

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 25, 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, June 25, 2015, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, receive an update on the FY 2015-2016 Budget and review the Commission Assignment Worksheet and Commission calendar.

Chairperson Espinoza, Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Casey, Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Goñi, Commissioner Tigner, and Commissioner Vaquera were present.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, June 25, 2015, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Chairperson Espinoza, followed by an Invocation given by Pastor Kim Rivas, Templo De Dios and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Vaquera.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None.

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco; Community Services Manager Michael Wright; Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt; Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber; Community Services Supervisor Geneo Farrar; Community Services Coordinator Tara Cloke; City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A. July is Parks & Recreation Month - Jennifer Hunt

Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt presented the Parks and Community Services Commission with the Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation adopted by the City of Fontana City Council.

B. Introduction

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco introduced new Community Services Coordinator, Tiffany Hanke.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, and passed by a vote of 7-0 to approve Consent Calendar Items "A-B". (A. Approve Minutes of May 14, 2015 and May 28, 2015 meetings. B. Public Works Operations report).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Events Update-Jennifer Hunt

Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt provided an update on special events held in May as follows:

- May 1, 2015, Fontana Car Show, Presenting Sponsor Seidner's Collision Centers and Corporate Sponsor Caremore helped the City of Fontana provide the live band, Bumtown, food vendors, and children's activities.
- May 16-17, 2015, Relay for Life, a co-sponsorship event with the American Cancer Society, raised \$58,000 to help stop cancer and find a cure.

Manager Jennifer Hunt provided an update on upcoming events in July as follows:

- July 4, 2015, 4th of July Celebration will be held at Fontana High School. Tickets are available at Don Day Community Center, Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center, and Community Services offices for \$4 per person. They will also be available at the Summer Concert event.
- July 9, 2015, Suave will perform at the Summer Concert Series
- July 16, 2015, Journey, LTD, will perform at the Summer Concert Series
- July 23, 2015, Surf's Up, The Beach Boys Tribute Band, will perform at the Summer Concert Series.
- July 10, 2015, Fontana Car Show
- July 25, 2015, Fontana Arts Festival

Chairperson Espinoza commended staff on their report.

B. Cypress Program Update 2015

Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber introduced Community Services Coordinator Tara Cloke to provide an update on the Cypress Community Center Program.

Coordinator Cloke shared information on the special events held at the Cypress Community Center that included the annual Halloween event at Seville Park the Eat and Be Well event; Sparks Club programming and special events that included the Inclusive Acting class, prom, and new classes being added for individuals with special needs; contract classes that include Zumba, Ballet/Tap, Praise Dancing, Cake Decorating, as well as new classes being added; Preschool Programs; Youth Programs; Summer Day Camp; Community Gardens; Facility Reservations; and Partnerships.

The Cypress Neighborhood Center plays a valuable role within the Fontana community and will continue to provide quality events, classes, resources and other services for our residents.

Discussion was held regarding the Sparks Club and having bilingual staff for Spanish speaking families; staff is working hard to ensure that all families are served.

Manager Orozco shared that there are currently bilingual staff available to help communicate with Spanish speaking families and shared new ideas on communicating with them on the new enhancements; there are 191 participants and everything is being done to reach out to them and welcome them.

Discussion was held on the number of garden plots available in the community garden; there are 42 that are rented on a yearly basis and have been sold out for 10 years. The garden provides a sense of community and is a very enriching activity.

Discussion was held on marketing of the Movie Night at the Cypress Community and Nature Center and the Dive In Movie at the Heritage Center.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on visiting the Cypress Community Center for a meeting and noted that Cypress Center is a very well maintained building and everyone is so professional at the desk; it was a pleasure to visit.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on being blessed to live in Fontana with all the things available for little or no cost.

C. Adult Sports Update 2015 – Michael Wright

Community Services Manager Michael Wright introduced Community Services Supervisor Geneo Farrar to provide an Adult Sports Update.

Supervisor Farrar shared the benefits of participating in adult sports programs in an organized social setting in which they can enjoy regular physical fitness activities.

Supervisor Farrar shared the activities offered which included basketball, softball, soccer, roller hockey, masters swim team, and drop-in water polo.

The City of Fontana Adult Sports Program serviced over 16,500 individuals in the past year including 2,681 participants, 189 teams, and 13,900 spectators.

Commissioner Coleman asked about a ladies basketball team; Staff responded that there is currently not one available.

Commissioner Bravo commended staff on the great presentation.

Discussion was held on a City employee softball team; there is currently not one available, but there is a Senior Center team comprised of senior participants.

