

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 23, 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, April 23, 2015, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda and discuss the Co-Sponsorship Process Review. Chairperson Espinoza, Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Vaquera, Commissioner Goni, and Commissioner Tigner (arrived at 6:25 p.m.) were present.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, April 23, 2015, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson Espinoza, followed by an Invocation given by Pastor Paul Sasis, Be the Message, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Tigner.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Commissioner Bravo and Commissioner Casey

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 Bianca Morales; Community Services Coordinator Tiffany Starks; Visual Arts Coordinator Ana Casillas; Community Services Coordinator Nathan Hunt; Resource Budget Officer Lynn Rogers; City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A. Recognition of Past Commissioners

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized former Parks and Community Services Commissioner Janie Rowland for her six years of service on the Parks and Community Services Commission.

Chairperson Espinoza thanked former Commissioner Rowland for her help and dedication.

Former Commissioner Rowland spoke on having the honor of serving on the Parks and Community Services Commission.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on what a blessing former Commissioner Rowland was to her when she was first appointed to the Parks and Community Services Commission.

Commissioner Goni spoke on how involved former Commissioner Rowland has been in the community and wished her good luck.

Commissioner Tigner spoke on the wonderful friendship he had with former Commissioner Rowland.

Commissioner Vaquera spoke on missing Commissioner Rowland and is glad that she is involved in the City.

Community Services Director Garth Nelson spoke on behalf of the Community Services staff and thanked former Commissioner Rowland for all of her work.

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized former Parks and Community Services Commissioner Quiroga and congratulated him.

Chairperson Espinoza thanked former Parks and Community Services Commissioner Daniel Quiroga for all of his help behind the scenes.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on former Commissioner Quiroga being such a great teacher and the good example he sets for others.

Commissioner Goni spoke on the example that former Commissioner Quiroga sets for those with little differences and prove that they can succeed.

Commissioner Vaquera spoke on former Commissioner Quiroga setting the example for others and thanked him for being his friend.

Former Commissioner Quiroga spoke on visiting his childhood home and knowing that no matter where you go, you remember where you are from. He has been involved with city for a long time, but the Parks and Community Services Commission is where he is from; it is the heart and soul of the community. He felt blessed to have been able to have started on this Commission with these Commissioners.

Director Nelson thanked former Commissioner Quiroga for his commitment and passion and support to the middle school programs and involvement with principals.

Former Commissioners Rowland and Quiroga sent well wishes to Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock.

B. Older Americans Month Proclamation - Michael Wright

Community Services Manager Michael Wright introduced Community Services Supervisor, Tiffany Starks, to introduce the Older Americans Month Proclamation that was adopted in May of 1963.

There are only approximately 28% of seniors over 55 that take care of their health. The Fontana Community Senior Center provides a variety of events and programs for our senior community.

Mayor Warren will proclaim Older American Month on May 20, 2015, during the fifth anniversary celebration of the Fontana Community Senior Center, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 16710 Ceres Ave., Fontana, CA 92335. More information is available by calling 909.854.5151.

C. Employee of the Month – Michael Wright

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Hector Vasquez, Community Services Coordinator, as the employee of the month.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Capital Improvement Program Report – Lynn Rogers

Resource Budget Officer Lynn Rogers provided a report on the Capital Improvement Program and recommended that the Parks and Community Services Commission review and approve the Preliminary 2015/2016-2021/2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget and Determination of Conformance with the General Plan's "Open Space and Recreation Element."

Discussion was held on the changes to the Miller Amphitheater – estimated costs of construction costs increased.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Tigner, and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Preliminary 2015/2016-2021/2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget and Determination of Conformance with the General Plan's "Open Space and Recreation Element."

B. Cultural Arts 2014 Update – Kristy Samples

Community Services Supervisor Kristy Samples introduced Ana Casillas, Visual Arts Coordinator and introduced Community Services Coordinator Nathan Hunt to provide the Cultural Arts Update.

Coordinator Hunt provided the Cultural Arts 2014 Update. The Cultural Arts Division's mission is "...dedicated to enriching the quality of life for the community by providing an opportunity for personal inspiration, artistic expression and appreciation of the arts through events and activities."

The Fontana Arts is a proud recipient of the California League of Cities Helen Putnam Award of Excellence for Economic Development through the Arts which speaks to how the mission was fulfilled.

There are several Cultural Arts venues throughout the city with various programs.

The Art on Exhibit is a professional artist's series; there were 15 artists exhibited and approximately 38,073 visitors in 2014.

Programs offered include art classes, singing, dancing, and a special needs art program. The Leading Educational Art Program (LEAP) is done in conjunction with the Fontana After School Program.

Theatrical performances are held at Steelworkers' Auditorium and Center Stage Theater; there were over 119 theatrical performances and 21,299 in attendance.

