

**CITY OF FONTANA  
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
March 24, 2016**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2016, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, discuss the Commission Oath of Office, Commission Reorganization and a CIP overview.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: Commissioner Casey

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, March 24, 2016, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Chairperson Espinoza, followed by an Invocation given by Pastor Richard Alvarado, Great Commission Church and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Tigner.

Director Nelson invited Pastor Alvarado to share information on the Great Commission Church's services. Pastor Alvarado invited the community to a bilingual service on Sunday, March 27, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco; Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt; Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock; Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber; Community Services Coordinator Rick Dean; Community Services Supervisor Geneo Farrar; Community Services Coordinator Felix Bobo; City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

**A. COMMISSION OATH OF OFFICE**

City Clerk Tonia Lewis administered the Oath of Affirmation of Office Allegiance to re-appointed Parks and Community Services Commissioners Luisa P. Espinoza; Karen Coleman, and Carlos Bravo.

Director Nelson thanked City Clerk Lewis for administering the Oaths of Office.

Director Nelson welcomed the reappointed Commissioners and the newly appointed Commissioner Janie Rowland who will be sworn in at the next meeting.

**B. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COMMISSIONER**

Chairperson Espinoza recognized former Commissioner Lourdes Goni – who was not in attendance – for her service to the Parks and Community Services Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**A. APPROVAL OF JOINT MEETING MINUTES:**

Approve Minutes of the November 19, 2015, Joint Parks and Community Services Commission/City Council Meeting

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, and passed by a vote of 4-0-1 with Commissioner Tigner abstaining to approve Consent Calendar Item “A”.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approve Minutes of the February 25, 2016, Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, and passed by a vote of 4-0-1 with Commissioner Vaquera abstaining to approve Consent Calendar Items “B”.

**C. PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS-PARKS AND LANDSCAPE DIVISION-MONTHLY REPORT**

**D. FONTANA ART ASSOCIATION BI-ANNUAL REPORT**

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Tigner, and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve Consent Calendar Items “C-D”.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Special Events 2016 Calendar Review – Rob Bock**

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock provided a report on special events conducted in January and February 2016:

- January 15, 2016, Martin Luther King Celebration; The New Ephesians Testament Church hosted this co-sponsorship event at the Steelworkers’ Auditorium to celebrate the birthday of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. This event was a jazz themed event that featured Makeda Francisco – former lead singer of Rose

Royce, saxophonist Jeanette Harris, and jazz guitarist Ray Fuller. Two hundred and twenty community members supported the celebration.

- February 27, 2016, Black History Parade; The Concerned Citizens for the Development of North Fontana and the City of Fontana collaborated on presenting the Black History Month Parade and Expo co-sponsorship event. Over one hundred fifty spectators came out to enjoy the parade which had 22 entries from Fontana and the surrounding region. The parade proceeded south on Citrus from Summit to Sierra Lakes Parkway.

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock provided a review of upcoming events as follows:

- April 1, 2016, Fontana Car Show, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at City Hall. The band Road Dogs will perform.
- April 21, 2016, Community Assistance Program Resource Fair, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Jessie Turner Health & Fitness Center. There will be over 100 resource vendors available for the community.

**B. 2016 Aquatics Summer Preview - Geneo Farrar:**

Community Services Supervisor Geneo Farrar and Pool Manager Teresa M. Ramirez provided a 2016 Aquatics Summer Preview.

There are five Fontana Aquatic facilities include three community pools; Don Day Pool, Heritage Pool, and Miller Pool. Recreation Swim will be offered at all five aquatics facilities beginning May 28, 2016, through August 7, 2016, including the Fontana Park Aquatic Center. Additionally, Martin Tudor Splash Park will be open.

