

**CITY OF FONTANA  
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
October 22, 2015**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2015, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda and the Festival of Winter Involvement.

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

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, October 22, 2015, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairperson Espinoza, followed by an Invocation given by Pastor Hilda Gonzalez from Ministry of Family Restoration and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Vaquera.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chairperson Espinoza, Commissioners Coleman, Goñi, and Commissioners Bravo, and Vaquera.

Absent: Commissioner Casey, Commissioner Tigner

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. PROPOSED SAN SEVAINE TRAIL MASTER PLAN**

Noel Castillo, Engineering Manager, provided an update on the San Sevaine Trail Master Plan. The plan will be presented to the City Council on November 24, 2015.

Commissioner Bravo commended the project.

Discussion was held on the grant funding for the proposed plan.

Discussion was held on the transition of the look from the trail itself to the barriers of the trail.

Discussion was held on when the shovels will hit the dirt; if staff is successful in obtaining grants, the plan will go into design phase for 6-8 months, and construction in six months.

Discussion was held on the width of the San Sevaine trail in comparison to the width of the Pacific Electric Trail.

Discussion was held on the emergency access points.

Discussion was held on a possible emergency button on the trail in case of cell phones not functioning.

Discussion was held on the distance between lighting; it will be similar to what is on the Pacific Electric Trail – approximately 150 feet. It will be completely lit under the bridge.

Commissioner Goni asked that the safety measures be looked into and also asked Council Member Sandoval to look into it.

Chairperson Espinoza had concerns regarding the metro undercrossing.

Discussion was held on the type of material the trail will consist of.

Discussion was held on the nice entry ways; Manager Castillo hopes to improve all of the trails.

Discussion was held on not having bushes on the trail where people can hide behind.

Discussion was held on the landscaping having a different approach for future developments due to the drought.

Director Nelson invited Manager Castillo to return to the Parks and Community Services Commission meetings to provide updates as the phasing is completed.

Chairperson Espinoza welcomed Fontana Unified School Board Member Mary Sandoval and City Council Member Jesse Sandoval to the meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

None.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION:** Due to a lack of quorum, this item was tabled.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **A. Special Events Update – Bianca Morales**

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

- **September 4, 2015, Fontana Car Show** at City Hall; Presenting Sponsor, Seidner's Collision Centers and Corporate Sponsor, Caremore, provided live entertainment by Chico, and children's activities and giveaways. There were over 130 vehicles displayed and 450 in attendance.
- **September 11, 2015, 9-11 Remembrance** at Steelworkers' Auditorium; students from Fontana Middle School had a walking field trip to the auditorium for the event. There were guest speakers and a piece of a beam from the twin towers on display. The Fire Safety Trailer provided practice for children on how to exit their homes in an emergency. There were refreshments and a complimentary photo booth. There were over 250 in attendance
- **September 19, 2015, Volunteer Appreciation Event** at Fontana Park Aquatic Center; this was an evening outdoor poolside concert event. There were over 300 guests in attendance that enjoyed a catered dinner, a performance by Bumptown, field games, and raffles for donated prizes.

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

- **November 11, 2015, 11:00 a.m. Veteran's Day Event** at the Memorial Rose Garden on Spring Street; this is a cosponsored with American Legion Post 772. There will be guest speakers, refreshments and the Dr. Charles Khoeler Veteran's Day Essay Contest. The Fontana After School Program students are participating in the contest and there are over 300 entries.
- **November 25, 2015, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eat and Be Well Event** at Seville Park. This is a cosponsored event with Water of Life Church to feed over 30,000 people with a free Thanksgiving style lunch. This is a first come first served event.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on the Volunteer Appreciation event being very beautiful; and the 9-11 program was well attended with people appreciating being inside with the outdoor heat.

#### **B. Co-Sponsorships For FY 2015/16-Kristy Samples**

Community Services Supervisor Kristy Samples provided information regarding five new Co-Sponsorship applications.

Staff recommends the Parks and Community Services Commission review five Co-Sponsorship applications for fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 totaling an amount of \$3,420 and provide a recommendation to City Council to approve the requests.

Co-sponsorships are a great value to the City in providing the community with events and programs that supplement city programming.

