

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF FONTANA  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 27, 2015, 7:00 PM**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2015, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, discuss the Volunteer Recognition Event, the November and December Parks and Community Services Commission Calendar, Commissioner Contact Protocols, and for a Park and Field Irrigation presentation by Eric Garwick and Dan West.

Chairperson Espinoza, Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Goni, and Commissioner Tigner were present.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, August 27, 2015, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:21 p.m. by Chairperson Espinoza, followed by an Invocation given by Pastor Richard Alvarado, Great Commission Baptist Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Tigner.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: Commissioner Vaquera

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. Historical Society Quarterly Report - Toni Lewis**

City Clerk Toni Lewis provided a Historical Society Quarterly Report which included information on the Fontana Historical Society's mission, the Pepper Street House, the Pagliuso Family Chapel, the Memorial Rose Garden, and Membership.

There will be an Open House at the Pepper Street House on Saturday, October 24, 2015, following the GPAC meeting.

City Clerk Lewis thanked City Council Member Sandoval for his unwavering support of the Fontana Historical Society.

**B. EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH:**

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Nathan Hunt, Community Services Coordinator, Performing Arts, as the employee of the month

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Bianca Morales, Community Services Coordinator and her Special Events team - Lauren Griffen, Samantha Martinez, Julian Castillo, and Ashley Peralta as the employees of the month.

**C. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMUNITY SERVICES TEAM MEMBERS:**

New Community Services Team Members were introduced as follows:

- Community Services Coordinator Taylor Looper, Don Day Community Center
- Community Services Coordinator Rita Rocha, After School Program
- Community Services Coordinator Everett Vigil, After School Program
- Community Services Coordinator Tammy Wilkerson, After School Program

Chairperson Espinoza welcomed the new staff members.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

**A. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

Janet Ryerson and Vicky Jones, Rancho Cucamonga Parks and Recreation Commissioners, invited the Fontana Parks and Community Services Commissioners to the Neighboring Park and Recreation Commissioners and Board Members Event on September 29, 2015.

Vicky Jones shared that an invitation had been extended to cities of Ontario, Chino, Pomona, Chino Hills, San Dimas, Montclair, Rialto, Colton and now Fontana.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Tigner, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve Consent Calendar Items "A-D".

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE – JENNIFER HUNT**

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

- July 4, 2015, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at Fontana High School. Festivities included food vendors, kids' games, photo booths, live entertainment and sky divers. The night ended with an 18-minute firework show.
- July 9, 2015; July 16, 2015; July 23, 2015; and July 30, 2015, Summer Concert Series at Miller Park with bands, Journey, Suave, LTD, and Surf's Up.
- July 10, 2015, Fontana Car Show at City Hall Parking Lot. Sponsors Schneider's Collision Center and Caremore provided live entertainment by Southbound.
- July 25, 2015, Fontana Arts Festival at Fontana Park. Provided interactive arts with 6,500 residents attending.

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

- September 4, 2015, Fontana Car Show at City Hall Parking Lot.
- September 11, 2015, 9-11 Remembrance Event at Steelworkers' Auditorium
- September 19, 2015, Volunteer Appreciation Event at Fontana Aquatics Center

Commissioner Goni spoke on the Fontana Arts Festival having a lot of work put into it to make it happen. She commended Nathan Hunt for doing an awesome job. There were lots of groups with good performances. Nathan deserves to be Employee of the Month.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the unbelievable concerts with the whole park being full of people. It was an amazing summer and a great season. She spoke on the art festival being above and beyond; it was a great experience that took a lot of organization.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on this being the best summer we have had as a city; there was not a moment where there was a sparse crowd. Every event was packed; the community takes advantage of the events and staff is stellar. It is awesome to be a part of this He commended staff for all their work.

Manager Hunt added that Kristy Samples coordinated the Special Olympics Torch Police Department Torch event. It was a great experience for the community members. Everyone was very pleased and happy Fontana was selected to participate in this event.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on the great job staff does for every event; they enjoy the hard work and have big hearts. Staff notices the needs of others.

**B. FONTANA COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER ANNUAL UPDATE – TIFFANY STARKS**

Community Services Supervisor Tiffany Starks introduced Community Services Coordinator Leslie Ramirez, Community Services Coordinator Courtney Hodnick, and Community Services Coordinator Virginia Solis to provide an annual update of the Fontana Community Senior Center.

