

**CITY OF FONTANA  
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 24, 2015**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 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, and the November and December Parks and Community Services Commission Calendar.

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, September 24, 2015, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairperson Espinoza, followed by an Invocation given by Commissioner Goni and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Coleman.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: Commissioners Bravo, Casey, and Vaquera

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco; Community Services Manager Michael Wright; City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

**A. Arts and Humanities Month Proclamation – Kristy Samples**

Community Services Supervisor Kristy Samples announced that the Mayor and City Council will be presented with an Arts and Humanities Month Proclamation for the month of October; recognized nationwide since 1993.

**B. Employees Of The Month**

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Jennifer “Jenni” McCormick, Marketing Communications Specialist, as the full-time employee of the month

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Diana Cansino, as the part-time employee of the month.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

**A. Veterans Day Essay Contest Donation – Kristy Samples**

Council Member Jesse Sandoval presented a check for the Veteran’s Day essay contest. Mr. Sandoval began the Veterans Day essay contest in 1999 to help youth

remember what Veteran's Day is all about. Mr. Sandoval provides the funding for the prizes to be awarded. The name of the contest was changed to Dr. Charles Koehler Essay Contest. The contest winner will be announced on November 11, 2015.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on the wonderful essays heard in the past and thanked Council Member Sandoval for his sponsorship.

**B. Fontana Community Senior Center Parking Lot Sale**

Kathy Potts, Fontana Community Senior Center Advisory Board Chair, invited the community to participate in the parking lot sale on October 17, 2015. Parking lot spaces are being sold for \$20 per stall, \$30 for two stalls. Stalls will be on sale on Saturday, October 10, 2015, on a first come first served basis.

Chairperson Espinoza welcomed Fontana School Board Members Matthew Slowik and Mary Sandoval; as well as City Council Member Jesse Sandoval to the meeting.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Tigner, and passed by a vote of 4-0 to approve Consent Calendar Items "A-B".

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Special Events Update – Kristy Samples**

Community Services Supervisor Kristy Samples introduced Community Services Coordinator Bianca Morales, to provide an update on special events held in August as follows:

- August 6, 2015, Contemporary Praise Concert at Miller Park with performances by Calvary Chapel Summit's Youth Program, Crosspoint Church, and Water of Life. There were 300 in attendance.
- August 7, 2015, Car Show at Fontana City Hall with Presenting Sponsor Seidner's Collision Centers and Corporate Sponsor Caremore. There were 125 vehicles participating and 350 in attendance.
- August 21, 2015, Family Fun Night at Fontana Park Sports Pavilion hosted by Calvary Chapel Summit. There were 500 in attendance

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

- October 3, 2015, Mayor's Gala at Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Community Center, 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- October 10, 2015, Let's Move on the Trail at the Pacific Electric Trail from Cypress Community Center to Miller Fitness Center, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- October 16-18, 2015, Club Swim Meet at Fontana Aquatics Center, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 16 and 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 18. This is a co-sponsored event.
- October 24, 2015, Pepper Street Open House. This is a co-sponsored event.

Chairperson Espinoza encouraged everyone to attend the swim meet.

Commissioner Coleman commented that all of the events are free, except the Mayor's Gala.

Chairperson Espinoza shared that the theme of the Mayor's Gala is Old Hollywood and everyone is encouraged to dress up.

#### **B. Halloween Events Preview – Aaron Orozco**

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco introduced Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber to provide a preview of upcoming Halloween events.

The Community Services Department will host several festive and family-friendly events across the City as follows:

Friday, October 23, 2015, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the Sparks Club and Sunshine Club will celebrate at the Cypress Neighborhood Center with refreshments, snacks, games, arts and craft activities, music, dancing, a costume contest, prizes, candy giveaway and much more. Information is available at the Cypress Neighborhood Center at 909.349.6988 or the Heritage Neighborhood Center at 909.349.6968.

Saturday, October 31, 2015, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., the Don Day Neighborhood Center will host the annual "Monster Bash" at Southridge Park, a pumpkin decorating contest, and costume contest. Information is available at 909.349.6997.

Saturday, October 31, 2015, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., the Cypress Neighborhood Center will host the annual Halloween Harvest Festival at Seville Park with family oriented spooky fun. Information is available at 909.349.6988.

