

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

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2016, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda and a User Fees Overview.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Commissioner Goni

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 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Espinoza, followed by an Invocation given by Commissioner Samuel Casey and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Coleman.

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco; Community Services Manager Michael Wright; Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock; Community Services Administrative Analyst Brent Strong; Community Services Coordinator Geneo Ferrar; and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approve Minutes of the December 3, 2015, Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting.

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

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Tigner, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve Consent Calendar Items "A-B".

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Special Events 2016 Calendar Review – Rob Bock

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock provided a listing of events planned through the end of the year. The calendar was provided at the dais.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on the many activities. This is going to be a great year for activities.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on the Red Ribbon Breakfast; it is not a new event, but it is a Police Department event.

Commissioner Vaquera welcomed Rob back.

B. Miller Fitness Center Annual Update - Geneo Farrar:

Community Services Coordinator Geneo Farrar provided an annual recap for 2015 of the Miller Fitness Center.

The Miller Fitness Center provides fitness opportunities to individuals aged 16 and up.

The hours of operations were expanded by 18 hours per week; it now opens at 7:00 a.m. and stays open later on Fridays. The day use fee is \$5 for 16-54 years old and \$3 for 55 and up.

Senior Center membership includes use of the Miller Fitness Center facility.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on the fitness center being amazing.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on the increase being small, but good.

Commissioner Bravo shared that people can save money by canceling their gym memberships and joining a community fitness center.

Discussion was held on trainers being offered at an additional charge, but they are not utilized much. The fee is \$35 per session.

Director Nelson spoke on Hector and Geneo encouraging the community to take advantage of this facility.

Discussion was held on the newly created ab workout area. It is on the racquetball catwalk area.

Commissioner Coleman commented on staff always being available to explain how to use the machinery.

Discussion was held on the racquetball fees and use of the courts. The fee is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors. Interested participants should call ahead to reserve a court. Wednesday is set aside for pickup games.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Casey, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve New Business Item B.

C. User Fees-Brent Strong:

Community Services Administrative Analyst Brent Strong provided the recommended user fee changes, including, but not limited to, fee title changes, fee description changes, fee deletions, and implementation of new fees.

Beginning in 2016, the City will begin reviewing its user fees every two years. The user fee review process is managed by the Management Services Department. Each review period, City departments are required to review all fees that are ten years old or older and then 25% of their remaining fees less than 10 years old.

The Community Services Department currently has 237 fees. As a result of this year's fee review, the Department has identified eighteen (18) fees in total that have been reviewed in detail. The Department is recommending the following changes:

- 1 Decreased Fee
- 2 Increased Fees
- 8 New Fees
- 7 Deleted Fees

Discussion was held on fees compared to other cities. Fontana's fees are more economical than other cities' which invites members of other communities to come here. We provide a great service to our community and our surrounding communities.

Discussion was held on existing programs not being affected. Special tournaments will not supersede existing programs; the additional fees are for maintaining contractor custodial fees.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on the low fees giving her daughter an opportunity to try different sports until she found what she really wanted to do.

Discussion was held on citizens from other cities paying a higher fee to be in dance

classes.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Bravo, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to recommend the proposed user fee changes, including, but not limited to, fee title changes, fee description changes, fee deletions, and implementation of new fees, and recommend the Community Services Department submit to the Management Services Department for City Council approval.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Vice Chair Vaquera wished everyone a happy new year.

Vice Chair Vaquera attended the State of the City Luncheon and it was a great opportunity to showcase the city's facilities, services, businesses; we're lucky to live in Fontana and look forward to great things coming.

Vice Chair Vaquera congratulated the Summit Skyhawk Football team on a great season.

Chairperson Espinoza congratulated the Summit HS Volleyball Team league champs.

Commissioner Bravo attended the State of the City Address which was very informative, exciting, and inspiring for how much the city has accomplished and where we are headed. If you have not seen it, it will be playing on KFON.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on how awesome the Festival of Winter was - there were good vendors, food, and snow. He commended City staff for all of their hard work.

Commissioner Bravo requested to have additional dog waste receptacles installed along the PE trail. Public Works Manager, Dan West, will look into it.

Commissioner Bravo requested information on a plan to get a sidewalk from Beech to the Pacific Electric Trail. Public Works Manager, Dan West will speak with Engineering Staff.

Commissioner Bravo reported campers on the Pacific Electric trail between Beech and Cherry.

Commissioner Coleman spoke about concerns regarding the Pacific Electric Trail being raised at the Cx3 meetings. The City is aware of some of the problems. Some suggestions are having more city functions on the trail or maybe service clubs have a lunch and have a hot dog stand to get people out and knowing that the trail exists. The Police Department will respond if they are called.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on his mother in law going to the senior center to have lunch and having a great time. She is taking classes and all she talks about is the Senior

Center. He is a grateful son in law and thanked staff and volunteers at the Senior Center for making people feel welcome.

