

**CITY OF FONTANA  
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 28, 2015  
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, May 28, 2015, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda and discuss the Fontana Community Senior Center. Chairperson Espinoza, Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Casey, Commissioner Coleman, and Commissioner Goni were present.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, May 28, 2015, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chairperson Espinoza, followed by an Invocation given by Commissioner and Pastor Samuel Casey and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Goni.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chair Espinoza, Secretary Goñi, and Commissioners Bravo, Casey, and Coleman.

Absent: Commissioner Tigner and Commissioner Vaquera

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Parks and Landscape Supervisor Erick Garwick; Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco; Community Services Manager Michael Wright; Community Services Supervisor Kristy Samples; Community Services Coordinator Jason Hendrix; Community Services Supervisor Tiffany Starks; Community Services Coordinator Ana Casillas; Community Services Coordinator Jessica Gandara; Community Services Supervisor Mariana Mitchell; City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

**A. Introduction of New Community Services Team Members**

New Community Services Team Members were introduced as follows:

Ana Casilla, Coordinator in Cultural Arts; Estella Ontiveros, Coordinator in the After School Program; Albert Sida, KFON; and Harriet Myers, Senior Administrative Aide.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

Amanda Segura spoke on how happy she is for all that the City of Fontana does for the Sunshine Club.

Adrian Armendarez thanked staff that works for Fontana; he appreciates all the programs for the special needs community like the Art Depot, Acting Class, Sunshine Club, Sparks. Mr. Armendarez presented Commissioner Goni with a custom shirt he designed.

Martha Prada thanked the City of Fontana for all the programs for the community with disabilities; her son goes to every event. She is thankful for the workshops for parents with kids with disabilities; they keep them informed and educated. Ms. Prada thanked Commissioner Goni for taking the time to talk to her. She requested that those programs not be taken away.

Chairperson Espinoza informed Ms. Prada that it is not in the foreseeable future to have any programs taken away. If that information is being given to her, then they are misinformed.

Chairperson Espinoza let Ms. Prada know that the programs work because of parents like her.

Director Nelson suggested staff provide an overview of the Disabilities Services Programs and they will invite members of Sparks and Sunshine Club to come and speak.

Director Nelson spoke on focusing on trainings and enhancing already existing programs being done.

Commissioner Goni spoke on parents being advocates for their children. There are better outcomes when parents work and communicate with City employees. She commended Eydee Jimenez for listening to her about providing programming for special needs; and thanked Manager Orozco for hearing her cries and stepping up to the plate. Thanks to them there is much better programming. She applauded the parents because children are doing what they do because of them.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Casey, and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve Consent Calendar Items "B-C". Consent Calendar Item A was pulled from the agenda.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Director Nelson spoke on the Commission Assignments; there are a few slots to fill and the assignments will be distributed. Each request was accommodated and there are still a few slots to fill.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Special Events Update-Jennifer Hunt**

Community Services Supervisor Kristy Samples provided an update on special events held in April as follows:

- April 4, 2015 Easter events throughout the city at Don Day Center in partnership with Great Commission Baptist Church; Cypress Center at Seville Park in partnership with City Link from Water of Life Church; and Jessie Turner in partnership with Summit Water of Life Church.
- April 10, 2015, Fontana Car Show, thanks to the presenting sponsor, Sneidner's Collision Centers and Corporate Sponsor, Caremore.
- April 23, 2015, CAP Resource Fair co-sponsored with Water of Life Church Community Assistance Program.

Supervisor Samples provided an update on upcoming events in June as follows:

- June 4-7, 2015, Fontana Days Festival
- June 6, 2015, Fontana Days Parade, steps off at Sierra and Arrow
- June 6, 2015, Fontana Days Run
- June 11, 2015, Summer Concerts Series begins at Miller Park
- June 12, 2015, Fontana Car Show
- June 19 and 26, 2015, Dive In Movies at Heritage Pool

For more info is available at [FontanaRecreation.org](http://FontanaRecreation.org) or by calling 909.349.6900

Chairperson Espinoza is excited that Fontana Days is here.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on the Fontana Car Show is an awesome event and recommends that everyone go.

Director Nelson notified the community that the Fontana Car Show will be the second Friday in June because of Fontana Days and in July because of the 4th of July holiday.