Discussion was held on the City of Fontana offering expanded sports programs and how we compare to other cities. There's a perception that we overshadow other cities in the area.

Discussion was held on the skateboard competitions that are held by the skate park managers, Action Park Alliance, and skating lessons.

Director Nelson will schedule Action Park Alliance to give a presentation at a future meeting.

Commissioner Tigner would like to see the skateboarders enter into our city parades and let everyone know we have it available. Supervisor Farrar will follow up on the suggestion.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on taking her granddaughter every morning on skates and that it was a "state-of-the-art" facility.

Chairperson Espinoza welcomed school Board Member Mathew Slowik.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Tigner, seconded by Commissioner Casey, and passed by a vote of 7-0 to accept staff reports for items A-C.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Goni wished everyone a good evening.

Commissioner Bravo congratulated fellow Commissioner, Karen Coleman, for being honored by the California Parks and Recreation Society for the Community Champion

Award and was recognized by the City Council last week; a testament to the amount of time and effort she invests in the community.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on no one in Fontana having an excuse to say there is nothing to do in Fontana; this is one of the most exciting times to be a part of Fontana.

Commissioner Casey congratulated staff for the excellent programs it puts on for the City.

Commissioner Casey requested that we continue praying for the victims of Charleston, South Carolina, Emanuel AME Church,; Hon. Rev. Clementa Pinckney, Rev. Sharonda Singleton, Ethel Lance, Susie Jackson, DePayne Middleton Myra Thompson, Tywanza Sanders, Cynthia Hurd, and Daniel Simmons who lost their lives in an evil act of terrorism and racism.

Commissioner Casey announced that Aquanetta Mayor will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting along with Chief Rod Jones to discuss safety and concerns in light of the Charleston shooting, at the Fontana Senior Center at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Tigner had no comment.

Commissioner Coleman appreciates being a part of Parks and Community Services and cannot believe all of the things offered and all of the time and effort staff puts into organizing everything.

Commissioner Coleman is grateful for having Commissioner Bravo here as a co-cheerleader.

Commissioner Coleman thanked everyone for their congratulations.

Commissioner Coleman encouraged everyone to be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated staff that moved on to other places and welcomed new staff.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked staff for all of their great work.

Commissioner Vaquera invited everyone to go to the parks.

Commissioner Vaquera invited everyone to the 4th of July event at Fohi.

Commissioner Vaquera invited everyone to the game at Summit high school Friday and Saturday.

Commissioner Bravo shared that he was scheduled to attend the Tiny Tots graduation, but arrived late, but he did get a chance to see all of the activity, courteous staff, programming, and how busy the place was. It was awesome to see the energy in the room. He received lots of compliments and requests to not change anything. It was an example of how good we've got it.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on Calvary Chapel food kitchen lunch that used to be held at Rosena; and the Soup Kitchen at Living Way with Pastor David, Marylou, and Arthur Adams.

Chairperson Espinoza thanked staff for their work on Fontana Days; it was an awesome event.

Chairperson Espinoza congratulated Commissioner Coleman.

Chairperson Espinoza asked that everyone please pray for the world and for anyone that has problems; we need to unite and be together. We cannot have hatred in our hearts.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMENTS:

Community Services Director Garth Nelson shared the Community Services Department Fact Sheet.

Director Nelson acknowledged that Community Services Department success starts with involved residents; an amazing City Council; creative City Manager, and a Commission to guide us.

Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt shared some of the numbers on the fact sheet.

Manager Hunt congratulated staff and thanked the Commission for their support.

Manager Hunt thanked her staff and KFON staff for their support.

Manager Hunt announced that the Fontana Days Run had 2,100 people participate.

Manager Hunt spoke on Parks and Recreation making life better in Fontana.

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco invited everyone to participate in the community events; especially skate night.

Manager Orozco announced that cooling centers are available at Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center, Heritage Neighborhood Center, Cypress Neighborhood Center, and Don Day Neighborhood Center.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright invited everyone to participate in Dive In Movies.

Manager Wright reminded everyone about the Family Fun Nights at Don Day, Heritage and Miller pools.

Manager Wright announced that adult soccer is now accepting registrations.

Manager Wright thanked Commissioner Coleman all of her hard work and congratulated her on her award.

City Clerk Toni Lewis congratulated Commissioner Coleman for all of her community involvement.

City Clerk Lewis invited everyone to the Fontana Historical Society potluck meeting on Saturday, June 27, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at Cypress Neighborhood Center with guest speaker, Jeff Stagg, a local historian.

Chairperson Espinoza sent her son greetings.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. to the Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, July 23, 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