

**CITY OF FONTANA**  
**PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**April 28, 2016**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2016, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, discuss the Annual Commission Reorganization, review Co-Sponsorships, discuss Fontana Days Parade Involvement, and review the Parks and Community Services Commission 3-month calendar.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: Commissioner Tigner

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, April 28, 2016, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson Espinoza, followed by an Invocation given by Commissioner Bravo and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Vaquera.

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco; Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt; Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock; Community Services Supervisor Tiffany Starks; Community Services Supervisor Geneo Farrar; Public Works Manager Dan West; City Clerk Tonia Lewis.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

**A. COMMISSION OATH OF OFFICE**

City Clerk Tonia Lewis administered the Oath of Affirmation of Office Allegiance to Commissioner Rowland.

**B. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COMMISSIONERS**

Former Commissioner Casey was not available to be recognized for his service to the Parks and Community Services Commission.

**C. MAY IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

Community Services Supervisor Tiffany Starks introduced Commissioner Coleman and Senior Advisory Board Chairperson Kathy Potts to speak on all of the programs available at the Fontana Community Senior Center.

Supervisor Starks read the City of Fontana Proclamation on Older Americans Month.

**D. FONTANA AQUATICS SWIM MEET RECOGNITION**

Community Services Supervisor Geneo Ferrar recognized the Fontana Aquatics Club and presented Lorene Rosales, President of the Fontana Aquatics Club spoke on the

history of the Fontana Aquatics Club. President Rosales introduced Coach Scott who recognized the swimmers that competed in the swim meet and came in first place out of 19 teams.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the March 24, 2016, Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting Not Available as of April 21, 2016.

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

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Bravo, and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve Consent Calendar Item "B".

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Annual Commission Reorganization - Garth Nelson**

The Parks and Community Services Commission formally appointed a Commission Chair, Commission Vice-Chair, and Commission Secretary as follows:

- Chairperson – Commissioner Espinoza
- Vice-Chairperson – Commissioner Rowland
- Commission Secretary – Commissioner Bravo

**B. CIP Review - Lynn Rogers**

Resource Budget Officer Lynn Rogers provided a report on the Capital Improvement Program and recommended that the Parks and Community Services Commission review and approve the Fiscal Year 2016/2017-2022/2023 Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program Preliminary Budget and Determination of Consistency with the General Plan's "Open Spaces and Recreation Element".

Discussion was held on funding of projects.

Discussion was held on the development plans for the Miller Amphitheater and the lighting renovation at Ralph M. Lewis.

Discussion was held on the amphitheater design.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Rowland, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Fiscal Year 2016/2017-2022/2023 Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program Preliminary Budget and

Determination of Consistency with the General Plan's "Open Spaces and Recreation Element".

**A. Special Events Update – Rob Bock**

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock was absent; Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt provided a report on special events conducted in March 2016:

- March 4, 2016, Fontana Car Show. There were 300 residents, 68 classic, custom, low riders, and muscle cars. The band Chico provided music, children enjoyed the bouncer, and good food was enjoyed by all.
- March 19, 2016, Veterans Health and Wellness Fair. Veterans Partnering with Communities and the Fontana Veterans Resource Center hosted this Co-sponsorship event at the Fontana Senior Center. There were 33 vendors with 200 community members attending.
- March 26, 2016, Easter Events at the following locations:
  - Fontana Park had egg hunts for children ages 3-12 with 9,000 eggs. Children 0-2 years of age or children that missed the egg hunt were able to collect eggs and candy at the information booth. There were games, an inflatable jumper, arts and crafts, face painting, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Contract instructors from the center promoted their programs and distributed information about their classes. Water of Life Community Church at Summit provided 40 volunteers and awesome support for the event.
  - Cypress Neighborhood Center held its Easter Eggcitement event at Seville Park in a collaborative effort with City Link. Families who attended this free event were treated to game booths, arts and crafts, face painting, balloon animals, snow cones, stage entertainment, potato sack races, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. A complimentary pancake breakfast was provided by City Link volunteers. The annual Egg Hunt took place for children age 3-12 years of age. In each age group, three golden tickets were hidden among the eggs with grand prizes. Approximately 1,000 community members attended this event.
  - The Don Day Neighborhood Center hosted Easter Eggs-Travaganza with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Great Commission Baptist Church. The Easter egg hunt had over 400 participants, ages 3-12 years old and were also offered activities which included games, arts and crafts, pictures with the Easter bunny, class demonstrations, train rides, a jumper, interactive games with the Sports and Aquatics Divisions, a visit from the Nature Center, face painting and balloon animals by Mobile Recreation Division, activities with the San Bernardino County Library Bus, as well as a visit from the San Bernardino County Fire Department, and the 1952 Fontana Police Department Patrol Car. The event had over 1,200 participants in attendance.

Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt provided a review of upcoming events as follows:

- May 6, 2016, Fontana Car Show, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- May 14-15, 2016, Relay for Life, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Summit High School.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on the fun at the Easter Egg Hunts.

Commissioner Vaquera spoke on the success of the Easter Egg Hunt at Fontana Park.

Director Nelson recognized Karen Gerber and her staff for the great Easter Events.

**B. Tiny Tots Overview - Karen Gerber**

Community Services Supervisor, Karen Gerber, provided a Tiny Tots Overview as follows:

The Tiny Tots pre-school enrichment program is offered at four locations. It provides a healthy, fun, secure, creative, and exciting atmosphere for children ages three through five years of age who are fully potty trained. Activities are planned specifically for the progression of learning and socializing in a recreational setting, designed to create an environment where preschoolers can grow emotionally, intellectually, socially, and physically.

Pre-registration for the Tiny Tots program is required and spots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Currently enrolled participants get priority registration two weeks prior to the new session. Participants not currently enrolled and Fontana residents may begin to register one week prior to the session; and non-resident registration begins the Friday prior to the beginning of the session. An Activity Schedule is available online and at all Neighborhood and Community Centers.

The Tiny Tots program provides a warm, nurturing environment for children to grow and learn. Each child is unique with individual interests and needs. The Tiny Tots program is a recreational enrichment program, not a licensed daycare.

Tiny Tots staff receive on-going training to work with pre-school age youth. The participant to staff ratio of 5:1, we are able provide a most memorable experience to our youth.

Monthly emergency drills are conducted and includes fire, earthquake, and lock-down drills. Each site also practices evacuating from the building to a pre-determined evacuation site.

The Tiny Tots program is offered at Jessie Turner Health & Fitness Community Center; Heritage Neighborhood Center; Cypress neighborhood Center; and Don Day Neighborhood Center. Each center offers a unique environment for children to explore and have fun in a social and recreational setting.

Tiny Tots is offered twice a week for three hours per day.

The Tiny Tots Open House is scheduled as follows:

- Jessie Turner Health & Fitness Community Center  
Monday, May 9, 6-7 p.m.
- Don Day Neighborhood Center  
Tuesday, May 10, 6-7 p.m.
- Cypress Neighborhood Center  
Wednesday, May 11, 6-7 p.m.
- Heritage Neighborhood Center

Thursday, May 12, 6-7 p.m.

More information is available by calling any Neighborhood and Community Center or the Community Services Department office at 909.349.6900 or by visiting [www.fontana.org](http://www.fontana.org).

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

Commissioner Coleman is really excited about the amphitheater.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the Above the Limits gatherings and invited everyone to spend an evening with them.

Commissioner Coleman welcomed Commissioner Rowland back to the Parks and Community Services Commission.

Commissioner Coleman spoke on the Prom at the Fontana Community Senior Center, the food was delicious, the music was great, and the decorations were unbelievable. The new Queen is Betty Sandoval, new King is Joe Trevizo, new Prince is Luis Santizo, and Princess is Ruth Johnson.

Commissioner Coleman encouraged everyone to become a part of Fontana.

Commissioner Bravo requested that tonight's meeting be adjourned in memory of his mother in law, Christine Jackson, who passed away on April 17, 2016. She was looking forward to attending the Senior Prom and she enjoyed her time at the Senior Center.

Commissioner Bravo looks forward to having Commissioner Rowland back on the Parks and Community Services Commission.

Commissioner Bravo congratulated the new officers, Chairperson Espinoza; Vice-Chairperson Rowland, and himself.

Commissioner Bravo is looking forward to all of the activities and events planned this year.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on enjoying working with Commissioner Casey, who has resigned, and wished him well.

Commissioner Bravo is looking forward to the Fontana Car Show on May 6, 2016, and encouraged everyone to attend.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on the Tiny Tots program being a transitional program and how great of a city that we have so many programs to offer the community.

Commissioner Bravo encouraged everyone to get involved in the City of Fontana.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on encouraging others to be the change they want to see in the City of Fontana.

Commissioner Rowland thanked the City Council for her appointment to the Parks and Community Services Commission.

Commissioner Rowland wished Commissioner Tigner well.

Commissioner Rowland spoke on the Relay for Life event on May 14-15, 2016, and invited the Commissioners to the opening ceremonies on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at Summit High School. The survivor celebration was held at the Fontana Community Senior Staff and commended staff for all their help there.