Center Stage Theater, Steelworkers' Auditorium and the Art Depot Gallery are available for private rental.

Special engagements bring arts programs out to the community. In 2014, there was The Fontana Arts Festival, Symphony Concert and Jazz 'n Art Celebration.

Partnerships allow connections with more community members; an additional 22,000 community members are impacted through the arts by the partnerships.

Community feedback indicates that over 50% feel they leave an event learning something; and almost 50% feel their personal creativity is encouraged.

An upcoming community youth theater production is Alice in Wonderland, on May 15, 2015, and Saturday, May 16, 2015. Tickets are \$10 each.

Discussion was held on the purchase of tickets for the Alice in Wonderland show. They are available through the Center Stage Theater by visiting the box office from Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; calling 909.429.7469 or online.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on how wonderful the Fontana Arts Festival was last year.

Discussion was held on how long the S.N.A.P program has been active. It has been evolving over the past year and a half; it is held at the Art Depot and at the Cypress Center; and it will continue to evolve over the next year to include the Sunshine Club.

C. Special Events Update-Jennifer Hunt

Community Services Coordinator Bianca Morales provided an update on special events held in March as follows:

- March 6, 2015, Fontana Car Show at City Hall parking lot; it was well received with over 500 spectators and 110 cars on display. The Car Shows will continue through September from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. most first Fridays of the month. The next one is scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2015.
- March 21, 2015, Thank a Shero at the Fontana Community Senior Center. This was a co-sponsored event with the Veteran's Resource Center in support of the Women's Veterans Unity Group. There were 150 in attendance. This is the first year co-hosting this event.

Coordinator Morales provided an update on upcoming events in May as follows:

- May 1, 2015, Fontana Car Show at City Hall, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with Bumtown performing
- May 16-17, 2015, Relay for Life, at Summit High School, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. this is a co-sponsored event with the American Cancer Society.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Goni, seconded by Commissioner Vaquera, and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept items B and C under New Business.

D. Parks & Community Services Commission Program and Services

Assignments - Garth Nelson

Director Nelson provided the Parks and Community Services Commissioners a matrix with the various components and service areas of the Community Services Department and requested each Commissioner consider and select the services areas of their choice for 2015.

This process provides opportunities for individual commissioners to focus and gain a greater understanding of specific programs, activities, challenges and achievements within the Community Services Department.

Staff will contact the two absent Commissioners for their selections.

Commissioners present selected as follows:

Commissioner Vaquera's choices are Aquatics, Sports, Athletic Fields, Miller Fitness Center and Skate parks; and Community Centers – Program, Operations – Disability Services.

Commissioner Coleman's choices are Seniors – Center Programs and Operations, Nutrition, Transportation, Healthy Fontana; and Community Centers - Program (Don Day and Cypress), Operations - Disability Services.

Commissioner Goni's choices are Community Centers - Program (Heritage and Jessie Turner), Operations - Disability Services; and Cultural Arts - Fine Arts, Performing Arts, Marketing.

Commissioner Tigner's choices are Seniors – Center Programs and Operations, Nutrition, Transportation, Healthy Fontana; and Special Events, Nature Center, KFON.

Chairperson Espinoza is open to wherever she is needed and will select after Commissioners Bravo and Casey have chosen their areas.

Director Nelson recognized Jenny Espinoza, Office Assistant, for filling in for Ysela Aguirre tonight.

E. Park and Facilities Tour - Garth Nelson

Director Nelson provided the Parks and Community Services Commissioners various dates available for a park and facilities tour.

Proposed facility tour dates were May 30, 2015; June 13, 2015; June 20, 2015, and June 27, 2015.

Commissioners Coleman, Espinoza, Tigner and Vaquera are available on May 30, 2015.

Commissioners Coleman and Goni are available on June 13, 2015.

Commissioners Coleman and Espinoza are available on June 20, 2015.

Commissioners Goni and Tigner are available on June 27, 2015.

Commissioner Vaquera will check other possible dates he may be available.

The availability of Commissioners Casey and Bravo will be reviewed before a date is selected.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Tigner congratulated Janie Rowland and Daniel Quiroga on their appointments to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Tigner congratulated Hector Vazquez on being selected Employee of the Month.

Commissioner Tigner wished Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock well.

Commissioner Coleman mentioned that the Prom at the Senior Center was marvelous, the decorations were beautiful, the dinner was delicious, and the event was sold out. Melba Kirby was crowned the new queen and David Rosas was crowned the new king.

Commissioner Coleman invited everyone to the Open House next month.

Commissioner Coleman attended a Cx3 meeting with Chairperson Espinoza and learned that more things need to be done on the Pacific Electric Trail so people can feel safe and know that this is a great place to be.

Commissioner Goni spoke on the new Community Services brochure and all of the available events; and commended staff on their work.

