

**CITY OF FONTANA  
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
December 3, 2015**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2015, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, discuss the Commission Appointment Process, and a User Fees Overview.

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

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, December 3, 2015, in the Steelworkers' Auditorium, 8437 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson Espinoza, followed by an Invocation given by John Harris, Church of Christ Fontana and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Coleman.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

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 Supervisor Tiffany Starks; Community Services Coordinator Dede Benson; Community Services Supervisor Jamie Burnia; Community Services Coordinator Bianca Morales; Community Services Coordinator Estela Ontiveros; City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Goni, seconded by Commissioner Vaquera, and passed by a vote of 7-0 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 who provided an update on special events held in October and November as follows:

- October 3, 2015, The Mayor's Gala at the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center. This event was Co-Sponsored with the Boys & Girls Club of Fontana. Guests enjoyed impersonators, food stations, a silent auction, and dancing. Over \$120,000 was raised in support of the children within the community. Over 350 guests enjoyed the festivities.
- October 10, 2015, Let's Move On The Trail on the Pacific Electric Trail.
- October 16-18, 2015, Fontana Aquatics Club Swim Meet at the Fontana Aquatics Center. This event was Co-Sponsored with the Fontana Aquatics Club and hosted over 3,500 spectators of the USA Swim Meet with over 25 teams participating.
- October 24, 2015, Pepper Street Museum Open House. Approximately 65 Guests toured the house and were shown historical aspects of the house.
- October 31, 2015, Halloween Festival at the Don Day Center. Residents enjoyed face painting, games, jumpers, a photo booth, arts and crafts and trick or treating. There was a costume contest for ages 0-17. There were over 750 spectators in attendance.
- October 31, 2015, Fall Harvest Festival at the Cypress Center. - Over 1,200 guests enjoyed arts and crafts, jumper, games, food, face painting and more!
- October 31, 2015, Halloween Spooktacular at the Jessie Turner Center. A Trunk or Treat was held in partnership with Calvary Chapel for 4,000 guests that enjoyed face painting, costume contest, trunk or treating and a tractor hay ride.
- November 11, 2015, Veteran's Day Celebration at the Memorial Rose Garden. This event was Co-Sponsored with American Legion Post 772. Approximately 400 attended this event. Festivities included showcasing the winners of the Dr. Charles Koehler Writing Contest; they were Juliet Aguh from Alder Middle School in 1<sup>st</sup> place; Briana Biswas from Hemlock Elementary in 2<sup>nd</sup> place; and Nickolas Weis from Los Osos High School in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. A luncheon was held following the festivities at American Legion Post 772.
- November 25, 2015, Eat and Be Well. Due to staff report deadlines, details will be shared at the January Parks and Community Services Meeting.

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

- December 2, 2015, Tree Lighting Ceremony at Fontana City Hall was cancelled.
- December 12, 2015, Christmas Parade on Sierra and Arrow Avenue. This event is hosted by the Fontana Exchange Club and will include high school bands, community

- groups, different performances and school programs.
- December 12, 2015, Festival of Winter at Miller Park. There will be additional snow this year, a tot lot, and additional vendors. The layout has also changed.

#### **B. 2015 Healthy Fontana Annual Report – Michael Wright**

Community Services Manager Michael Wright introduced Community Services Supervisor Tiffany Starks and Community Services Coordinator Dede Benson to provide the 2015 Healthy Fontana Annual Report.

Healthy Fontana is a community based program that promotes a healthy lifestyle, teaches smart nutrition, and assists in creating an active livable environment focus on four main components – nutrition, active living, smart grown, and community partnerships.

Healthy Fontana educated 96,350 residents in 2015, an increase of 3.16% from last year. Healthy Fontana makes contact with the public through Fontana After School Program sites, Family Fun and Nutrition events, and at Fontana Days and Relay for Life.

Healthy Fontana is an award winning program that has secured over half-million dollars in the past six years and collaborated with over 26 agencies to sustain a lot of the programs.

Statistical Data from the County of San Bernardino show that there has been a 47% reduction in hospitalization rates for obesity related diseases and a 46% reduction in obesity rates from 2008 to 2012.

Fontana is ranked number one in the nation for Let's Move Cities, Towns and Counties and the first city in California to achieve all five gold medals.

The Mayor was invited to visit the White House for a celebratory event as well as strategizing for the All-Star City Initiative.

Healthy Fontana hosted the Let's Move on the Trail Event on Saturday, October 10, 2015. There were over 2,500 in attendance and covered the seven miles of the Pacific Electric Trail. The expo covered the trail from the Cypress Center to the Miller Center with 115 vendors including the Farmers' Market, a 30% increase from last year.