- Don Day Pool, Heritage Pool and Miller Pool will be open Monday through Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Tuesday through Saturday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$3.00 for adults; \$2.00 for children; \$1.50 seniors (55+ years old) and children under 2 years old are free.
- Fontana Park Aquatic Center will be open Monday through Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children; \$1.50 for seniors (55+ years old) and children under 2 years old are free. Use of the water slide is available for an additional \$2 per person.
- Martin Tudor Splash Park will be open Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children; \$1.50 for seniors (55+ years old); and children under 2 years old are free.

All recreational swim facilities will be open Memorial Day Weekend, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and Labor Day Weekend from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration for Session One of Swim Lessons begins on Saturday, April 30, 2016, with lessons beginning Tuesday, May 31, 2016. Registration is available by walk-in at all community centers or at [aquatics.fontana.org](http://aquatics.fontana.org).

Classes are held Monday through Friday, 30 minutes each day, for two weeks and are available to residents of any skill level and of all ages. Semi-private, private and parent and me lessons are also available. Cost is \$45 for lessons; \$65 for semi-private; and \$100 for private lessons (an additional \$12 for non-residents).

Saturday morning and teen (12-18) and adult swim lessons are also available. A Swim Lesson Special Event "Swim to Win Swim Meet" is a pool versus pool meet held on Sunday, July 17, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. at the Fontana Park Aquatic Center.

Family fun summer events will be held this summer as follows:

- Family Fun Nights at Miller Pool, Heritage Pool, and Don Day Pool each Tuesday night from June 7 through July 26, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Dive-In Movie Night at Heritage Pool every Friday night from June 10 through July 29, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Dive-In Movie Re-Runs at Don Day Neighborhood Pool every Saturday night from June 11 through July 30, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Cost for each of the family fun summer events is \$3.00 for adults; \$2.00 for children, and \$1.50 for seniors 55+ years old.

Teen special events will be held this summer as follows:

- SPF6.11 (Summer Party Factor) at Heritage Pool, June 11, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Midsummer Madness at Martin Tudor Splash Park, July 9, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Cost is \$2.00 for teens between 12 and 17 years old with a valid Middle School or High School Photo ID.

Aquatic Fitness Classes are available at Don Day Pool, Miller Pool and Fontana Park Aquatic Center. Aqua Aerobics and Lap Swimming are available. Cost is \$3.00 per day and \$2.00 for seniors; or \$35 per month and \$20 per month for seniors.

The Fontana Parks Aquatic Center also has Water Polo, Jr. Lifeguard Training, and Adult and Child Competitive Swim Teams.

The Junior Lifeguard Program is offered at Fontana Park Aquatic Center and Don Day Pool.

The Community Services Department is looking forward to another successful year of summer aquatic programming with something for every age and ability.

Private Pool Rentals are available at all pool sites on Saturdays and Sundays around the recreational swim schedule.

Discussion was held on why regular street clothes are not allowed in the pool.

Discussion was held on the session dates applying to all the pools.

**C. 2016 Summer Camp Preview – Karen Gerber**

Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber provided a preview of the 2016 Summer Camp programs.

There are nine camps being offered this summer as follows:

- Camp Southridge will operate four two-week sessions June 6 thru July 29, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Don Day Neighborhood Center for children 5 to 12 years old. Campers will enjoy fun-filled daily activities that include cooperative games, arts & crafts, team building, fitness, sports, science, and swimming.
- Teen Camp will operate eight one-week sessions June 6 thru July 29, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Don Day Neighborhood Center for 12 to 15 year olds. Campers will have adventurous and unique experiences with excursions held twice a week. Teens will also have the opportunity to participate in weekly activities that include team competitions, art, music, and swimming.
- Nature Discovery Camp will offer four one-week sessions July 5 through July 29, 2016, at Mary Vagle Nature Center for youth ages 6-11. This camp offers an opportunity for participants to try new outdoor experiences and meet new friends.
- Summer Arts Camp will offer eight one-week sessions June 6 through July 29, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Art Depot and Steelworkers' Auditorium for youth ages 7-11. This camp offers participants a chance to explore the arts and learn a whole host of techniques.
- Camp Imagination will offer four two-week sessions June 6 through July 29, 2016, at the Cypress Neighborhood Center for children ages 5-12 years old. This camp offers arts & crafts, team competitions, outdoor and indoor interactive games, science experiments, talent shows, and more. This camp offers an array of activities that will include interactive games, cheers, competitions, arts & crafts, team building activities, science experiments, talent shows, and swimming.
- Sports Camp will offer eight one-week sessions weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Fontana Park for youth ages 5-12. Participants embark on an adventure as they are exposed to a variety of sports, games, and crafts, weekly swim visits at the Fontana Park Aquatic Center
- Jr. Lifeguard Camp is a 4-week camp, held Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Don Day Pool and Fontana Park Aquatic Park for those interested in becoming a lifeguard to gain knowledge and skills that will help them in their future.
- Camp Fit will offer four two-week sessions June 6 through July 29, 2016, at the Jessie Turner Health & Fitness Community Center. Campers will have the opportunity to take part in the following activities daily: arts & crafts, team competitions, outdoor and indoor interactive games, and science experiments.

