a benefit to the City.

Commissioner Bravo felt that each group that applied for co-sponsorship each provides a valuable resource to the community. Each group has a standing in the community, they have a following, and they have made a positive impact in the community through their events.

Commissioner Bravo felt that the Commission has a responsibility to the City Council and to the community to make a fiduciary effort to ensure that we are being responsible with our general fund and not haphazardly tapping those funds because we are unable to provide a greater scrutiny on how these allocated funds are handed out.

Commissioner Bravo recommended a 10% cut across the board for all applications as it would be a fair allocation to all of the groups involved and it respects the allocation that has been set forth by the City Council and staff.

Commissioner Coleman clarified that each co-sponsorship application must have at least 50% of the funding for each event for which they are requesting funding.

Commissioner Coleman commended staff on their work on the co-sponsorship process to make it easy for the Parks and Community Services Commission to review.

Commissioner Coleman is pleased with the number of applications submitted because it speaks to Fontana being a city on the move.

Commissioner Coleman agreed with the recommendation Chairperson Espinoza shared with the Commissioners during the workshop and felt that Chairperson Espinoza put a lot of thought into it and it was close to the plan she had been looking at. Each and every applicant is important for our city and our community, but we have an obligation to get the most for what we put into it.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on the Parks and Community Services Commission having had discussion on the co-sponsorship applications several times and looked at each item and each event.

Chairperson Espinoza recommended the following:

1. Deny the Calvary Chapel Easter Picnic because it is a duplicate to similar events being held on Saturday to allow families to be in their homes and to celebrate with their families on Easter Sunday. The event can still be held, but without any City co-sponsorship.
2. Reduce the amount of Calvary Chapel Family Fun Night from \$666 to \$476.
3. Reduce the amount of Fontana Aquatics Club from \$2,146 to \$2,000.
4. Reduce the amount of Black History Parade from \$6,930 to \$5,000.
5. Reduce the amount of Calvary Chapel Family Fun Night from \$666 to \$476. (Different event from No. 2.)

The total amount requested was \$40,872; the City's allocation was \$37,500; there was an overage of \$3,372. With the reductions based on Chairperson Espinoza's recommendation, the overage was reduced to \$420.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera seconded by Commissioner Coleman and passed by a vote of 4-2 with Commissioner Bravo and Commissioner Tigner opposing to recommend approval of the Co-Sponsorship applications totaling an amount of \$37,920 to the City Council for fiscal year July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, with the recommendations made by Chairperson Espinoza.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Casey thanked staff for their work on the co-sponsorship applications and thanked Director Nelson and Manager Hunt for taking the time to meet with him to understand the process.

Commissioner Casey thanked Chairperson Espinoza for providing leadership on this process.

Chairperson Espinoza welcomed City Council Member Jesse Sandoval to the meeting.

Commissioner Vaquera commended Manager Hunt and her staff for their work on the co-sponsorship application process.

Commissioner Vaquera notified all of the applicants that all of the factors into consideration when reviewing the co-sponsorship applications; everyone's ideas are respected and the City Council has the final word.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated all of the 2015 graduates and reminded them to be successful and follow their dreams.

Commissioner Vaquera reminded everyone to be safe out there with summer beginning soon.

Commissioner Vaquera reminded everyone to review the Community Services Brochure for activities.

Commissioner Casey congratulated the Summit High School graduates and his daughter, Tamia Casey, who will be joining her sister, Samantha, in the fall at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the co-sponsorship application process being one of the most important things the Parks and Community Services Commission does all year. The lively conversation and the exchange of ideas is what democracy is all about, taking the vote and moving on.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the great soccer game between Fontana Unified School District and the City of Fontana.

Commissioner Coleman announced the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fontana Community Senior Center on May 20, 2015.

Commissioner Coleman thanked Miss Ruby for the beautiful jacket she was wearing tonight.

Commissioner Tigner congratulated the 2015 graduates.

Commissioner Tigner congratulated the Fontana High School Girls Track and Field Team that won League for the second year in a row.

Commissioner Tigner reminded everyone that the kids will be out of school so everyone drive safely.

Commissioner Vaquera commended his son for being selected as an honorary attendee for the Summit High School Graduation.

Commissioner Bravo thanked staff for the work done on the co-sponsorship applications and for the information provided to him.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on the Inland Empire Explorer show that is on KVCR, Channel 24 on DirectTV. It highlights different events and locations throughout the Inland Empire and they recently highlighted the Mary Vagle Nature Center; and commended Susan Dugas for doing a great job of showcasing one of Fontana's jewels.

Commissioner Bravo attended the Fontana Car Show and encouraged everyone to go to the car show. It was a cool event.

Commissioner Bravo attended the Fontana Prayer Dinner at Sierra Lakes; it was an awesome event and very well attended. Commissioner Bravo commended everyone that put it together.