Saturday, October 31, 2015, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., the Jessie Turner Health & Fitness Community Center will host the Halloween Spooktacular Event at Fontana Park with a costume contest, games, prizes, crafts, "trunk or treat", a tractor hayride, and a "haunted house" attraction. Information is available at 909.854.5100.

Thursday, October 29 through Friday, October 30, 2015, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Jack Bulik Teen Center will host Halloween Nightmare Maze at Jack Bulik Park with seven horrifyingly ghastly rooms, music and games at the end of the maze. There is a \$5.00 per person admission. Information is available at 909.349.6984.

Information for all of the events offered through the City of Fontana Community Services Department is available at [www.fontana.org](http://www.fontana.org) or 909.349.6900.

Discussion was held on the scariness of the horrifying rooms at the Teen Center and at Jessie Turner.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on the Teen Center haunted house being very scary.

**C. Let's Move Outside/Seamless Summer Feeding Program Recap – Aaron Orozco**

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco introduced Community Services Supervisor Jamie Bumia who provided the Let's Move Outside/Seamless Summer Feeding Program Recap.

This program was a collaboration between the City of Fontana and the Fontana Unified School District. It is grant funded by the US Department of Agriculture to provide the meals and the National Recreation and Parks Association to support staffing. All meals met and exceeded the State of California SB-12 School Nutrition Standards.

The program ran from June 1, 2015, through July 31, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and offered physical activities and food distribution and was offered at Bill Martin Park, Seville Park, Southridge Park, Fontana Park, Jack Bulik Park, Miller Park, North Tamarind Park, Martin Tudor Park, Veteran's Park, A.B. Miller High School, Fontana High School, Jurupa Hills High School, Kaiser High School, Summit High School, Beech Elementary School, and Oleander Elementary School. Services at the high schools were offered during the month of June.

There was a 21% increase in lunch participation from last year; and a 14% increase in snack participation. There were 254 Let's Move Outside participants.

More information on the Seamless Summer Food Program is available at 909.357.5160 or [www.fusd.net](http://www.fusd.net) and more information on the Let's Move Outside Program is available at 909.349.6900 or [www.recreation.fontana.org](http://www.recreation.fontana.org).

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on the smiles seen on all staff's faces serving the food and thanked everyone that was out there.

Commissioner Goni spoke on the programs being very impressionable for children and an asset for the parents of children involved in summer camp and being fed. This was a real opportunity to be well cared for, fed, and have activities. It was a great program.

Chairperson Espinoza thanked Supervisor Bumia for the report.

Director Nelson spoke on the huge collaboration with the Fontana Unified School District Food Services to offer this program; there was close communication between the city and the school district to make this program a success.

Director Nelson commended Jamie Bumia, Karen Gerber and their team and the thanked the school district for their collaboration.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Goni, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, and passed by a vote of 4-0 to accept staff reports for items A-

#### **D. Commission Calendar For November/December 2015 – Garth Nelson**

Director Nelson recommended that the Parks and Community Services Commission hold the November 19, 2015, meeting as scheduled; and modify the date of the December meeting to Thursday, December 3, 2015, at the Steelworkers' Auditorium.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Goni, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, and passed by a vote of 4-0 to move the December meeting from December 24, 2015, to December 3, 2015.

#### **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Chairperson Goni reminded everyone about the Community Services Department brochure and all of the activities listed; the book is available at City Hall, the library, and the Community Services Department office and Community Centers.

Commissioner Goni reminded everyone to be careful with kids being back at school.