**B. Community Services Department Summer 2015 Presentation – Kristy Samples – Oral Presentation**

Community Services Supervisor Kristy Samples provided a presentation on the Community Services Department Summer 2015 programs and events.

There are eight summer camps this year, with a new one at the Don Day Center.

In collaboration with the Fontana Unified School District, the City of Fontana is offering the "Let's Move Outside" a free youth recreation program with a lunch and snack at 17 sites throughout the city.

The Summer Concerts Series provides live entertainment each week for all ages.

Pools open at five aquatic facilities in Fontana. There is recreational swim and swim lessons available as well as aquatic events.

Other events scheduled in the summer include the Fontana Car Show, the Fontana Days Run, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Celebration, and the Fontana Arts Festival.

The community is invited to get outside, get inspired, and get involved.

For more info is available at [FontanaRecreation.org](http://FontanaRecreation.org) or by calling 909.349.6900

Commissioner Coleman commended staff on the quad-fold easy access calendar. It is the insert in the summer brochure.

Commissioner Espinoza is excited for the Summer Concerts Series, those are her favorite!

**C. Fontana Teen Programs Update – Aaron Orozco**

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

There were several activities and events that took place at various locations across the City of Fontana including the following:

- Dodgeball Tournament on February 6, 2015, with 14 teams of 5 players.
- Sweetheart Social on February 13, 2015, with 187 participants.
- Happiness Sprinkling with fifteen teens from Summit, AB Miller, Jurupa Hills, and Fontana High provided visual reminders of joy, compassion and celebration. They received over 100 honks of appreciation.
- The Teen Summit on Anti-Bullying at Summit High School; this year, a parent track was added. Additional sponsors included the Fontana Unified School District, Reach Out, Molina Health Care and the After School Program.
- California Parks and Recreation Society Award of Excellence Creating Community Through Youth Development 2014 was awarded to the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council for the Anti-Bullying Summit.
- Spring Break Teen Break was held March 23-26, 2015, at Jack Bulik.
- MYAC members presented on "How to Bully Proof Your Community" at the Southern California Teen Coalition Teen Summit.
- Inland Empire Team Coalition Teen Summer Bash was held in collaboration with the cities of Fontana, Claremont, Colton, Chino, Ontario, and Rancho Cucamonga on May 1, 2015.
- Teen Talent Show was held on May 8, 2015, at Steelworkers' Auditorium.
- Enrichment Classes, Drop-In, and Resource Rooms are available at Jessie Turner and Heritage.

Upcoming events include Teen Summer Camp, and the Summer Excursion Series.

More information is available at [youth.fontana.org](http://youth.fontana.org) or by calling 909.349.6984.

Commissioner Goni attended the teen talent show that was really great. The kids were very talented and it was an awesome collaborative event.

Discussion was held on how the various events are marketed to target teens; they include social media, teens share, contests, marketing at the schools, and MYAC members spread the word, copartnership with the school district and after school programs and lunch time rallies, and Fontana Unified School District helps with posting information on their pages.

Discussion was held on dodge ball for adults; it was offered in the past, but it did not have a big response. This is the first time it was offered with teens. Commissioner Bravo requested dodge ball for adults; Manager Wright will follow up with staff on it.

Commissioner Espinoza is sad that her daughter is no longer a MYAC member, but Coordinator Hendrix invited her to come back and speak.

Commissioner Espinoza shared that her daughter, Amber, was given a great deal to study at Chaffey College for two years; she will then transfer to San Diego, so she can continue to volunteer.

**D. Let's Move Outside and Seamless Summer Feeding Program-Aaron Orozco**

Manager Orozco introduced Community Services Coordinator Jessica Gandara to provide a preview of the Let's Move Outside and Seamless Summer Feeding Program.

The United States Department of Agriculture is providing the funding to the Fontana Unified School District to provide free physical activities and healthy lunches during the summer.

There will be 10 weeks of service that conclude on July 31, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with activity times varying per site.

Physical activities will be provided free of charge at 17 locations across the city – 9 parks, 5 high schools, 2 elementary schools, and the Boys and Girls Club of Fontana.

More information is available at the City of Fontana or the Fontana Unified School District.

Discussion was held on the times of the physical activities; all programs will be “drop in” programs and there will be sign in sheet.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on the awesome programs and it is a useful assistance; it lets kids be active, safe, watched and get a good lunch.

