

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

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2016, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, review November and December meeting dates, Commissioner Service Assignments, and Commission Park Tours.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: None.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, July 28, 2016, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairperson Espinoza, followed by an Invocation given by Pastor Manuel Aguilar, Iglesia Christiana El Salvador and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Bravo.

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Parks and Landscape Manager Dan West, Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco; Community Services Manager Jennifer Gracia; Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock; Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber, Community Services Supervisor Jamie Bumia; Administrative Analyst Monique Reza; Park Development Coordinator Luis Villalobos; City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

Chairperson Espinoza welcomed Mayor Warren to the Parks and Community Services Commission meeting.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

**A. Sunset on Sierra Event**

Monique Reza, Administrative Analyst, provided information on the Sunset on Sierra Event to be held on Saturday, July 30, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

This event is grant funded through the SCAG Go Human Campaign.

As part of the Active Transportation Plan, the City will be conducting a study on the potential for different improvement options that could be incorporated in the plan.

The Sunset on Sierra event will provide the venue for residents to experience the potential improvements and provide feedback. The event has grown.

The event will take place on Sierra and is divided into various zones; on Sierra from south of the Pacific Electric Trail to Arrow Blvd. will be the Arts District Zone. The Community Services Department moved the Arts Festival to this location to work in conjunction with this event; Arrow Boulevard will provide temporary demonstration projects to provide residents with an idea of what will be included in the Active Transportation Plan and to provide feedback; Sierra Avenue from Arrow to Valencia will provide the Market Night Area. Businesses on Sierra will be able to market their own businesses; Sierra Avenue from Valencia to Orange Way will have live music, bike playground, and Community Services Department activities.

Residents are encouraged to bring their bikes out and try the temporary demonstrations. There will be raffles and prizes available; food, drinks, and entertainment.

Commissioner Bravo is excited for this event.

#### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

Mayor Warren invited the public to a Roundtable Discussion on August 3, 2016, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Center Stage. The purpose of the roundtable is to provide an opportunity to the community to share what they would like to see downtown. Experts will lead the conversation, but she wants input from those that live in the area.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

Approve Minutes of the May 26, 2016, and June 23, 2016, Parks and Community Services Commission Meetings.

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

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Tigner, seconded by Commissioner Rowland, and passed by a vote of 4-3 to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2016, Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting with Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Quintana, and Commissioner Vaquera abstaining.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, and passed by a vote of 6-1 to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2016, Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting with Commissioner Vaquera abstaining.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Rowland, seconded by Commissioner

Vaquera, and passed by a vote of 7-0 to approve Consent Calendar Item B.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock provided a report on special events conducted in June 2016:

- June 2-5, 2016; Fontana Days Festival, Veterans Park; It was the 103<sup>rd</sup> Fontana Days Festival. There were live bands each night, community entertainment, carnival rides, and food.
- June 4, 2016, Fontana Days Run, City Hall; The 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Run was sold out with over 2,000 participants. There was a Children's Dash, 5K Family Walk and Run, 5K Race Walk and 5K Run.
- June 11, Miss Fontana Scholarship Pageant, Fontana High School; This was a Co-Sponsorship event with the Fontana Rotary Club. There were 33 competitors for Miss Fontana and 48 competitors in the Teen Miss Fontana; History was made when sisters (Isabel and Julia Perez) claimed the Miss Fontana and Miss Teen Fontana titles. The Miss Fontana Court was Lucy Cortes, first runner-up; Melina Vasquez, second runner-up; Daisy Lopez, third runner-up; and Benchasiri Kritthammaphong, fourth runner-up. Jackie Heredia was named Miss Ambassador. The Teen Miss Fontana Court was Cindy Muro, first runner-up; Heaven Plazola, second runner-up; Patricia Whitmer, third runner-up; and Destiny Freeman, fourth runner-up. Miriam Ortiz was Teen Miss Ambassador.
- June 4, 2016, Fontana Days Parade, Sierra Avenue
- June 9, Summer Concert Series, Miller Park; Sgt. Pepper Beatles tribute band playing all the Beatles hits with over 1,200 in attendance
- June 16, Summer Concert Series, Miller Park; Soto performed Latin and oldies tunes with 2,000 in attendance.
- June 17, Love Fontana Family Fun Night, Jack Bulik Park; Co-sponsorship event with Calvary Chapel Summit Church.
- June 23, Summer Concert Series, Miller Park; The Blue Breeze Band played funk, jazz, and R & B hits of the past with 2,500 in attendance.
- June 30, Summer Concert Series, Miller Park; Swing Kings reminisced the night away with 1,300 in attendance.
- June 25, Veterans Family Fun Day, Martin Tudor Park; Co-sponsorship event with Veterans Partnering with Communities Veterans.