Commissioner Rowland spoke on the Miss Fontana Pageant on June 11, 2016, at Fontana High School. There is a Teen Division and a Miss Division.

Commissioner Rowland spoke on the first graduation being held on May 23, 2016, at Citizen's Business Arena and wished all of the graduates good luck.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked staff for their work on the Easter events and the great work on all events.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated Commissioner Rowland on her return.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated the new officers, Chairperson Espinoza; Vice-Chairperson Rowland, and Secretary Bravo.

Commissioner Vaquera wished John Tigner well.

Commissioner Vaquera will thank Commissioner Casey when he sees him in the community.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated all the graduating students; including his son, and wished them the best.

Chairperson Espinoza congratulated the Class of 2016; and congratulated Commissioner Vaquera and his wife on the graduation on their son.

Chairperson Espinoza offered condolences to Commissioner Bravo and his family.

Chairperson Espinoza welcomed Commissioner Rowland back.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on the support all of the Commissioners give each other.

Chairperson Espinoza wished Pastor Casey well.

Chairperson Espinoza invited everyone to the National Day of Prayer dinner on

Thursday, May 5, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. The event is free, but donations are accepted.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on the Living Way Church providing canned goods, bread, diapers, clothing, and pet food on Tuesdays. Mary Adams always tries to have pet food. Clothes donations are always accepted. Free lunch is provided on Thursdays from 11:00 to 12:00. Stater Bros donates bread.

Chairperson Espinoza encouraged everyone to attend the next GPAC meeting.

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

Community Services Director Nelson spoke on the public being able to find any information on Fontana Forward or the GPAC process at [www.fontanaforward.com](http://www.fontanaforward.com).

Director Nelson wished Commissioner Tigner well and hopes to see him back soon.

Director Nelson congratulated Commissioner Rowland on her return and wished her well.

Director Nelson spoke on missing Pastor Casey; he is an amazing person, a wonderful man, and a great asset to Fontana and cares about this community so much.

Director Nelson congratulated the new officers, Chairperson Espinoza; Vice-Chairperson Rowland, and Secretary Bravo.

Director Nelson commended City Clerk Lewis for her meaningful administration of the oath of office.

Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt welcomed Commissioner Rowland back and looks forwards to working with all of the Commissioners.

Manager Hunt spoke on the Summer Brochure that has programming from May to August and encouraged all residents to look for theirs in the mail. She highlighted the summer camps and the Community Theater Group is performing Jungle Book on May 13-14, 2016.

Manager Hunt spoke on the band performing at the May 6, 2016, car show is Six Hot Live.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on how much fun she had at the Senior Prom and she will be going to the Above the Limits Prom on May 21, 2016.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright welcomed Commissioner Rowland back and looks forward to working with her and the other Commissioners.

Manager Wright spoke on registration for swim lessons beginning on April 30, 2016; registration online or at a community center is available.

Manager Wright spoke on Mayor Warren traveling to Washington, DC, to receive an

award for City of Fontana initiatives for Healthy Fontana. The US Conference of Mayors awarded the City of Fontana first place for medium sized cities for childhood obesity prevention.

Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber, speaking on Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco's behalf, spoke on registration still being accepted for Summer Day Camps.

Supervisor Gerber appreciated the kind words for staff on Above the Limits programming and encouraged anyone interested in volunteering to come out. There are three events scheduled in May – Prom on May 21 at Cypress Neighborhood Center, Mother's Day Event on May 13 at Heritage Neighborhood Center; and National Barbeque Night on May 27 at Cypress Neighborhood Center.

Supervisor Gerber invited everyone to the Fontana After School Program Artist Showcase on Friday, May 20, 2016, at Steelworkers' Auditorium.

Supervisor Gerber spoke on programs available for parents while their children participate in Tiny Tots.

City Clerk Tonia Lewis thanked Director Nelson for his kind words.

City Clerk Lewis invited everyone to the Historical Society Quarterly Membership Meeting on Saturday at the Cypress Center.

City Clerk Lewis spoke on the National Day of Prayer Dinner on May 5, 2016, at the Hilton Garden Inn.

City Clerk Lewis congratulated new officers, Chairperson Espinoza; Vice-Chairperson Rowland, and Secretary Bravo.


City Clerk Lewis wished Commissioner Tigner well.

City Clerk Lewis thanked Todd from Rialto Trophy for his donation to the Historical Society, especially the Rose Garden.

Chairperson Espinoza congratulated the Chaffey Swim Team; most of the girls made it to finals.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Christine Jackson at 8:57 p.m. to the next Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, May 26, 2016, 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 located at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California.

  
Ysela Aguirre  
Boards and Commissions Secretary





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Chairperson Espinoza