Discussion was held on the number of meals served and the goal to increase them by 10%.

Discussion was held on the marketing campaign and “normalizing” the food program so more can take advantage of it. The Let’s Move Outside is very popular and it should bring in more people.

Discussion was held on the additional grants applied for to include a supper meal.

Discussion was held on this program being specific to provide lunches.

Commissioner Bravo believes it is a great program and would love to help out.

Chairperson Espinoza commented that it’s a fantastic program; she saw the banners and staff does a great job.

Manager Orozco announced that Jessica Gandara accepted another position with another agency.

#### **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Goni spoke on all of the things happening and coming up.

Commissioner Goni announced that the concerts in the park series begin on June 11, 2015, with Bumptown performing.

Commissioner Goni shared the Community Services brochure.

Commissioner Goni reminded everyone to be cautious with kids on the streets and be cautious of pedestrians in crosswalks.

Commissioner Goni congratulated her goddaughter, Stephanie Avenido, who graduated from AB Miller.

Commissioner Goni sent her condolences to Larry and Julietta Housley, the parents of Dana Housley, an Etiwanda High School student that recently passed. She will be praying for them.

Director Nelson suggested adjourning tonight’s meeting in memory of Dana Housley.

Commissioner Casey welcomed new staff.

Commissioner Casey congratulated the class of 2015.

Commissioner Casey feels blessed with the Sunshine Club members’ presentation.

Commissioner Casey wished everyone an enjoyable summer.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on the presentation by the Sparks Club members was one of the best presentations he has seen as a Commissioner; that is one of the reasons he wanted to become a Commissioner again. That is what you strive for in wanting to serve your community; it is not only for those that benefit, but seeing their family and friends benefit.

Commissioner Bravo extended appreciation for the work and advocacy for this community.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on everyone waiting for the concerts in the park and the lineup is the best. Everyone will have a great time and encouraged everyone to plan ahead and attend these concerts. He is looking forward to being there.

Commissioner Bravo congratulated the Class of 2015.

Commissioner Bravo reminded everyone to be cautious out there with more kids on the streets and in the parks; especially at night and at dusk. He reminded parents keep an eye on their kids.

Commissioner Bravo sent prayers to the Housley family and friends.

Commissioner Coleman heard that Dana Housley's family has donated her organs.

Commissioner Coleman announced that Rob Bock is walking three times a day for 40 minutes each time. He is still taking a lot of pills and traveling to LA, but he sounds in good spirits and the Commissioners will wear the t-shirts when he returns.

Commissioner Coleman attend the Cx3 meeting with Chairperson Espinoza and learned that the bicycle patrol is really doing a lot with Pacific Electric trail and it was a great meeting.

Commissioner Coleman announced that the Fontana Community Senior Center 5 year celebration was well attended.

Commissioner Coleman congratulated Commissioner Casey and Chairperson Espinoza on their high school graduates.

Commissioner Coleman is looking forward to Fontana Days!

Commissioner Coleman thanked staff for their dedication.

City Clerk Lewis congratulated Amber Espinoza for being an outstanding athlete; she will do well and is a darling girl.

City Clerk Lewis invited the community to the Fire Station Museum Opening on June 6, 2015, from 10:00 to 2:00; everyone needs to see the museum. She commended Bob Green for all of the work he has put into the museum.

City Clerk Lewis welcomed new team members; she will enjoy working with them very much.

City Clerk Lewis was very proud to share that the Herald News printed a picture of her dad who came up with the National Hen Derby.

City Clerk Lewis congratulated her granddaughter Tonia for graduation from Corrections Officer Academy.

City Clerk Lewis sent her condolences to the Housley family.

Chairperson Espinoza sent her condolences to the Housley family.

Chairperson Espinoza thanked Amanda, Adrian, Martha and Adrian's girlfriend for visiting tonight.

Chairperson Espinoza commended Adrian on his talent.

Chairperson Espinoza congratulated the new team members.

Chairperson Espinoza wished God's blessing on the 2015 graduates and their parents.

Chairperson Espinoza congratulated her nephew who is going to high school next year.

Chairperson Espinoza thanked everyone that takes the time and effort for Fontana residents to be able to enjoy all of the events.