Commissioner Goni congratulated Janie Rowland and Daniel Quiroga on their appointments to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Goni congratulated Hector Vazquez on being selected Employee of the Month.

Commissioner Goni wished Rob Bock well and is keeping him in prayer.

Commissioner Goni reminded everyone to be aware of children out and about.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on the Cx3 meeting and the benefits to the community.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on the Senior Prom and how much fun her daughter, Amber, had dancing with Don.

Chairperson Espinoza welcomed Anika to the Community Services team.

Chairperson Espinoza congratulated Hector Vazquez on being selected Employee of the Month.

Chairperson Espinoza wished the best to Planning Commissioner Quiroga and Rowland.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on the wonderful Arbor Day event and commended Rick Dean for his work on the event and all of the third graders who behaved so well.

Chairperson Espinoza wished Rob Bock and his family the best and continues to pray for him.

Chairperson Espinoza wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMENTS:

Director Garth Nelson spoke on Planning Commissioners Quiroga and Rowland's commitment to the City.

Director Nelson is excited with his interactions with Commissioners Bravo and Casey.

Director Nelson commended Hector Vazquez for his commitment to the Community Services department and to the community.

Director Nelson spoke on the job fair and the heavy ongoing recruitment for the summer programs and commended Mike Wright and Aaron Orozco on a job well done.

Director Nelson spoke on co-sponsorships being on the next agenda and requested the Commissioners review the information and to seek staff's assistance on any questions they may have.

Director Nelson thanked Commissioner Goni for mentioning the brochure and commended staff for their work. The brochure is available online.

Community Services Supervisor Kristy Samples thanked everyone for coming out to the fantastic Arbor Day celebration.

Supervisor Samples invited everyone to the upcoming Car Show on May 1, 2015.

Supervisor Samples announced that swim registration and walk-in camp registration begins on May 2, 2015.

Chairperson Espinoza commended Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco and Community Services Manager Michael Wright for their work on the job fair.

Commissioner Goni commended Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco and Community Services Manager Michael Wright on the well-organized job fair.

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco thanked the Commissioners for their compliments on the job fair – all staff contributed to the success.

Manager Orozco congratulated Hector Vazquez on being selected employee of the month.

Manager Orozco spoke on the Sunshine Club visiting the Mary Vagle Nature Center.

Manager Orozco spoke on seeing some amazing registration numbers for the Summer Camps; May 2 is the walk-in registration date.

Manager Orozco invited everyone to the Youth Art Showcase and Talent Show at the Steelworkers' Auditorium on May 8, 2015.

Manager Orozco sent his thoughts and prayers to Rob Bock.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright announced that the middle school sports program is coming to an end and there will be a soccer tournament at Wayne Ruble Middle School on May 2, 2015.

Manager Wright announced Aqua Prom on May 22, 2015, at Fontana Aquatics Center.

Manager Wright announced that swim lesson registration begins on May 2, 2015.

Manager Wright invited everyone to the five year anniversary of the Fontana Community Senior Center on May 20, 2015, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Manager Wright congratulated Hector Vazquez on being selected employee of the month.

Manager Wright congratulated Planning Commissioners Quiroga and Rowland on their appointment.

Manager Wright wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS:

Parks and Landscape Supervisor Erick Garwick spoke on stepping away from the City for a while, but is very appreciative to be back.

Supervisor Garwick congratulated Hector Vazquez on being selected as employee of the month.

Supervisor Garwick spoke on all the work the Public Works Department did at the Mary Vagle Nature Center for the Arbor Day event.

Supervisor Garwick spoke on water conservation that the City of Fontana has been planning for the past eight year. Technology is being used to assist with the monitoring of water usage.

Supervisor Garwick encouraged everyone to continue using Access Fontana.

Supervisor Garwick spoke on the number of trees being planted; for any tree issues please call 909.350.6760

Chairperson Espinoza encouraged everyone to visit the Fontana Community Senior Center and commended staff for their customer service skills.

City Clerk Lewis congratulated Planning Commissioners Quiroga and Rowland on their appointment.

City Clerk Lewis congratulated Hector Vazquez on being selected employee of the month.

City Clerk Lewis apologized to the folks that use the research library on Spring Street, but they will be surprised when they reopen; donations of 1930's office furniture is being requested. If anyone needs information on the Rose Garden or needs to do research, they can contact her for accommodations at 909.350.7655.

City Clerk Lewis continues praying for Rob Bock.

City Clerk Lewis congratulated Chairperson Espinoza for the good job she is doing.

City Clerk Lewis thanked Jenny Espinoza for her help tonight.

Director Nelson spoke on Jenny Espinoza's quick response to his call for assistance.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m. to a Special Meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. then 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
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Boards and Commissions Secretary

Chairperson Espinoza