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

- August 5, 2016, Fontana Car Show, City Hall; the band Huge will perform.

Commissioner Vaquera spoke on the Fontana Days being a fun event no matter the weather and commended staff on the great event.

#### **B. Above the Limits Special Needs Program Update – Karen Gerber**

Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber provided an update on Above the Limits Special Needs Programming as follows:

Above the Limits Special Needs Program provides social-recreational, resource and referral, and inclusion support to the Fontana community. Sparks Club, Sunshine Club, and SNAP serve our families with special needs.

The Sunshine Club at the Heritage Neighborhood Center began in 2008. The Sparks Club began in 2012 at the Cypress Neighborhood Center. Approximately 110 families within the community are served through both clubs.

The clubs offer activities for individuals with cognitive, physical and social disabilities.

Resource and referral information is shared with the community on other inclusive programs or activities, special education programs, and a variety of services that specialize in serving individuals with disabilities or special needs.

Above the Limits will soon utilize the non-profit Exceptional Parents Unlimited (EPU) program whose mission is to enable individuals with disabilities to reach their maximum potential by providing them, their families and the professionals who serve them with training, support, information, resources and referrals as well as advocacy information workshops.

Staff works with contract instructors to develop and implement new experiences with classes such as S.N.A.P (Special Needs Art Program); Inclusive Acting; Cardio Kickboxing; and Special Needs Ceramic and Wheel.

During the 2015/2016 year, monthly club attendance and offsite excursions saw 388 participants with an additional 909 guests in attendance and Recreational Enrichment Classes had a total of 232 attendees.

Some of the "Above the Limits" activity highlights for the 15/16 Fiscal Year included Sports Night at the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center; Talent Showcase at Steelworkers' Auditorium; Sunshine Club Magic Show at the Heritage Neighborhood Center; and the Sparks Club Prom Night at the Cypress Neighborhood Center.

Staff continues to work towards further enhancement of services through the development of the team and continual engagement of all available resources. The Above the Limits team is comprised of full-time and part-time team members that continues to receive on-going training and development such as conferences, workshops, through

participation with the Inland Regional Center Collaborative of San Bernardino County. Staff continue to focus on enhancing service delivery and supervisory staff concentrates on developing a team that is actively engaged and committed to providing the highest standards of service.

Commissioner Coleman commended the program and the ability to meet different people and becoming like family. It is a beautiful experience.

Chairperson Espinoza also commended the program.

**C. ASES End of Year Report – Jamie Bumia**

Community Services Supervisor Jamie Bumia provided an ASES End of Year Report as follows:

Continued partnerships with the Fontana Unified School District, Colton Joint Unified School District, and Etiwanda School District has paved the way for activities and events for students in kindergarten through eighth grade across 32 elementary and five middle schools.

It is the goal of the Fontana After School Program to provide quality educational, recreational, and cultural enrichment. The program is focused on providing safe environments, helping students to achieve higher grades, and improving school attendance. Each program component offered has the ability to enhance the quality of life for each student to be used in preparation for a bright future. Approximately 3,000 students attended on a daily basis.

There were multiple initiatives that students in the Fontana After School Program participated in, such as Healthy Fontana, Let's Move Campaign; Art Depot, Learning Education in Arts Program; Fontana Park Aquatics Center, Annual End-of-Year Field Trip; Mary Vagle Nature Center, Fee-Based Field Trips; Team California for Healthy After Schools mentoring program for San Bernardino and Riverside Counties; and University of California Cooperative Extension.

The Fontana After School Program has a strong focus on giving students the opportunity to share learned skills. Highlights for this school year include increased student led activities through Creating Your Own Business and STEM.

The Fontana Unified School District has been recognized by the California Department of Education for its partnership with the Fontana After School Program, as a Distinguished After School Health (DASH) program; the award recognizes programs that excel in providing health education, nutrition, and physical activities for students. The Fontana After School Program received the most awards in San Bernardino County.

The City of Fontana After School Program strives to continue exceeding expectations in providing quality after school programming for the community. The focus for the 2016-17

school year includes enhanced youth development, 21<sup>st</sup> century skills , and college and career enrichment activities.

Supervisor Bumia spoke on the Lights On After School Event in October at Fontana Middle School.

Chairperson Espinoza commended staff on the programming in the ASES program.

Commissioner Vaquera spoke on the proof that this program is working and thriving. He congratulated staff on being certified for two years.

Director Nelson announced that Jamie Bumia will be leaving for a position in the City of Claremont. There is never a good time to lose a good employee; he thanked her for all the great work she's done for the thousands of children and families she has served in the City of Fontana.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on meeting Jamie Bumia when he was first appointed to the Parks and Community Services Commission. He spoke on the great talent of staff that are being taken from the City of Fontana. We produce some of the best staff.