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

Supervisor Kristy Samples spoke on this being the best time of the year for Community Services and appreciates the Commissioners' support.

Supervisor Samples is excited that the Fontana Run is sold out.

Supervisor Samples reminded everyone about the Fontana Days Run, the Fontana Days Parade and the Fontana Days Festival at Veteran's Park.

Supervisor Samples announced that summer camps and swim lesson registration is ongoing; anyone interested can call Community Services for available spots.

Supervisor Samples thanked her team, management and the Commissioners for their support.

Manager Michael Wright is very excited to announce that pools will be open this weekend.

Manager Wright reminded the community to check the Community Services brochure or visit [fontana.org](http://fontana.org) to get pool times and locations. A season pass is \$50 per person, or family of 4 for \$160.

Manager Wright announced that Peewee T-ball registration opens June 1, 2015; it is \$40 for residents and encourages everyone to register early.

Manager Wright announced that the Senior Softball Club will be participating in Senior Games on June 5 and 6, 2015, in Glendora, and will play against other teams in Southern California and he wished them good luck!

Manager Wright announced that the Senior Center is very active and very lively on a regular basis with so many activities.

Manager Wright thanked staff for making the five year anniversary so good. He is very proud of the great job staff did.

Manager Wright congratulated the 2015 graduates and reminded them to have a safe and sober graduation.

Manager Wright congratulated Richard on finishing his 4<sup>th</sup> grade year!

Manager Orozco expressed thanks to the Sunshine Club families for sharing with the community what they are experiencing. These past few months have been exciting for programs offered to them and staff has done an amazing job in working with the families recognizing what is important to them.

Manager Orozco expressed thanks to Commissioner Goni for holding staff accountable for staying committed to the special needs community.

Manager Orozco invited Commissioners to attend the social recreation group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month from 6:45 to 8:45 at Heritage Community Center; the community is also welcome to attend or to volunteer.

Manager Orozco spoke on the summer programs, summer day camps that begin on Monday with limited space available.

Manager Orozco announced that Community Services Supervisor Mariana Mitchell will be promoting to a position in the Human Resources Department.

Manager Orozco announced that Jamie Bumia is being promoted to Community Services Supervisor.

Director Garth Nelson commended the summer programming team for their work; we are very fortunate to have some great young new people joining the team.

Director Nelson asked that Fran Givens be kept in our thoughts and prayers as she had a serious surgery this past weekend. Fran is a senior advocate.

Director Nelson sent prayers to his family and friend in Texas who have had 29 straight days of rain.

Director Nelson recognized Mariana Mitchell for her time and contributions to the department; he believes she was instrumental in the city still providing the after school program through the city. He wished her good luck.

Director Nelson congratulated Jessica Gandara on her new position with the City of Chino Hills.

Director Nelson congratulated Jamie on her new appointment.

Director Nelson hopes to see everyone at the Fontana Race.

Director Nelson notified the Parks and Community Services Commissioners that if they need anything, Harriet will be supporting them.

Director Nelson congratulated staff on their new positions.

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

Parks and Landscape Supervisor Erick Garwick commended Jessica Gandara for all of her work in the City.

Supervisor Garwick introduced himself to the Parks and Community Services Commission and provided an overview of everything the Public Works Department does.

Commissioner Goni spoke on the benches at Don Day Center that look very nice with the brown paint.

Discussion was held on addressing water conservation issues such as reducing run off. Everyone is encouraged to call 909.350.6760 or use the Access Fontana app to report anything.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Dana Housley at 8:54 p.m. to the Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, June 25, 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

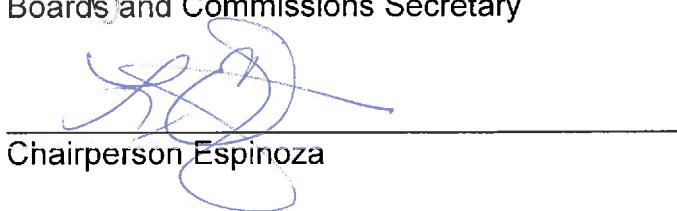
Sierra Avenue, Fontana, CA 92335. Please call the Community Services Office at (909) 349-6904, if you are unable to attend the meeting.



---

Ysela Aguirre

Boards and Commissions Secretary



---

Chairperson Espinoza