The center has maintained a membership of 1,300. Areas of service include classes and programs, volunteers, nutrition, rentals, transportation, and resources.

Coordinator Ramirez oversees classes, programs and volunteers at the Senior Center. Participants can explore 58 free clubs; there were 43,160 participants. Dances are offered the second Friday of each month with over 1,400 participants. There were 1,880 participants in special events; 204 participants in 9 excursions, and 21,191 participants in the Fitness Room.

Classes are offered for education, fitness, and lifelong learning. There were 57 classes offered with 2,441 participants, a 39.8% increase in participants.

Coordinator Hodnick oversees the resources and nutrition at the Senior Center. The Nutrition Lunch Program served over 37,000 meals this past year, an average of 150 meals per day and increase of 3.2% this fiscal year due to outreach and marketing.

There are over 132 resources offered through the Senior Center throughout the year including housing, legal assistance, medical aid, hearing aids, and vision. There are 4,900 beneficiaries of these resources.

Coordinator Solis oversees rentals and transportation. The Senior Center can be rented on Friday afternoons, Saturdays, and Sundays for private events. There were 220 total rentals over the past year.

The Transportation Program operates Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. An annual transportation pass is \$30 or, as needed, for \$4 roundtrip. There were 305 passes sold this year, with 46,325 trips – an average of 155 trips per day.

Discussion was held on the scope of the health screenings and the providers that conduct them, which include medical organizations such as Kaiser, Blue Cross, Anthem, and other major health care providers. They provide blood pressure and, diabetes checks. Different organizations come throughout the year and do specific health screenings.

There is a monthly resource calendar that provides information on which screenings are being done on specific dates. It is updated as it changes. Information is available at the Senior Center.

Discussion was held on the legal assistance provided by appointment once a month, the second Monday of every month.

Discussion was held on the grief support group that is held the last Thursday of the month from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright thanked staff for their presentation and added that over the past year, it is estimated that the Senior Center had 170,000 points of contact through transportation, nutrition, classes and programs offered. The transportation program has done almost 350 more trips than anticipated. The program is hoping to add two more buses and replace two of the current vans with type 3 vans; the additional vehicles will allow for more trips to be added. Funding is anticipated through a Federal Transportation Authority Grant.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the Senior Center doing so much every single day for seniors that lose their driver's license or their spouse and their kids being grown.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on his parents' neighbors being an active member of the Senior Center and goes to every event. He commented on the four or five star lunches being served at the Senior Center. He has friends that drive down from Colton and San Bernardino every day for lunch and it speaks to the people outside of Fontana that are fans of our Senior Center.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on his neighbor who recently became a widower and encouraged him to go to the Senior Center and now he is there all day. It is a very valuable service that is provided. There is a community that looks forward to what you provide. You are providing a valuable service; you are all that they have. Thanked them for their work.

#### **C. 2015 SUMMER CAMPS RECAP – KAREN GERBER**

Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber provided the 2015 Summer Camps Recap.

The Community Services Department provided a variety of Summer Day Camps; there were eight camps with Camp Southridge at Don Day Neighborhood Center being added this year.

Traditional Day Camps included Camp Southridge; Camp Imagination; Camp JED; and Camp FIT. Specialty Camps included Nature Discovery Camp at the Mary Vagle Nature Center; Fontana Arts Summer Camp at the Art Depot and Steelworkers' Auditorium; Teen Summer Camp was held at Jack Bulik Teen Center; and Sports Camp.

In addition, Family Fun Nights were held on Wednesdays at the Fontana Park Sports Pavilion.

In collaboration with the Fontana Unified School District, the City of Fontana served Summer Camp participants approximately 24,000 nutritious meals and snacks throughout the city.

Enhancement and planning are well under way for next summer's camps to continue to meet the needs of the Fontana Community.

Commissioner Goni spoke on the diversity of the camps and the exposure to children that they may not have been exposed to without these camps. Her son worked at the summer camp and also learned along with the children.

Commissioner Goni spoke on the Fontana Arts Camp where children learned different mediums and different styles, all in one week with a performance of what they learned at the end of the week. Commissioner Goni commended staff on an exceptional year.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on the summer camps not only being different, but also affordable.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Goni, seconded by Commissioner Casey, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to accept staff reports for items A-C.