Commissioner Goni reminded everyone that within our community, we are blessed to have a community with a lot of strong leaders and a lot of people that like to work within the community. The community is only as strong as the leaders are as well too. We are fortunate and blessed to have strong leaders, law enforcement, fire personnel, and strong community leaders and to remember to keep them in our prayers. People have come up to her talking about so much happening in different cities and states and ask her how we are here in Fontana and if we are safe. She tells them that sadly we have leaders that say things that are inappropriate and may open the doors for things that should not occur; so we must remember to keep all of our leaders in prayer; and most importantly, keep our fire and especially our law enforcement personnel in prayer. There are a lot of things that have been happening to law enforcement personnel in other parts of the country and she is saddened by the type of matter that has been taking place. These are individuals that take an oath to protect and to serve and they put their lives on the line. Let us remember back when we had 9/11 they were held up as heroes because of what they did; and sadly, many people do not treat them that same way. It is very dishonorable to treat those people that put their lives on the line; if there is an urgency or emergency of some kind we dial 911 and the first responder is a law enforcement personnel. We must pray for them and hold them to a higher standard of honor, and also just be thankful for the job that they do; be thankful for what it is they continuously do. It doesn't matter what people may say to them or what they may do to them, because at the end of the day, they will forget everything and they will still put their life on the line. So please let us remember them, let us be thankful to them, and let's pray for them. Also pray for our military, they are out there and they are always in harm's way and as a country, she feels that we need to pray and ask for God's mercy and God's grace.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the parking lot sale at the Fontana Community Senior Center. Last time it was held, she cleared \$200 from her sales. It will be a fun day in October and a great community builder. She hopes everyone attends and they sell.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the great job staff did for the Volunteer Celebration. The decorations were beautiful. It was so rewarding to be a part of that whole thing. She is proud to say that she is a Commissioner on the Parks and Community Services Commission and a part of what staff does.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the many things to do in this city – most are free. If she went to every function in the City, she would never be home. She shared some facts on what the Community Services Department does with 59 sport fields, 36 parks, 10 community centers, 7 miles of Pacific Electric Trail, 4 pools, 3 gyms, 2 performing arts theaters, and 2 skate parks; and thousands of people that attend these centers. The Fontana Community Senior center is her home.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the GPAC meeting on October 24, 2015, at The Fontana Community Senior Center; it is open to the public. They will discuss the next 20 years of our city and what is going to happen here. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Commissioner Coleman encouraged everyone to attend some of the events.

Commissioner Tigner reminded everyone that the kids will be out for Halloween in October and there are so many activities for everyone to come to; please be careful with kids out on the street.

Commissioner Tigner shared that our Fontana Heroes will be honored at the Los Angeles County Fair with a parade at 5:00 p.m. Karen Coleman, April Lu and Rob Bock will be recognized.

Chairperson Espinoza commended staff on all of their work at the events.

Chairperson Espinoza thanked our volunteers for all they do. She had a great time at the Volunteer Event and loved the centerpieces.

Chairperson Espinoza invited everyone to attend the GPAC and give their input and ideas on what Fontana needs.

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

Community Services Director Nelson thanked Commissioner Tigner for talking about Fontana Day at the LA County Fair. All three selected heroes are Community Services connected. It will be a great night.

Director Nelson spoke on the value of the donated volunteer hours – over \$300,000. Staff hosted their volunteers at the Volunteer Event.

Director Nelson spoke on the 9/11 Event; staff will provide an update on that event at the next meeting.

Director Nelson commended the employees of the month; he is impressed with staff's delivery of the programs.

Commissioner Coleman announced that there is a Fontana Day at the LA County Fair coupon for everyone to attend.

Community Services Supervisor Kristy Samples announced that National Public Lands Day would be celebrated at the Nature Center on Saturday, September 25, 2015.

Supervisor Samples spoke on the Pepper Street Open House following the GPAC Forum, from 12:00 to 3:00 on October 24, 2015.

Supervisor Samples spoke on the Mayor's Gala. Tickets are \$50 per person with Fontana residents being able to get two tickets for the price of one.

Manager Aaron Orozco invited everyone to the Halloween events that offer a safe alternative for families.

Manager Orozco announced the sunshine Club will have a welcome autumn event.

Manager Orozco announced that MYAC is now accepting applications. Call 909.349.6984 for more information.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright spoke on the Let's Move on the Trail event on October 10, from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. Let's Move on the Trail has been a success. More information is available in the pull out section of the book.

Manager Wright announced that Saturday is the last day for registration for Youth Roller Hockey.

Manager Wright announced the Fontana Aquatics Club Swim Meet on October 17, at Fontana Aquatics Center. It is a great event and wished the Sea Horses success.

Manager Wright reminded everyone of the Farmers' Market every Saturday, 8:00 to 1:00 with one at Sierra and Arrow and one at Live Oak and Cherry.

Manager Wright spoke on the Fontana Community Senior Center Rummage Sale being a great event and encouraged everyone to come out and buy from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Manager Wright congratulated April Lu, Rob Bock and Commissioner Coleman for being Fontana Heroes.

Chairperson Espinoza apologized to Director Nelson, Manager Orozco, Manager Wright and Supervisor Samples for not introducing them by titles.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. to the Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, October 22, 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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