

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 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, February 26, 2015, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda. Secretary Espinoza, Commissioners Goñi, Rowland, Tigner and Vaquera were present.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, February 26, 2015, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Interim-Chairperson Espinoza, followed by an Invocation given by Pastor Arthur Adams and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco; Community Services Manager Michael Wright; Community Services Supervisor Kristy Samples; Community Services Coordinator Bianca Morales; Community Supervisor Karen Gerber; Community Services Coordinator Doug Johnson; TV Production Specialist Anthony Sarinana; City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A. Planning Commission Reorganization

Director Garth Nelson introduced Secretary Espinoza who will lead tonight's meeting as Commissioners Quiroga and Rowland have been appointed to the Planning Commission.

Director Nelson introduced Carlos Bravo and Pastor Samuel Casey who were appointed to the Parks and Community Services Commission and were present in the audience. They will both be sworn in next month.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Carlos Bravo requested rental information on the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Community Center. He commented that it is one of the jewels in the City of Fontana and everyone needs to go see it and to be at an event inside of it is amazing. It is truly an example of what this city can accomplish in planning, development, building and execution. He asked if there was any opportunity for hardship rentals for someone that cannot easily afford this facility. Mr. Bravo asked about a business referral process with other organizations so that local business can market their goods for use at these facilities – as part of an extension to “Shop Fontana”

Mr. Bravo requested information on whether there is any degree of partnership between KFON and KFUSD for technology services, camera use, editing, etc. and whether there are any internship programs for students interested in production and visual arts. Is there any Community Access programming for KFON.

Mr. Bravo announced that Mia Sanchez, a Jr. Lady Steeler Softball Team member at Fontana High School and St. George Church member, was recruited by and accepted scholarship to attend Eastern Kentucky University to play softball. He congratulated Mia, her mother Tina, and the entire Sanchez family and wished her good luck!

Commissioner Espinoza acknowledged City Councilmember Jesse Sandoval and Fontana School Board member Mary Sandoval in the audience.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

A. Approval of Minutes

Approve minutes of the January 22, 2015, Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting.

B. Public Works Operations – Parks and Landscape Division Monthly Report

C. Fontana Art Association Quarterly Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Events Update – Bianca

Community Services Director Garth Nelson introduced Community Services Coordinator Bianca Morales to provide an update on special events held in December and upcoming events in March as follows:

- Tree Lighting Ceremony, December 3, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Steelworkers' Auditorium
- Christmas Parade, December 13, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. down Sierra Avenue from Arrow.
- Festival of Winter, December 13, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Miller Park.

Upcoming events in March:

- The Fontana Car Show begins on March 6, 2015, at City Hall
- Thank a Shero event on March 21, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Fontana Senior Center to honor female military personnel. Cosponsored with the Veteran's Resource Center.

Discussion was held on who was invited to participate. It is a resource fair style event and anyone is welcome to attend. There will be some speakers, but no formal ceremony.

Commissioner Vaquera spoke on the beautiful Christmas event. He enjoyed riding the train. He saw a lot more people than last year and the streets were packed. People are catching on that it's a fun opportunity. Next year will be an even better event and he thanked staff for doing a great job.

Commissioner Espinoza was happy it did not rain at this year's Christmas event, it was really nice. Everyone involved did a fantastic job.

Director Nelson announced that Supervisor Rob Bock continues to be very ill and asked everyone to keep him in thoughts and prayers. Mr. Bock loves to hear from everyone.

Director Nelson thanked Bianca for doing double duty on Rob's behalf. There is a lot of planning going on for the summer and Bianca has been working really hard as she prepares for maternity leave.

B. Jessie Turner and Heritage Facility Overview 2013-2014

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco introduced Community Supervisor Karen Gerber and Community Services Coordinator Doug Johnson for an Overview of the Jessie Turner and Heritage facilities.

Director Nelson commented that a detailed rental facilities report was shared at the January Parks and Community Services Commission meeting. That information will be shared with Mr. Carlos Bravo.

Coordinator Johnson provided a report on the classes offered, rentals, summer camp, special events, fitness room, gymnasium, and resource room.

Supervisor Gerber addressed questions brought forward by Carlos Bravo during Public Communication.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the community centers working with the public by being available for her high school reunion committee to meet in the Senior Center courtyard without having to reserve the facility. The committee members were amazed by the beautiful facility.

Commissioner Espinoza spoke on Fontana staff doing a great job and being very accommodating with the aquatic center.

C. KFON Programming Update

Garth introduced TV Production Specialist Anthony Sarinana for a KFON Programming Update.

Specialist Sarinana reported on KFON responsibilities, personnel, accomplishments, social media, and access to KFON.

Specialist Sarinana addressed questions brought forward by Carlos Bravo during Public Communication.

Discussion was held on emergency announcements.

Discussion was held on non-profits announcing on the "Community Bulletin" without a fee.

Discussion was held on only the City of Fontana services i.e. how to license dogs, Public Works, and programming, being announced and not for businesses.

Discussion was held on using social media as a teaser for what can be seen on KFON.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Tigner, seconded by Commissioner Goni, and passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0 to approve items "A-C" presented under New Business.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Goni congratulated the Commissioners that will join the Parks and Community Services next month.

Commissioner Goni spoke on Little League Opening Ceremonies.