There were five sections that attendees could get involved with, Health and Emergency, Healthy Pets Expo, Life Long Leisure-Art and Tranquility, Active Play and Police and Fire Open Houses. The event included a family walk and run and a cycling event. A survey of attendees showed that the trail is used for exercise, bicycling, walking, and to get to work or school.

Communities of Excellence (CX3) in Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity Prevention is a community driven grant funded project. The project began in 2013 and has received 394,000 dollars. The project is used to identify and develop community leaders. Participants have been engaged in this project and have identified two neighborhood

champions and outreaching to the community at various events.

Community members have worked with community agencies such as the Fontana Police Department and Fontana Unified School District.

Anyone interested in participating in CX3, they meet once per month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at Jack Bulik from 9:00 to 10:30 and the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at Cypress Neighborhood Center from 9:00 to 10:30.

The Farm Fresh for Fontana Families program is available through a Kaiser Grant of \$18,000. Residents sign up for a workshop to learn about the importance of eating fresh fruits and vegetables. They will then receive a coupon book worth \$25 to be used at the Fontana Farmers' Market.

Through a partnership with the Family Services Association, a Mobile Fresh Bus is available to provide groceries on wheels. Food is 20-30% below grocery store prices.

Commissioner Bravo requested the bus come later in the day.

Discussion was held on the number of points of contact.

Chairperson Espinoza asked if only seniors can shop at the Healthy Bus; it is open to anyone in the city.

Chairperson Espinoza confirmed that the CX3 meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Cypress Neighborhood Center.

Discussion was held on where to information on what type of products the Mobile Fresh Bus will have.

Discussion was held on what people interested in the Kaiser grant should do: visit City website, call the Community Services office, or look for them at community events.

Discussion was held on the maximum number of families that can participate; it is 65 per month.

Discussion was held on the number of participants in the Healthy Fontana programs.

Community Services Manager Wright spoke on the Mayor hosting "Walk with the Mayor".

Community Services Manager Wright spoke on everything that Community Services does is representative of Healthy Fontana.

#### **C. Teen Programs Update – Aaron Orozco**

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco introduced Community Services Supervisor

Jamie Bumia and Community Services Coordinator Estela Ontiveros, to provide a Teen Programs Update.

The Community Services Department provides a wide range of teen-focused activities across the City.

Some of the highlights for this reporting period include:

- The “Movie Under the Moon” event, recommended by a teen member to promote the center to youth in the surrounding area.
- Southern California Teen Coalition “Rocktober” event brings youth together to participate in games, challenges, and meeting other teens with common interests. Thanks to the Fontana Community Senior Center for their collaboration in providing transportation.
- The Halloween Horror Maze is a tradition where teens are involved in all aspects of the event.
- The MYAC members held their annual strategic planning session on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Jack Bulik Teen Center. This meeting was hosted by Mayor Acquanetta Warren and engaged youth by sharing her vision and insight into how our City connects with Fontana youth.
- There is a steady number of youth participants,
- There will be a “Winter Wonderland” teen dance on December 4.
- There will be a Winter Parade Float in the Fontana Christmas Parade.
- There will be a “Spring Break. Teen Break” event with programming on every day of spring break.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on having enjoyed movie nights at Seville Park when he was a young man in Fontana.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Tigner, and passed by a vote of 7-0 to approve New Business Items "A- C".

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

##### **A. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Tigner sent his condolences to those that were involved and prayers to the families of those hurt in the tragedy of yesterday in San Bernardino

Commissioner Tigner asked everyone to be careful out there with Christmas coming up and have a wonderful holiday.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on there being 355 mass shooting in America – a mass shooting is where 4 or more people are shot. Her heart is heavy for this community and heavy for our country.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on December being a very busy month – there is a lot going on in the city – Winter Wonderland, Nutcracker Ballet, great time to get involved with something in the city. Encouraged everyone to reach out and get involved.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on the General Plan Update and Fontana Forward Workshops being held on December 7, 8, and 9, at six different city locations. He encouraged everyone to get involved.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on taking a moment to recognize that we are one large community; and growing up in Fontana, he went to school with students that were Muslim, African American, Asian. We were a community of diversity and did not look at each other as colors or religions; we looked at each other as people. We need to look within ourselves and recognize our humanity. He spoke on being moved by our Fontana Police Department responding to the incident, not because they had to, but because it happened in our area and they needed to be there. That is recognition that we are part of a greater community, and we need to be there for each other. At this time of year, it's about family, it's about community.

Commissioner Bravo hopes to see everyone next Saturday and wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Goni spoke on all of the arts entertainment events happening in the city and encouraged everyone to come out.

Commissioner Goni spoke on the Breakfast with Santa on Saturday at the Don Day Community Center.

Commissioner Goni spoke on the new City brochure being available in January.