Jamie Bumia thanked the Commissioners and management staff for all that is offered and all that they do.

#### **D. Miller Park Amphitheater – Public Works Oral Presentation**

Public Works Park Development Coordinator Luis Villalobos provided an oral presentation on the Miller Park Amphitheater.

He shared the details of the plans for the facility including 1,400 sq. ft. covered stage; 1,150 sq. ft. restroom building, concrete walkways, dance floor space, vendor areas, interactive water feature. The targeted cost is \$6.5 million.

The facility will incorporate the look of the surrounding facilities.

The timeline and schedule were shared. The Plan Check Process is in progress; the Environmental Review will be complete in August 2016; and construction completion by May 2018.

Discussion was held on the impact it will have on the Miller Park Pool.

Discussion was held on layout of the plans.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Bravo, and passed by a vote of 7-0 to approve New Business Items A, B, C, and D.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

## **A. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Vaquera apologized for not attending the past two meetings.

Commissioner Vaquera Fontana Days was a great event.

Commissioner Vaquera announced that the Arts Festival will be held in downtown Fontana

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated Jamie Bumia on her new position.

Commissioner Vaquera spoke on other cities wanting our staff because of all the great work they do here in Fontana.

Commissioner Tigner commended staff on the great concerts in the park events.

Commissioner Tigner reminded everyone of the Arts Festival coming up on July 30.

Commissioner Quintana thanked staff and Director Nelson for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. It was amazing. This one was second to none.

Commissioner Quintana thanked Chuck Hayes and Dan West for the improvements at Bill Martin Park.

Commissioner Coleman shared her special anniversary of James Brown, a child she worked with when she and her husband did child visitations. She shared a poem on praying for children.

Commissioner Bravo brought up a very little known program available through the Fontana Police Department. You can contact them and alert them that you will be on vacation and they will make an effort to have someone go by and check your house regularly.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on Sunset on Sierra.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on the Mayor's Round Table on August 3, 2016, at Center Stage.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on the chamber being packed at the Water Company rate hike hearing.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on quality staff being recruited by other cities.

Commissioner Rowland congratulated Jamie Bumia on her job in Claremont.

Commissioner Rowland spoke on the awesome 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

Commissioner Rowland thanked Karen Gerber for the Above the Limits t-shirt.

Commissioner Rowland spoke on a student that has to ride his scooter at skate parks in other cities.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked Karen Gerber for the Above the Limits t-shirt.

Chairperson Espinoza thanked Karen Gerber for the Above the Limits t-shirt.

Chairperson Espinoza congratulated Jamie Bumia on her new position.

Chairperson Espinoza congratulated her daughter, Amber, on her new job.

Chairperson Espinoza said hello to Tara and wished her a speedy recovery.

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

Community Services Director Nelson spoke on summer camps ending tomorrow and commended staff on the great job.

Director Nelson spoke on the summer swim classes ending tomorrow.

Director Nelson spoke on the amazing summer.

Director Nelson thanked the Commissioners for their comments on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event and the Summer Concerts; he commended staff for their work in making it happen.

Director Nelson wished Jamie Bumia well in her new career adventure.

Community Services Manager Jennifer Gracia invited everyone to join the Art Festival in downtown. The ambience will be created with twinkle lights and entertainment. There will be three and a half blocks of entertainment.

Manager Gracia invited everyone to the National Night Out Event at Martin Tudor Park.

Manager Gracia announced that Noches Con Ritmo returns on August 11, 2016, and August 21, 2016. There is a \$5 fee.

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco summer camps are ending this week; thanked staff for producing those great camps.

Manager Orozco spoke on the Above the Limits program improvements. They will take the month of August off.

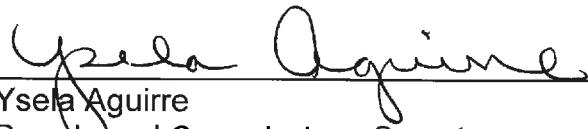
Manager Orozco announced that the After School Program will begin next week where

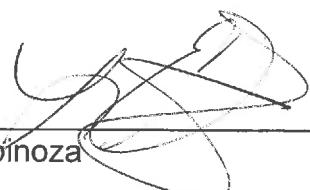
over 3,000 youth will be served every day after school and new staff will join for that program.

Manager Orozco expressed his thanks, gratitude and appreciation for all that Jamie Bumia has done for the After School Program. A true sign of her leadership is what is left behind. She will be successful in all of her future endeavors.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. to the next Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, August 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.

  
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Ysela Aguirre  
Boards and Commissions Secretary

  
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Chairperson Espinoza