Commissioner Goni wished everyone a good and safe evening.

Commissioner Tigner wished Rob Bock the best and hopes to have him back really soon.

Commissioner Tigner congratulated the new appointees.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the Senior Center being so beautiful. It's like working in a five star hotel and has so much fun there. She commented that anyone can drop in at every center at any time. She also commented that the Mary Vagle Nature Center is a beautiful facility.

Commissioner Coleman wished Rob Bock well.

Commissioner Coleman commended Commissioner Espinoza on the great job she did tonight.

Commissioner Vaquera wished Rob Bock well.

Commissioner Vaquera wished Planning Commissioners Quiroga and Rowland well.

Commissioner Vaquera welcomed Samuel Casey and Carlos Bravo.

Commissioner Vaquera reminded everyone to "spring forward" on Sunday, March 8, 2015.

Commissioner Vaquera wished his daughter a happy 23rd birthday.

Commissioner Espinoza thanked Pastor Adams for the invocation.

Commissioner Espinoza spoke on Pastor Adams' church pantry that is open on Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. They provide a good service to the community.

Commissioner Espinoza welcomed Carlos Bravo and Samuel Casey.

Commissioner Espinoza invited the public to the second swim meet hosted by Summit High School at the Fontana Aquatic Center on March 7, 2015.

Commissioner Espinoza wished everyone a good night.

Commissioner Espinoza thanked Commissioner Coleman and Commissioner Vaquera for their help this evening.

City Clerk Tonia Lewis announced the National Day of Prayer will be a dinner on Thursday, May 7, 2015, at Sierra Lakes Golf Course. For more information, City Clerk Lewis can be reached at 909.350.7655 or via email at tlewis@fontana.org

City Clerk Lewis informed the public about the markers at the Rose Garden; the office is under renovation until mid-April. If anyone is interested in purchasing a marker or there is a problem, please call 909.350.7655 .

City Clerk Lewis is worried about Rob Bock and hopes he gets better.

City Clerk Lewis welcomed new Commissioners Casey and Bravo.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS:

None.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMENTS:

Director Garth Nelson thanked Commissioner Espinoza for filling in this evening.

Director Nelson congratulated Commissioners Quiroga and Rowland and wished them the best of luck on their appointments to the Planning Commission.

Director Nelson welcomed Commissioners Casey and Bravo.

Director Nelson apologized to Commissioner Tigner for not identifying him as a new reappointed Commissioner and he will participate in the swearing in at the next Parks and Community Services Commission meeting.

Director Nelson thanked Commissioner Tigner for making it here tonight after being under the weather.

Director Nelson apologized to Commissioner Vaquera for not identifying him as a new reappointed Commissioner and he will participate in the swearing in at the next Parks and Community Services Commission meeting.

Director Nelson commented that it is difficult to perform without Rob Bock and hopes he joins us real soon with recovery around the corner.

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco echoed welcomed the new appointees.

Manager Orozco praised staff for producing amazing events this past month including the Teen Summit on Anti Bullying and the Sunshine Club Valentine's event.

Manager Orozco provided a preview of upcoming events, including: the Sunshine Club Chinese New Year celebration; and the Sparks Club Time After Time Prom on March 28, 2015.

Manager Orozco wished Rob Bock well and sent his thoughts and prayers.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright commended Commissioner Espinoza on the great job she did tonight.

Manager Wright welcomed Samuel Casey and Carlos Bravo to the Parks and Community Services Commission.

Manager Wright announced the Black History Parade on Saturday, February 28, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. and it begins at the Home Depot; this is its 47th year and will be held, rain or shine. Mr. Wright encouraged the community to come out and join this North Fontana Concerned Citizens cosponsored event.

Manager Wright announced the Community Little League Opening Day Celebration.

Manager Wright announced that pee wee soccer ends in March.

Manager Wright announced that Roller Hockey registration ends on Friday, February 27, 2015.

Manager Wright announced that Spring Basketball registration begins on March 2 2015.

Manager Wright announced that summer jobs are available, with life guard classes available. Please call 909.854.5111 for more information or details.

Manager Wright wished Rob Bock the best as he misses him.

Community Services Supervisor Kristy Samples congratulated the reappointed and new commissioners.

Supervisor Samples invited community youth to Alice in Wonderland Jr. Auditions on March 5, 2015, at 5:00.

Supervisor Samples invited the community to come out and see Gypsy. Information is available at 909.439.7469.

Supervisor Samples invited the community to the Car Show on March 6, 2015.

Supervisor Samples commented that staff is working to plan a phenomenal summer with fun and entertaining event and the new brochure will be out in mid-April.

Supervisor Samples commented that Summer Camps will begin online registration next month.

Supervisor Samples wished everyone a good evening.

City Clerk Lewis congratulated Commissioner Espinoza on a great job tonight.

City Clerk Lewis announced that in the State of California, elected City Clerks can marry people and she is ready to do it in the beautiful chapel in the Rose Garden with a reception at the Art Depot.

Commissioner Espinoza spoke on participating in the Sprinkle of Happiness event holding up uplifting signs at the corner of Lytle Creek and Summit. She should be done throughout the city. This event was started by Laura Levine, an uplifting speaker.

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. to the Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, March 26, 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


Interim-Chairperson Espinoza