Commissioner Goni spoke on the event that has touched everyone's lives in so many ways. She spoke on having been at the Inland Regional Center two weeks ago and how everything has changed. She works with families with special needs and some of those families she works with were at the center yesterday, but they left before 11:00 a.m. One of the parents she knows knew some of the fatalities. Sadly, we are living in this time right now. As fellow Americans, we have to stand up and we cannot accept the intolerance of people. We have to remember that we must come together for God's protection, wisdom and discernment; pray for peace – worldwide. As parents, be careful of what you subject your children to; we are planting those seeds in the minds of these children. We need to be more responsible, still come together as a community and family and pray to ask for God's protection. Pray for those families; and thanks to law enforcement, fire dept; first responders; whenever we need someone we call 911; we must give them their due respect. Thank you for your service and courage.

Commissioner Goni wished everyone a beautiful Christmas; and reminded everyone to tell their family you love them.

Commissioner Vaquera reminded everyone to not leave their pets outside because of the cold.

Commissioner Vaquera hopes to see everyone at the parade next weekend.

Commissioner Vaquera wished everyone a safe and great Christmas holiday and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Vaquera sends his condolences to all the people affected in this week's tragedy; there are some people that belong to Fontana and surrounding cities. They were human lives that were lost due to a senseless violence. He asked everyone to remember that we do not like to be placed in a group because of being associated with that group. Be mindful of that before reacting. Violence generates more violence. He reminded everyone to appreciate your loved ones; tell them you love them and hug them a little tighter.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on listening to that although it was sad, it was the right city to happen to; the County of San Bernardino is one that comes together when tragedy strikes. We will be stronger, we will be resilient.

Chairperson Espinoza hopes to see everyone at the parade; do not let anyone take our happiness away.

Chairperson Espinoza will keep families in hearts and prayers.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on shining to the negativity in the world.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on the General Plan and invited everyone to come out and give their input. The website is also available for input.

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

Community Services Director Garth W. Nelson thanked the Commissioners and City Clerk Lewis for being flexible on the location of tonight's meeting. It is anticipated that it will be finished by the first meeting in January. The video will be broadcast on Monday.

Community Services Director Nelson announced that the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. will be held in Steelworkers' Auditorium.

Community Services Director Nelson thanked the residents for understanding the closure of facilities due to the tragedy in San Bernardino yesterday. The community was very understanding of having to cancel the Tree Lighting event.

Community Services Director Nelson spoke on dealing with a number of Regional Center County personnel and County Health personnel that were in the building during yesterday's tragedy and sending prayers to them.

Community Services Director Nelson announced that the library was closed today and will reopen on Saturday.

Community Services Director Nelson wished the Commissioners, family, residents, elected officials, city leadership, and community partners an outstanding 2016 and happy holiday.

Community Services Supervisor Kristy Samples wished everyone a happy holiday.

Community Services Supervisor Samples invited the community to the Fontana Christmas Parade on Sierra and Arrow and the Festival of Winter at Miller Park from.

Community Services Supervisor Samples invited everyone to the Classical Showcase on December 15, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Community Services Supervisor Samples sends her thoughts and prayers to those affected in yesterday's tragedy.

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco invited everyone to the many events this weekend.

Community Services Manager Orozco extended his condolences and prayers to those affected by yesterday's events.

Community Services Manager Orozco wished everyone a great holiday season.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright extended an invitation to the Fontana Community Senior Center's Winter Formal.

Community Services Manager Wright announced that youth basketball registration is almost full.

Community Services Manager Wright announced that the Farmers' Market only runs twice this month.

Community Services Manager Wright sends his thoughts and prayers to victims and families of the horrific tragedy.

Community Services Manager Wright wished everyone a merry Christmas and safe and happy New Year.

City Clerk Tonia Lewis wished everyone a happy Christmas and to remember that each day is a blessing.

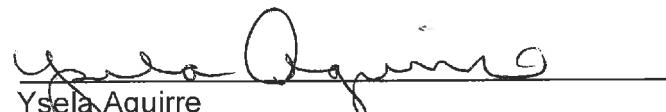
City Clerk Lewis requested prayer for a better new year.

Commissioner Casey celebrated the San Bernardino Police Department, the Fontana Police Department, the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department, the San Bernardino County Probation Department, the California Highway Patrol, Fire County Support Services, clergy from throughout the community of San Bernardino County, the staff of over three hospitals.

Commissioner Casey quoted Psalms 46:1 and provided a closing prayer in honor of those affected by the tragedy of the Inland Regional Center.

**A. ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. in honor and memory of victims that were affected by the tragedy in San Bernardino and Lucia Loya to the next Parks and Community Services Meeting on January 28, 2016, 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 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