Commissioner Bravo recommended everyone use the Fontana Community Services Brochure.

Commissioner Bravo announced the production of Alice In Wonderland at the Steelworkers' Auditorium and tickets are going fast.

Commissioner Bravo congratulated the 2015 graduates, especially Fontana Steelers.

Commissioner Espinoza congratulated Rob Bock on his continued recovery.

Commissioner Espinoza congratulated the 2015 graduates; especially her daughter, Amber, who has decided to go to UCSD.

Commissioner Espinoza congratulated the Summit High School Girls' Swim Team who made it to CIF and to Amber who is a finals alternate.

Commissioner Espinoza reminded the graduates to be careful as they celebrate.

Commissioner Espinoza thanked the Ken Hubbs Foundation for selecting her daughter and Alejandro Sandoval as the top athletes from Summit High School.

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

Director Garth Nelson spoke on the importance of the co-sponsorship process and how lucky we are as a community to have dollars to allocate to local non-profit organizations to bring more healthy fun and lifelong memory opportunities to the community.

Director Nelson thanked the Parks and Community Services Commission for their time, deliberation and review of the co-sponsorship applications; he thanked Commissioner Casey and Commissioner Bravo for personally meeting with him and having the opportunity to present the process to them.

Director Nelson commented that although Commissioner Goni did not participate in the vote because she is absent tonight, she did participate in previous conversations and participated in the workshop and was able to give some suggestions and make some recommendations.

Director Nelson commended Manager Hunt for leading the effort on this process without Rob Bock or Bianca Morales to help.

Director Nelson asked the Parks and Community Services Commissioners to notify him or staff if they have any suggestions or recommendations regarding the co-sponsorship application process.

Director Nelson spoke on the fun and competitive 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fontana Unified School District versus City of Fontana Soccer Game Fundraiser and commended Michael Wright and Geneo Ferrar for their work on organizing the city's team and Jennifer Hunt and Kristy Samples for their marketing of the event. He also thanked the cheerleaders, bands, and parents.

Director Nelson spoke on being on the verge of kicking off a great summer and getting new young people onto staff.

Chairperson Espinoza thanked her fellow Commissioners for all the help and support they give her.

Chairperson Espinoza thanked staff for all of their work.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on the talent the Fontana High School and Summit High School cheerleaders have.

Chairperson Espinoza wished everyone a good night.

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco praised staff for some events held last week that included the Art Showcase and Teen Talent Show showcased art from all of the after school programs and middle school students participated in a talent show; the Sunshine Club held a Mother's Day event at the Heritage Center.

Manager Orozco announced that now is the time to register for the Summer Day Camps.

Manager Orozco announced that the Tiny Tots is now accepting applications.

Manager Orozco announced that a Lifesaver Recognition Award will be presented to After School CSA, Megan Yanez.

Manager Orozco wished everyone a good evening.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright thanked everyone who participated in the Fontana Unified School District versus City of Fontana Soccer Fundraiser Game, the team participants and sponsors; it was a great collaboration between the school district and the city. He especially thanked Oliver Wong Ah Sun, Shannon Miller, and Tawny Bleeker.

Manager Wright spoke on the Aqua Prom being held a week from tomorrow it is \$5 and a high school ID to participate.

Manager Wright announced that swim lesson registration is now open.

Manager Wright announced that season passes are available for the community pools.

Manager Wright thanked Commissioner Coleman for mentioning the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fontana Community Senior Center and invited the community to come and celebrate.

Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt thanked the Parks and Community Services Commissioners for their work on the co-sponsorship application process.

Manager Hunt announced the Relay For Life event at Summit High School on Saturday, May 16, 2015.

Manager Hunt announced the Veteran's Housing and Transportation Expo at the Fontana Community Senior Center on Thursday, May 22, 2015.

Manager Hunt spoke on the first inaugural youth theater group event, Alice In Wonderland, being hosted by the City of Fontana. There were 300 children that auditioned.

Manager Hunt spoke on missing Rob Bock and happy that he is recovering well at home and commended the Commissioners for their support of Rob.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on wearing their Rob Bock t-shirts when he returns to work.

City Clerk Lewis spoke on the soccer game being a great event.

City Clerk Lewis spoke on the Fire Museum being ready in time for the parade.

City Clerk Lewis spoke on a mini-documentary on the Pepper Street Museum.

Commissioner Vaquera invited everyone to the Relay For Life.

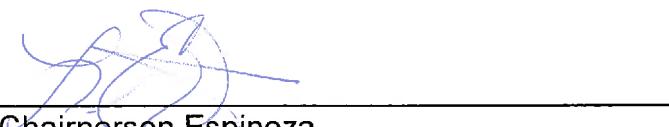
#### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS:**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. to the Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, May 28, 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 Espinoza