The requests are as follows:

- Ephesians New Testament Church for a Martin Luther King Jr., Celebration
- Fontana Aquatics Club for an IMX Pentathlon
- Fontana Woman's Club for an International Woman's Day
- Fontana Rotary Club/Miss Fontana Organization for a Miss Fontana Photoshoot
- Summit High School Swim Booster Club-Swimming League Championships

This is the first time the Fontana Aquatics Club is requesting co-sponsorship for this event that brings multiple teams from other areas to utilize city businesses and services. It is expected that approximately 2,600 to 3,500 will attend this event over the weekend of February 20-21, 2016.

Commissioner Bravo stated that it is worth noting that not every city provides this degree of co-sponsorships. A lot of cities only do it once per year, Fontana does it in two cycle periods and these petitioners seeking co-sponsorship provide a significant benefit to the immediate and greater Fontana area.

Commissioner Coleman explained that most of the monies that the city puts in to co-sponsorships is to provide man hours; it is not giving money to organizations for their events. The whole thing is a win win situation. The more things we can do in this community, the better it is for everyone involved; when the swim meets are at the Aquatic Center, there are people shopping, it's a good circle of economy. She is so excited that the aquatics center was built.

Director Nelson confirmed that money is not distributed to the co-sponsorship groups; the city provides equipment or man hours.

#### **C. Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Update-Aaron Orozco**

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco introduced Community Services Supervisor Jamie Bumia and Community Services Coordinator Felix Bobo to provide an update on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council as follows:

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) is a group of teens dedicated to improving the City of Fontana. MYAC members have an opportunity to advocate for their peers and are provided with a hands-on experience, learning how to work within municipal government. There are currently 25 members representing all five Fontana high schools, Etiwanda High School, and Los Osos High School.

This past year has proven to be successful through MYAC's participation in several key activities and one significant recognition.

The "Stand Up, Speak Up" Event: at Fontana Middle School raised awareness of bullying with a screening of the film "Bully", a student performance, and a discussion of the movie. MYAC board and several community partners that specialize in bullying related subject led the discussion. Approximately 200 parents, students, and school personnel attended.

2015 Teen Summit on Anti-Bullying: The fourth annual event was held at Summit High School and provided approximately 600 youth and parents with tools needed to reduce bullying; the free family event was grown into a noteworthy community event that includes keynote speakers, educational workshops, and a community resource fair..

In March 2015, MYAC was recognized with an Award of Excellence-Youth Development for their Anti-Bullying efforts at the annual California Parks & Recreation Society, Conference in Sacramento.

Each year, MYAC members conduct a strategic planning session to discuss, collaborate, and calendar initiatives that will be the primary focus of the MYAC in the upcoming year. This meeting was held on Saturday, October 3, 2015, at the Jack Bulik Teen Center. Mayor Acquanetta Warren shared her vision and insight into how our City connects with Fontana youth.

The 2015-2016 MYAC Goals and Objectives include broadening their connection to the youth of our community; youth traffic and driver safety; mentoring; develop the Annual Teen Leadership Summit and Anti-Bullying.

Organization, teamwork, communication, creativity and innovation will guide the 2015-16 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council to many more great accomplishments that are sure to impact the Fontana community for many years to come.

Commissioner Goni commended staff on the Anti-Bullying Summit.

Commissioner Vaquera commended staff on increase in the number of attendees because of the quality of the program.

Chairperson Espinoza commended staff on the wonderful program.

**D. AQUATIC SUMMER SEASON PROGRAM RECAP-GENEO FARRAR**

Community Services Supervisor Geneo Farrar Introduced Community Services Coordinator Stan Clark to provide an Aquatic Summer Season Program Recap.

Supervisor Farrar thanked Lindsey Banks, Christina Loera, and Evelyn Calderon for helping out with the aquatic summer season when they were short staffed.

The 2015 summer aquatics programming began on May 23, 2015, and concluded on September 7, 2015, at Fontana Park Aquatic Center, Martin Tudor Splash Park, and Don Day Community Pool, Heritage Community Pool, and Miller Pool.

The Fontana Park Aquatic Center offered recreational swim, swim lessons, aqua aerobics, and Red Cross courses. It has diving boards, lounge chairs, shady areas, water slides, splash pad, locker room, and a shaded pavilion.