Commissioner Casey wished everyone a happy new year.

Commissioner Casey spoke on the amazing things ahead for the city and being excited about things taking place; he is looking forward to another great year.

Commissioner Casey wished everyone God's blessing.

Vice Chairperson Coleman encouraged everyone to not only tell their parents to go to the Senior Center, but to come with them. If they hang out with them a little bit and encourage conversation with someone, it is a much more pleasant experience.

Vice Chairperson Coleman spoke on the Senior Center being a life saver for some people and a place they can belong.

Vice Chairperson Coleman spoke on the General Plan and how important it is that everyone attends the meeting on February 4, 2016, at Heritage Neighborhood Center because it is the plan for the next 20 years.

Commissioner Tigner said it's great to see everyone, especially Rob.

Commissioner Tigner spoke on the winter festival being excellent; staff did a wonderful job.

Commissioner Tigner announced that he is retiring from participating on the snow hill.

Commissioner Tigner wished everyone a wonderful year and encouraged everyone to take advantage of everything the City has to offer.

Chairperson Espinoza announced the GPAC meeting on February 4, 2016; and four workshops on Monday, February 22, 7:00 to 9:30 at Fontana Senior Center; February 25, March 7, and March 10, 2016. She encouraged everyone to come out to these important workshops. Some items mentioned may not go in the general plan, but others are there that are listening. Hopefully that becomes a reality.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on the Fontana app for reporting graffiti being great.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on the Nature Center being so nice and clean. It is so peaceful and the place to be.

Chairperson Espinoza congratulated her daughter for her exemplary academic record at Chaffey College.

B. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Community Services Director Nelson wished the Parks and Community Services Commission an outstanding 2016.

Director Nelson attended the State of the City and it is going to be a very exciting year.

Director Nelson welcomed Rob Bock back!

Director Nelson thanked each Commissioner for attending events, giving feedback and comments; they are conduits to residents and very valuable to staff.

Director Nelson encouraged residents to contact Community Services Office if there is anything they need.

Director Nelson announced the new brochure is available.

Director Nelson thanked the Commission for bearing with staff as they held their meeting in the Steelworkers' Auditorium. The new dais took a large amount of work and there is now new technology not only on the dais, but also in the control booth.

Director Nelson announced that Mayer Warren was in Washington, D.C. to receive an award for Fontana being the number one medium-sized city in the nation for Healthy Fontana, healthy living, and the fight against obesity. .

Chairperson Espinoza announced the National Day of Prayer at 5:00 p.m. on May 5, 2016, at the Hilton on Slover and Sierra, at 5:00 p.m.

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock announced that the Black History Parade will be held on February 27, 2016, on Citrus Avenue from Summit to Home Depot. Anyone interested in participating can call 909.333.9950.

Supervisor Rob Bock thanked the community for all of their support. He grew up here in Fontana and was 17 when he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease. The community supported him then and due to the radiation he received, he had some heart issues. On April 25, 2015, he received a new heart. The prayers and support is why he is here today. He thanked the City Council, Commissioners and fellow staff members who have been awesome. He hopes he can encourage someone to never give up.

Chairperson Espinoza spoke on Rob being an inspiration.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on seeing Rob every morning at the gym; he is an inspiration and we are grateful that he is back.

Community Services Manager Orozco announced the Sunshine Club's event on Friday, February 12, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Heritage Neighborhood Center.

Manager Orozco announced the Teen Summit will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at AB Miller High School. This year's focus is on leadership, anti-bullying, college readiness, Fontana Forward and GPAC.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright announced that "The Book", or department brochure, goes through April and lists a few summer events for planning.

Manager Wright announced that park shelters can be reserved by calling 909.349.6900 for info or by visiting a community center.

Manager Wright announced that there are jobs for youth and applications for life guards are available. There will be job fair coming up and will have opportunities for lifeguard certification. Information is available at 909.854.5111.

Manager Wright announced that Pee Wee Soccer and adult softball registration begins on February 1, 2016.

Manager Wright announced the Volunteer appreciation event and that it is amazing that Karen Coleman is not paid for all she does. So many people look forward to seeing her every morning because she creates that feeling of home. He thanked her for all she does and thanked all of the senior volunteers. In 2015, they volunteered 7,000 hours.

Manager Wright announced that the Mayor attended the United States Conference of Mayors where Fontana received an award for being the first-place winner in the medium-size city category. The Mayor has done a great job with this program. This award brings a grant to the city to defeat obesity. More information will be provided in a press conference coming soon.

Manager Wright wished everyone a great weekend.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. to the next Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, February 25, 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



Chairperson Espinoza

Accept and File Staff Report.