#### **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Tigner spoke on so much being said this evening and thanked staff for all they do for Fontana and for the kids and seniors.

Commissioner Coleman invited everyone to a Luau at the Senior Center on Friday, August 28, 2015, from 11:30 to 2:30. There will be games and music.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the CX3 group being such an important group of people of the community looking to make our community better through what they can do as community leaders and residents. She attended the school board meeting to speak on behalf of the group regarding safety measures for the 5 point intersection at Fontana, Merrill, and Oleander Avenues. It is exciting to see leaders from the community emerge; women who have been home with children for years and did not realize they had a voice. Jack Bulik Group is working on that. The Cypress Center has an emphasis on enhancing transportation on the Pacific Trail - making it feel safe and inviting. They meet the last Wednesday of the month at 9:00 at the Cypress Community Center and at 4:30 at the Jack Bulik Teen Center. They are a small group open to the public, but all great things start with small grassroots groups.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on being proud to be a citizen of Fontana.

Commissioner Casey saluted and honored staff for their amazing job at making this community one that can be modeled after; Rancho Cucamonga wants to learn from us.

Commissioner Bravo invited everyone to the 9/11 Memorial Remembrance on Friday, September 11, 2015, at 10:00 at Steelworkers' Auditorium; and the Veteran's Tribute on November 11, 2015, at the Memorial Rose Garden.

Commissioner Bravo shared the new Fontana Community Services Brochure with the Farmer's Market on the cover; there are two Farmer's Markets – one at Sierra and Arrow and one at Cherry and Live Oak, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Bravo thanked the Commissioners from Rancho Cucamonga for their invitation to the Round Table meeting. Collaboration in any regard is good and hopes all the Commissioners will attend.

Commissioner Bravo congratulated Nathan, Bianca, Lauren, Samantha, Julian, and Ashley on being selected employee of the month.

Commissioner Bravo congratulated Taylor, Rita, Everett, and Tammy that were promoted within Community Services.

Commissioner Bravo thanked Mayor Warren, City Council, Supervisor Rutherford, the community, and staff that have extended their condolences on the passing of his father on August 12, 2015.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on his dad's public service to his church and the Gents Organization. He is the reason he is so involved in his community and politically active. He told him if you are not out helping people, what good are you.

Chairperson Goni spoke on having a lot of reports, a lot of different updates, a lot of information that was given to the Commission, and she thanked staff and congratulated the employees of the month and the newly promoted employees.

Commissioner Goni spoke on it being very important to remember 9/11; people are starting to forget or make it just a day in our historical past. We are still living in the moment of that past. To those families that lost their loved ones, it is not just the past; it is something that they lived through. It is something that we must always remember and not, forget something that is so delicate in its nature. We must be thankful and feel blessed for the country that we do live in and the opportunities that we still have right now in this country. She reminded everyone to pray for our law enforcement, fire personnel, and people in the military, men and women. These people take that oath to protect and to serve and are there to help us when we are in need. When we dial 911 for assistance, we are expecting for someone to be there for us to be able to take

care of us. Many times, there are a lot of things that are coming now of age where a lot of people especially in law enforcement are being attacked and comments being thrown left and right for this reason or that reason. Bottom line is they took an oath to protect and to serve and we have to think about them. They have families and they have children and they are being the target. Something that we also have to remember is that right now in this world, there is a lot of evil that is transgressing in this world and we must pray against that and ask for God's protection amongst everybody. It doesn't matter what your ethnicity is, it doesn't matter anything, we are all put in this world together and we are together as one, brothers and sisters and we must pray for each and every one of us.