The 2016 Summer Food Program is a collaboration between the Fontana Unified

School District and the City of Fontana. This program allows each Summer Camp to offer an additional service to the participants who are enrolled. Each day more than 500 Camp participants throughout the City will receive a nutritious lunch and snack at no additional cost. All meals meet and exceed the State of California SB-12 School Nutrition Standards.

Fontana residents can register online beginning Saturday, April 2, 2016, at 6:00 a.m. and in person at community centers beginning Saturday, May 7, 2016. Non-residents can register beginning May 14, 2016.

For more information on Fontana's Summer Day Camps, you may contact each site directly, call 909-349-6900, or visit us online at [SummerCamps.Fontana.org](http://SummerCamps.Fontana.org).

Discussion was held on the Jr. Lifeguard program.

Discussion was held on the expansion of programs and services provided over the past 11 years.

Discussion was held on the Summer Food Program with the District being open to anyone in the community 18 years and younger.

Discussion was held on grant funding and the possibility of more funding if partnering with additional school districts such as Colton or Etiwanda.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on all of the programs that add shine to the diamond that is Fontana. He cannot promise to go to all of the events, but would like to go and thank the kids and parents for being a part of it because them being there is what makes these programs successful.

Chairperson Espinoza liked Commissioner Bravo's idea to go out and thank everyone for participating.

Director Nelson spoke on the expansion of some of the summer camp programs.

Supervisor Gerber spoke on the camps filling up quickly and encouraged everyone to plan to register early.

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

**D. Mayor's Youth Advisory Council - Teen Leadership Summit - Jamie Bumia**

Community Services Supervisor Jamie Bumia introduced Community Services Coordinator Felix Bobo to provide the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council update.

Coordinator Bobo thanked Supervisor Bumia, Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco, and Director Nelson for the opportunity to work with an awesome group of teens.

The MYAC kicked off the year attending the UCLA Special Olympics World Games in August 2015 to support the athletes competing. MYAC members attended the Friday Night Live Traffic and Safety Summit in Anaheim, California and learned techniques on how to promote safe driving. Through a collaboration with Lala's Hearts and Rainbows and Eat Well Be Well during Thanksgiving week, MYAC members assisted with feeding needy families in San Bernardino County.

The 2016 Teen Leadership Summit was held on February 20, 2016. MYAC members worked with City of Fontana staff to coordinate the summit at AB Miller HS to empower local teens. Vendor participants included local colleges, Healthy Fontana, Art Depot, REACH OUT, We-Tip, Friday Night Live, Community Alliance for Fontana Students (CAFFS), Fontana Police Department Explorers, Fontana Community Coalition, Successful Women in Motion, The American Lung Association and the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America.

MYAC members continue to be a valuable asset to the community. The professionalism exhibited thus far has been impressive, with each member contributing to the overall group. Determination, leadership, teamwork, communication, creativity, and innovation will guide the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council to many great accomplishments that are sure to impact the Fontana community for many years to come.

