

**CITY OF FONTANA  
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 8, 2016**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2016, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, discuss Commission Appointment Process, and review the User Fee Process.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chairperson Espinoza, Commissioner Bravo, Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Quintana, Commissioner Rowland, 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, December 8, 2016, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson Espinoza, followed by an Invocation given by Pastor Samuel Dawkins, Westside Baptist Church and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Tigner.

Staff Present: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Parks and Landscape Manager Dan West, Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco; Community Services Manager Jennifer Gracia; Community Services Manager Michael Wright; Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock; Community Services Coordinator Tiffany Starks; City Clerk Tonia Lewis, and Boards and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

**A. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF**

Parks and Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco welcomed new Community Services Supervisor Jenny Brown.

Community Services Supervisor Jenny introduced herself and provided a brief history of her experience.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Approve Minutes of the October 27, 2016, 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 Rowland, and passed by a vote of 7-0 to approve Consent Calendar Item A. Calendar Item B. was not provided in the agenda packet.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

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

- October 1, 2016, Mayor's Gala at Jessie Turner Health & Fitness Center; over 350 people in attendance to support the youth in Fontana with over \$95,000 dollars raised to support the Fontana Boys and Girls Club.
- October 8, 2016, Let's Move on the Trail on the Pacific Electric Trail; there were 120 vendors showcasing health and education, physical fitness, entertainment, cultural arts, farmers market, rock climbing wall, and an obstacle course, the Fontana Fire Department and Police Department hosted open houses for over 3,200 community members.
- October 31, 2016, Halloween Event at Seville Park; Cypress Neighborhood Center hosted Hallowscream with an estimated 1,300 participants. There was an entire parking lot full of volunteers with decorated car trunks to hand out candy. There were carnival style games, jumpers, business booths, costume contests and the trunk or treat area.
- October 3, 2016, Halloween Event at Southridge Park; Don Day Neighborhood Center hosted the Halloween Monster Bash with over 850 participants playing games, arts and crafts, class performances, and costume contests, and fourteen information and food vendors.
- October 31, 2016, Halloween Event at Fontana Park; Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Community Center held its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Spooktacular Trunk-or-Treat event with over 3,000 participants enjoying a live band, a DJ, costume contests, hay rides, face painting, scary stories, and walk through the haunted house.
- November 11, 2016, Veterans Day Celebration at Memorial Rose Garden; American Legion Post 772 and Post 262 along with Veterans of Foreign War Post 6563 hosted this event with over 450 residents. The Summit High School marching band performed along with longtime Fontana resident Wayne Landes singing his patriotic tributes. The Koehler Veteran's Day Essay and Art contest was also held.
- November 23, 2016, Eat & Be Well at Seville Park; this was a co-sponsorship event with the Fontana Community Assistance Program and the City of Fontana and provided prepared thanksgiving meals for 1,500 individuals. There were also health and service vendors providing services.
- November 30, 2016, Tree Lighting Ceremony at City Hall; This event had over 750 community members treated to Mexican breads, hot chocolate, and free pictures with Santa.

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

- December 10, 2016, Christmas Parade on Sierra Avenue hosted by the Fontana Exchange Club.
- December 10, 2016, Festival of Winter at Miller Park.
- January 14, 2017, Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at Steelworkers' Auditorium.

Supervisor Bock wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Coleman loved our Santa this year.

### **B. Healthy Fontana Annual Update 2016 – Tiffany Starks**

Community Services Supervisor Tiffany Starks introduced DeDe Benson to provide a Healthy Fontana Annual Update.

Healthy Fontana has four main components: nutrition, active living, smart growth, and community partnerships.

Through outreach, there were over 97,475 resident contacts; Fontana After School Program Nutrition Education was offered at 37 sites; there was a summer feeding program and family fun and nutrition program; a weekly Farmer's Market, as well as community events.

Grants and awards were received from United States Conference of Mayors Childhood Obesity Prevention Award (\$120,000) and Nutrition Education Obesity Grant. Over \$850,000 has been received in grants and awards in the last seven years.

Healthy Fontana has 30 active partnerships to deliver information and resources to the community.

In January 2016, Healthy Kids for a Healthy Fontana placed first in the US Conference of Mayors Childhood Obesity Prevention in mid-size cities; the \$120,000 funding was provided to support existing and new programs to combat childhood obesity.

Programs continuing include Healthy Fontana on Wheels; cooking lessons with a cooking competition at after school programs; and the Mayor's bi-monthly walks with school children.

Communities of Excellence (CX3) is a four year project that ended in September 2016. It developed champion moms and leaders in the community to create healthier and safer neighborhoods through walking clubs, safe routes to school, and retail market outreach and education.

A new three year project, Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention – Retail and Community Events Program, is beginning continue working with retail markets to provide nutrition education with customers in their stores, and provide signage highlighting healthy options.