Commissioner Goni spoke on an event she was invited to last week in Rancho Cucamonga where the Mayor, Dennis Michael, made a proclamation for Arline Krieger for being honored for her 50 years of service to the special needs community. She is one of those pioneers that has basically taken that moment and taken that stride to help out families and children with special needs. Fifty years ago it wasn't like today. She encountered many obstacles and challenges. There were no books to help her and there was no internet for her to get the information. She basically did it with sweat, blood, and tears. And because of that, the mayor honored her and did a proclamation because of everything she has set forth. She has been on various committees throughout the state board and she is doing fantastic things even still to this day. She is a participant of the Sunshine Club, so when we have events at the Sunshine Club, we are very honored to have her presence there. For any of the families that may want to meet her and speak to her, she will be present tomorrow because tomorrow there will be an event at the Sunshine Club at the Heritage Center. She shared that her father shared the similar thing Commissioner Bravo's father shared with him. People like Arlene are living it, they don't just say it, but they live it, they walk it and they breathe it. People that do stuff like this, we learn from them; that through their stride, and through their efforts, we see the accomplishments they put forward. She thanked Arlene for everything she has done and been a good mentor for her. She thanked everyone that is out there doing their part, little tidbits here and there, for the community because it is noticeable we need a lot more of that just to continue to make our world and communities grow.

Chairperson Espinoza congratulated the employees of the month and those that were promoted.

Chairperson Espinoza thanked staff for their hard work and for making a difference in everybody's lives.

Chairperson Espinoza reminded everyone about the GPAC meeting on September 9, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at Steelworkers' Auditorium.

Chairperson Espinoza invited everyone to come and join them at the Cx3 meeting. Everyone there wants to make a difference and wants their input. Dee Dee and staff do a wonderful job hosting.



## **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMENTS:**

Community Services Director Nelson spoke on the impact staff has on children and the lifelong memory they will make for them. There is an opportunity for a great future for so many staff members.

Director Nelson recognized staff for their efforts to create a great summer especially during a period of limited staffing.

Director Nelson spoke on the importance of having the Commissioners share their perspective and provide input on the events so that they can continue to grow and continue to improve.

Director Nelson spoke on Fontana Day at the LA County Fair on Friday, September 25, 2015, where three individuals from Fontana will be recognized. This year's Fontana Heroes are April Lu, Past Chair, MYAC; Rob Bock, Community Services Supervisor; and Karen Coleman, Parks and Community Services Commissioner. The parade is at 5:00 p.m.

Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt thanked the Commissioners for coming out to all the activities.

Manager Hunt congratulated the employees of the month.

Manager Hunt requested City Clerk Lewis share information on the Pepper Street Open House; City Clerk Lewis she hopes to coordinate with the GPAC event on October 24, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

Manager Hunt shared that the GPAC-Community Visioning Day, is October 24, 2015. The city addresses all areas including public facilities, recreational sites, safety, transportation, urban design, conservation, cultural resources, economic development, health and wellness, housing, and land use. Everyone should come and voice their opinions at that meeting.

Manager Hunt shared that the Community Theater Production, Annie Jr., is getting ready for auditions. Anyone interested can call the Art Depot Gallery 909.349.6980 for an appointment.

Manager Hunt shared that the Mayor's Gala, will be held on October 3, 2015. Tickets are on sale, two for \$50.

Manager Hunt announced that the Community Services brochure is now available.

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco commended staff for their hard work for another successful summer.

Manager Orozco welcomed the After School program with over 3,000 students; he praised staff for the great training and orientation for staff in that program.

Manager Orozco invited everyone to the End of Summer Bash at the Heritage Center with the Sunshine Club, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Manager Orozco invited everyone to the Movie Under the Moon Event at the Jack Bulik Teen Center, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright announced that the summer aquatic season is coming to an end; recreation swim will continue through September 27, 2015. All pools will be open on Monday, September 7, 2015, from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. and then close except for Fontana Aquatic Center.

Manager Wright announced that the fall sports season kicks up. Registration for pee wee soccer ends on September 4, 2015.

Manager Wright announced a Swing Dance at the Fontana Community Senior Center on Friday, September 11, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

Manager Wright thanked the Fontana Community Senior Center staff for the thorough report.

Manager Wright thanked Dan Chadwick and Public Works staff for their work on taking care of the Fontana Community Senior Center.

Manager Wright thanked Dan West, Eric Garwick, Mando Martinez, for their great work in maintaining fields and parks through the summer and through this drought.

Chairperson Espinoza thanked the staff that works at the Hazard Waste facility.

Chairperson Espinoza thanked Dan West and Eric Garwick.


**PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. in memory of Luis Bravo Sr. to the Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, September 24, 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.

  
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Chairperson Espinoza