Commissioner Bravo commended staff on the invaluable service that they provide and for always going above and beyond.

Chairperson Espinoza also commended staff for all of their work.

**E. Mary Vagle Nature Center Update - Rick Dean**

Community Services Coordinator Rick Dean provided an update on the Mary Vagle Nature Center.

Over the past few years, there have been a number of projects completed, both exterior and interior at the Mary Vagle Nature Center. These projects have been completed in collaboration Public Works and Community Services.

The quality nature center includes quality educational programming.

Saved money because the redesign was done in-house.

One of the huge programs is the environmental education programs for regional schools.

Landscaping is focused on California native water-wise plants.

The pond is an ongoing challenge.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the sophistication of the facility.

Commissioner Bravo commended Rick on presenting with a passion for what he does.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on a wedding at the Nature Center.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Tigner, seconded by Commissioner Vaquera, and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve New Business Items A-E.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

Commissioner Tigner commended Rick Dean on his work at the Mary Vagle Nature Center.

Commissioner Tigner congratulated the Commissioners sworn in today.

Commissioner Tigner wished everyone a happy Easter.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on community service and volunteering. Every time she goes to an event in the City, she is the person being serviced and getting something out of the community. She went to the International Evening with Above the Limits (formerly Sparks and Sunshine Groups) and had such a good time. It was a great evening and felt so privileged to be a part of that. Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy.

Commissioner Coleman shared that the bible she used tonight for her swearing in was her grandmother's bible from 1906 when she became a Lutheran.

Commissioner Coleman thanked her son, grandson and Dale for being here tonight.

Commissioner Coleman shared that she loves Fontana.

Commissioner Bravo congratulated the fellow Commissioners for being reappointed and sworn in.

Commissioner Bravo said that his dad used to say, if you're not out trying to help others, what good are you. That was part of his inspiration to want to help the community. He worked for a non-profit in San Bernardino, helping out in his church not for a desire to seek recognition, but because he believes each of us is called to service in one form or another and that's why we should answer that call to help the community.

Commissioner Bravo thanked his brothers, nephews, family, and Janie Rowland for being here tonight.

Commissioner Bravo is looking forward to having Janie Rowland back on the Parks and Community Services Commission.



Commissioner Bravo thanked all of the different Little Leagues for the invitations to their Opening Ceremonies.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on requiring that people in specific leadership positions for all sports programs be trained in CPR and First Aid.

Commissioner Bravo is looking forward to the car show; staff did an awesome job with it last month.

Commissioner Bravo requested information on park maintenance at Cypress Park.

Discussion was held on facility tours. Calendars will be reviewed at an upcoming workshop.

Commissioner Bravo recognized Commissioner Goni for her inspiring work and passion in the arts and special needs programs.

Commissioner Bravo extended condolences to the family of Yolanda Sandoval, including her brother, KFON's Manuel Sandoval.

Commissioner Bravo extended condolences to the family of Francisco Manuel Lara, a Citrus Continuation High School student who passed away on March 18, 2016, from testicular cancer. His thoughts and prayers to the Lara family.

Commissioner Bravo requested tonight's meeting be adjourned in their names.

Commissioner Bravo wished everyone a happy Easter.

Commissioner Vaquera commended staff on their work.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated fellow Commissioners Bravo, Espinoza and Coleman for being reappointed.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked former Commissioner Goni.

Commissioner Vaquera welcomed Janie Rowland back.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked Owen and staff at the Jessie Turner Fitness Center for the Summit Football program.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated his son, Damien, who is always working hard, going to school and working. He has been accepted at UC Davis and UCLA. The best thing to give his kids was a good education.

Commissioner Vaquera wished everyone a happy Easter.

Chairperson Espinoza congratulated Commissioner Vaquera and his wife for his son's accomplishments.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on being grateful for being on the Commission. She thanked Karen Coleman for being there for her. It is a compliment from God that they were reappointed.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on former Commissioner Goni doing well wherever she goes; she will be a compliment to whatever entity she is involved in.