The City of Fontana was selected by the county to start a pilot program of retail market advisory group to come up with plans to bring healthier foods in the city and the county.

Let's Move on the Trail is a community engagement event that was held on October 8, 2016, and had over 3,200 attendees. It covered three city blocks of the Pacific Electric Trail and provided a Fitness Expo, Art & Relaxation Expo, Safety & Preparedness Expo, Police & Fire Department Open Houses and Healthy Pets Expo. There were over 121 vendors, including the Farmer's Market. There was a Family Walk Run event in partnership with Healthy Rialto and a cycling event that started at North Heritage Circle. This event highlighted the Pacific Electric Trail. Survey results show that 81% of respondents use the Pacific Electric Trail for exercise, bicycling and walking.

This month, the Farm Fresh for Fontana Families Kaiser grant ends. It provided nutrition education, and a "Double Bucks" program to use at the Farmer's Market to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.

The Mobile Fresh Bus, provided in partnership with the Family Services Association for a year at three locations – Fontana Community Senior Center, the Pacific Electric Trail, and Oak Park Elementary School. Mobile Fresh is a mobile grocery store offers fresh fruits and vegetables, pantry items, and dairy products at 20-30% below grocery store pricing.

Director Nelson shared that in November, the city was recognized as a premier program in health education; Community Services Manager Michael Wright accompanied the Mayor to Pittsburgh to receive the award.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bravo, seconded by Commissioner Vaquera, and passed by a vote of 7-0 to accept and file staff reports under Item A and B.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

### **A. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated the team and welcomed Jenny to Fontana.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated the city on the recognitions received.

Commissioner Vaquera attend the Christmas parade and Festival of Winter.

Commissioner Vaquera wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays; and reminded everyone to be safe and enjoy your loved ones.

Commissioner Vaquera spoke on his son moving out down the street, but it feels like 1,000 miles! He congratulated his son and his girlfriend.

Commissioner Tigner wished everyone wonderful holidays and encouraged everyone to be safe on the roads.

Commissioner Quintana wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. He encouraged everyone to be safe and enjoy one another.

Commissioner Quintana spoke on the beautiful tree lighting ceremony.

Commissioner Quintana invited everyone to the parade and he is excited about it.

Commissioner Quintana spoke on his son playing in a baseball tournament right now.

Commissioner Coleman told a story of peace and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Bravo extended congratulations to new City Council Member Jesse Armendariz.

Commissioner Bravo thanked Lydia Salazar Wibert for her service to the community.

Commissioner Bravo congratulated Mike Wright and the City of Fontana for their recognition.

Commissioner Bravo invited everyone in the community to come out to the parade.

Commissioner Bravo spoke on the many programs offered that are community orientated.

Commissioner Bravo suggested a city wide athletic contest; something to get schools involved.

Commissioner Bravo wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Rowland welcomed Jenny to Fontana.

Commissioner Rowland invited everyone to the parade and Festival of Winter.

Commissioner Rowland spoke on social media working to catch thieves.

Commissioner Rowland congratulated Mike and his team.

Commissioner Rowland spoke on the Relay for Life being planned.

Commissioner Rowland wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Chairperson Espinoza congratulated Mike and the team.

Chairperson Espinoza invited everyone to come to the parade on Saturday.

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

Community Services Manager Michael Wright thanked everyone for their congratulations.

Community Services Manager Aaron Orozco echoed everyone's sentiments.

Manager Orozco invited everyone to the Above the Limits Holiday Party on Friday, December 9, 2016.

Public Works Manager Dan West wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt-Gracia welcomed Jenny Brown.

Manager Hunt-Gracia wished everyone a good night.

City Clerk Tonia Lewis spoke on her grown son coming back home.

City Clerk Lewis is thrilled to see Rob Bock.

City Clerk Lewis wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and joy to the world.

Community Services Director Garth Nelson welcomed Jenny Brown.

Director Nelson spoke on the City Council election results being certified and then there will be a swearing in of Jesse Sandoval and Jesse Armendariz.

Director Nelson spoke on the Chief coming to the Commission and bringing his team.


Director Nelson reflected on an amazing year and all the things that have happened. We can get caught up and forget everything accomplished in the City and a community. There were some tragedies, disappointments, and change; 2016 was an amazing year. He works with amazing professionals every day and with great elected and appointment officials.

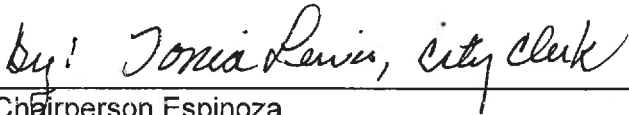
Director Nelson thanked City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre for everything they do to support the seven commissioners and staff.

Director Nelson spoke on the Community Services family.

## ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. to the next Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2017, 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  
Commission Secretary

  
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Tonia Lewis, City Clerk  
Chairperson Espinoza