Martin Tudor Splash Park offered shaded splash pads, shaded sitting areas, grass area and water slides.

Heritage Pool offered recreational swim, swim lessons, family fun nights, and dive-in movies.

Miller Pool and Don Day Neighborhood Pool offered recreational swim, swim lessons, aqua aerobics and family fun nights.

Recreational swim attendance at the five sites was 71,958 paid patrons; a 15% increase from 2014.

Aquatic swim lessons were provided to 5,335 registered participants.

Aqua Aerobics, Lap Swim and water walking provided aquatic fitness to 5,077 participants at each site.

The Fontana Park Aquatic Center hosted the Tiger Sharks Water Polo Team, Master's Swim Team, Fontana Aquatics Club and Jr. Lifeguard.

Special events included Family Fun Nights, Dive In Movies, and Pool vs. Pool Swim Meet.

All pool sites were available for private rental. The facility, lifeguard and safety equipment were provided.

There was a 14% increase in overall attendance at all aquatic programming.

Fall and winter programming is ongoing at the Fontana Park Aquatic Center with fitness courses, swim lessons, and swim teams.

Discussion was held on the Masters Swim Team – participants must be 18 years and older; cost is \$50 per month for 3 times a week.

Discussion was held on the Fontana Water Polo participation.

Discussion was held on increase of participation being due to the quality programming offered along with quality staff.

Discussion was held on participants coming from neighboring cities to our excellent facilities and great staff.

Discussion was held on the aquatics center being opened year round.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on the top notch staff.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the great programming for all ages.

Discussion was held on no experience needed to join swim teams and they are not required to attend every day.

Discussion was held on when competitions take place – different organizations organize the swim meets.

Discussion was held on the number of lifeguards trained and certified.

Director Nelson commended staff with their efforts in the critical role and responsibility of staff training.

Manager Wright spoke on the constant training staff participates in to keep the facilities safe.

**E. ACTION PARK ALLIANCE UPDATE - GENEOP FARRAR**

Community Services Supervisor Geneo Farrar presented on Action Park Alliance.

Action Park Alliance is the City of Fontana's contractor responsible for the daily operations and programming of the skate parks located at Jack Bulik Park and Fontana Park.

Action Park Alliance has been contracted to operate Fontana Skate Parks since 2008, and with the proven success of their operations, their contract was renewed in July of 2014 for an additional 5 years, through 2018.

Supervisor Farrar introduced Community Services Coordinator Nick Johnson, Mark Laue, Executive Director of Action Park Alliance, and Regional Manager Robert Luong.

The Fontana Park Skate Park is open Monday through Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; the Jack Bulik Skate Park is open Monday through Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Daily cost to enter the skate park is \$2 per person; \$5 per month for residents - \$7 for non-residents; and a yearly pass is \$25 for residents and \$35 for non-residents.

Skate Park programming offers lessons, camps, skate equipment, safety equipment rental, professional demonstrations, and supervised sessions.

There was a 21% increase in paid participants from July 2014 to June 2015.

Free Skate Jams are offered on Friday nights at both parks.

Skate Camps and lessons are offered at both locations.

Quarterly and holiday events are held at both locations.

Pro Skate Visits are held regularly at the park with kids enjoying a chance to hang out with their skate hero.

Action Park Alliance partners with local businesses and professional skaters to give back to the community.

Action Park Alliance hosts a Wheelchair Motor Cross (WCMX) available to all disabilities.

In June 2015, a field trip was taken to Santa Barbara to see a skate factory and to Torrance to show kids that a career in the skateboard industry does not stop at Professional Skater.

Park maintenance is done in collaboration with the Public Works and Community Services staff.

Overall, Action Park Alliance has seen growth in attendance and continues to maintain safe and exciting parks for the community. Community Services Staff along with Action Park Alliance believe this partnership will continue to enhance in the years to come.

Discussion was held on how many kids are skate boarding.

Discussion was held on pushing kids to use the park instead of skating in the street.

Discussion was held on membership not including the camps and lessons. Membership is only for access to the park itself. The fee paid is for access to both parks.

Discussion was held on Action Park Alliance being an independent contractor with the City who were selected through the bid process and for the quality programming they offer.