Chairperson Espinoza attended the California Steel Open House.

Chairperson Espinoza sent her condolences to the families of Yolanda Sandoval and Francisco Manuel Lara.

Chairperson Espinoza wished everyone a happy Easter.

## **A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT COMMENTS**

Community Services Director Nelson requested that newly appointed Commissioner Janie Rowland be noted in attendance.

Director Nelson congratulated Commissioners Espinoza, Bravo and Coleman.

Director Nelson spoke on working every day with individuals that possess a passion for what they do. He is fortunate to work with an amazing group of people.

Director Nelson sent former Commissioner Goñi a letter on behalf of the Commission and the Community Services Department thanking her for her service. She was unable to make it tonight, but, he will re-extend an invitation.

Director Nelson is looking forward to having Janie Rowland back.

Director Nelson wished everyone a happy Easter.

Director Nelson spoke on summer already being so close and is looking forward to a great summer and serving the Commission and the residents.

Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt congratulated the reappointed Commissioners and thanked Commissioner Goni for focus on the arts, music and special needs programs.

Manager Hunt thanked Director Nelson for his support in allowing her to finish her degree.

Manager Hunt spoke on the Fontana Days run on June 4, 2016; it sells out early and anyone interested can register at Active.com.

Manager Hunt spoke on the General Plan Update planning and encouraged all residents of all ages to be engaged and informed.

Manager Hunt celebrated the Marketing team's success for having reached 5,000 likes on Facebook.

Manager Hunt spoke on events happening in April.

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco congratulated the re-appointed Commissioners and applauded them for their service.

Manager Orozco thanked Commissioner Goñi for her service on the Commission.

Manager Orozco spoke on the upcoming Easter events.

Manager Orozco spoke on a hiring event held last weekend and they still have a number of summer seasonal positions available for those interested in working summer seasonal at summer camps or aquatic facilities.

Manager Orozco thanked the Commissioners for their service and staff for doing a great job tonight.

City Clerk Tonia Lewis thanked City Council Member Jesse Sandoval for being such a big help at the Rose Garden; he is very supportive of the Rose Garden and the Historical Society.

City Clerk Lewis thanked City staff, Dan West, and Rick Dean for maintaining the Rose Garden.

City Clerk Lewis was pleased that Johnnie Long was recognized for volunteering her services for so many years in this community; she provided tax service for free at the Senior Center.

City Clerk Lewis congratulated new Commissioners and it was a privilege to swear them in. She does not get to do it very often, but appreciates being able to do that.

City Clerk Lewis wished her husband a happy 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

City Clerk Lewis wished everyone a happy Easter.

Community Services Supervisor Geneo Farrar, speaking on Customer Services Manager Michael Wright's behalf, spoke on the Aqua Prom on April 8, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Supervisor Farrar spoke on the Birthday Lunch on Friday, April 15, 2016, at the Fontana Community Senior Center.

Supervisor Farrar spoke on the Farmers' Market on Sierra and Arrow on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Supervisor Farrar spoke on the Mobile Fresh Fruit Bus at the Fontana Community Senior

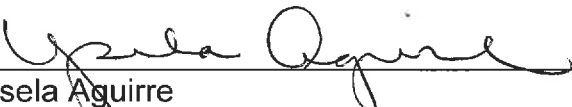
Center on March 29, 2016; at the Pacific Electric Trail at Seville on April 5, 2016; and Oak Park Elementary School on March 30, 2016.


Supervisor Farrar spoke on the middle school soccer sports programs kicking off.

Supervisor Farrar spoke on a hiring event for the aquatics program; those interested may apply at [fontana.org](http://fontana.org).

## ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Yolanda Sandoval and Francisco Manuel Lara at 9:20 p.m. to the next Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2016, with a Workshop at 5:30 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.

  
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Ysela Aguirre  
Boards and Commissions Secretary

  
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Chairperson Espinoza