Commissioner Bravo commended Action Park Alliance for the good job they are doing.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Goni, seconded by Commissioner Bravo, and passed by a vote of 4-0 to approve New Business Items "A- D".

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

### **A. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Goni wished everyone a beautiful weekend. There are lots of events in the city for Halloween.

Commissioner Goni reminded everyone to watch out for the little ones traveling in the streets.

Commissioner Goni wished everyone a nice evening.

Commissioner Bravo reminded everyone of the Halloween event on October 29-30 at Jack Bulik Teen Center.

Commissioner Bravo invited everyone to the Dia de Los Muertos event at Steelworkers' Auditorium on October 27, 2015.

Commissioner Bravo reminded everyone of the Annie Jr. Production on November 13-14, 2015.

Commissioner Bravo reminded everyone to look out for the teens on Halloween.

Commissioner Bravo reminded everyone of the time change on Sunday, November 1, 2015.

Commissioner Coleman thanked the City of Fontana and everyone that made her a Community Hero at the Los Angeles County Fair; she thought it would be a lot smaller and lot less gigantic. She had no idea she would be on a float. It is a day that she will always remember as a special day of her life. She thanked the citizens for allowing her to be a volunteer and to serve and to help.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the Mayor's Gala being a success; it was a great evening.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the GPAC meeting at Fontana Community Senior Center that will affect our lives for the next 20 years. Everyone needs to be involved. There will be small group discussions, Spanish translators, refreshments, and a gift bag for early attendees and day care for children so there is no excuse to not attend.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the Open House at the Pepper Street House; transportation will be provided from the Senior Center. It is a great way for people to be involved.

Commissioner Vaquera left the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Chairperson Espinoza invited everyone to come out and share their vision for Fontana.

Chairperson Espinoza thanked staff for their reports.

Chairperson Espinoza reminded everyone to be safe on Halloween night.

## **B. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT COMMENTS**

Community Services Director Garth W. Nelson spoke on the presentations of all the amazing things happening in Fontana.

Director Nelson thanked the team for the great job that they do.

Director Nelson wished everyone a wonderful and safe Halloween.

Director Nelson is looking forward to a change in the season and all of the great upcoming events for the holidays.

Chairperson Espinoza invited everyone to the Sunshine and Sparks Halloween Event at the Cypress Neighborhood Center.

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco spoke on the City Council proclaiming tonight as Lights on After School in support of after school programs.

Manager Orozco thanked the Commissioners for their information on the Halloween events. More information is available at 909.349.6900 or [www.fontana.org](http://www.fontana.org)

Community Services Manager Michael Wright thanked the community for coming out and supporting the Let's Move on the Trail event; as well as the Police Department and the Fire Department.

Manager Wright spoke on the Fontana Aquatic Club holding their swim meet this last weekend, a cosponsored quality event with over 2,600 spectators. He thanked everyone involved in making it happen.

Manager Wright thanked the Fontana Aquatic Club for the great summer and welcomed Teresa Martinez back.

Manager Wright spoke on the upcoming events at the Senior Center: Halloween and Fright Fest on October 30, 2015, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and Country Western Dance on November 13, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and Harvest Feast on November 20, 2015.

Manager Wright wished everyone a safe and happy Halloween.

Community Services Supervisor Kristy Samples announced the Veteran's Day event on November 11, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. on Spring Street.

Supervisor Samples announced the theater production of Annie Jr. on November 13-14, 2015. Tickets are available at the Center Stage Box Office or by calling 909.428.7469 or at CSF.com. and the production of Guys and Dolls, running through November 8, 2015.

Supervisor Samples invited everyone to participate in the General Plan Vision Forum and Pepper Street Open House on Saturday, October 24, 2015.

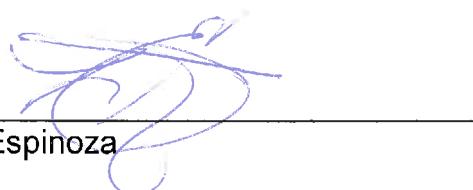
Supervisor Samples wished everyone a happy Halloween.

Commissioner Goni wished Paula and Joshua a happy birthday.

**A. ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. in memory of Clyde Lindsey to the next Joint Parks and Community Services and City Council Meeting on November 19, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the Development Services Office in the Development Advisory Board Room located at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. 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