

**CITY OF FONTANA  
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 24, 2017**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 24, 2017, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, discuss Commission Meetings for November and December 2017, and the Volunteer Recognition Event.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Vice Chairperson Rowland, Commissioner Ahumada; Commissioner Jones; Commissioner Quintana; Commissioner; Commissioner Sangha; and Commissioner Vaquera were present.

Absent: Commissioner Key

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, August 24, 2017, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chairperson Rowland, followed by an Invocation given by Pastor Marlon Jackson, Loveland Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Quintana.

Staff Present: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Parks and Landscape Manager Dan West, Community Services Manager Kristy Samples; Community Services Manager Michael Wright; and City Clerk Tonia Lewis

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. Employee of the Month**

The Parks and Community Services Commission recognized Tara Savage as the Employee of the Month.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Approve Minutes of the July 27, 2017, Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting.

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

Approve July 2017 activities report.

## **C. FONTANA COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL UPDATE - TIFFANY STARKS**

Accept and file staff report.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Quintana, and passed by a vote of 5-0-1 to receive and file Consent Calendar Item A-C. (AYES: Ahumada, Jones, Quintana, Sangha; Vaquera; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Rowland)

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **A. SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE - ROB BOCK:**

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

- July 4, 2017, Independence Day Celebration, Fontana High School; the Latin Band Sapo and Brenton Wood entertained the crowd of over 5,200. There were interactive games, game booths, giveaways, roving entertainment, and a fireworks show.
- July 6, 2017, Summer Concert, Veteran's Park; the Blue Breeze Band provided music to over 1,600 participants.
- July 13, 2017, Summer Concert, Veteran's Park; the band Woodie and the Longboards, Heartache Tonight provided the music to over 1700 residents.
- July 7, 2017, Fontana Car Show, City Hall; there were over 50 vehicles and 150 residents participating.
- July 20, 2017, Summer Concert, Veteran's Park; the band Fresh performed for 1,800 community members.
- July 27, 2017, Summer Concert, Veteran's Park; a contemporary praise concert by Water of Life Summit, Be the Message Church, Journey Community Church, and Calvary Chapel Summit was enjoyed by over 600 residents.
- July 29, 2017, Fontana Arts Festival, Fontana Park; a celebration of visual and performing arts with 48 local artist and community booths. Approximately 5,500 community members and art enthusiasts participated.

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

- September 1, 2017, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Fontana Car Show, City Hall
- September 9, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 9/11 Day of Service, Fontana Senior Community Center
- September 16, 2017, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Chillin' N Grillin', Fontana Park

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Sangha, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to receive and file New Business Item A. (AYES: Rowland, Quintana, Vaquera, Ahumada, Jones, Sangha; NOES: None)

## **B. TINY TOTS OVERVIEW - KAREN GERBER**

Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber provided a Tiny Tots Overview.

The Tiny Tot program is designed to create an environment of trust where preschoolers can grow emotionally, intellectually, socially and physically.

The Community Services Department has four locations (Jessie Turner Health & Fitness Community Center, Heritage Neighborhood Center, Cypress Neighborhood Center, and Don Day Neighborhood Center) that operate the Tiny Tot program for preschooler children three through five years of age.

During the 2015 and 2016 calendar years, there were 7,735 Tiny Tots Program participants. The program is offered two days a week for three hours each day.

The Tiny Tot program utilizes the Community Services Department Priority Registration System that allows any returning Fontana resident the opportunity to re-enroll into the program to promote program continuity and ongoing opportunity to remain in the activity.

Support and positive feedback received from parents and participants shows the Tiny Tots Program makes an impact on the lives of Fontana youth.

The City of Fontana's Community Services Department is proud to offer this valuable program to the youth of Fontana.

Discussion was held regarding enrollment and waiting lists.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Ahumada, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to receive and file New Business Item B. (AYES: Rowland, Quintana, Vaquera, Ahumada, Jones, Sangha; NOES: None)

## **C. FONTANA COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 - TIFFANY STARKS**

Community Services Supervisor Tiffany Stark introduced Community Services Coordinator Martin Gutierrez to provide an update on membership at the Fontana Community Senior Center.

There was an increased membership of over 7% from 2015-2016. The center offers over 35 clubs, has 42 active volunteers and offers a fitness room. There were 141 different organizations that worked with the center to offer resources for the seniors.

Community Services Coordinator Nick Johnson provided an update on the nutrition program and rental information at the Fontana Community Senior Center.

Community Services Supervisor Tiffany Stark provided an update on classes offered, special events held, and the transportation program.

Chairperson Rowland commended the delicious meals served.

Commissioner Vaquera looks forward to the day he will be an official senior.

Commissioner Jones expressed interest in the Salsa Dance.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Quintana, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to receive and file New Business Item C. (AYES: Rowland, Quintana, Vaquera, Ahumada, Jones, Sangha; NOES: None)

#### **D. FONTANA AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM END OF YEAR REPORT- JENNY BROWN**

Community Services Supervisor Jenny Brown provided a Fontana After School Program End of Year Report.

The Community Services Department in partnership with the Fontana Unified School District, Colton Joint Unified School District, and Etiwanda School District provides the Fontana Afterschool Program. The program is an all-inclusive after school program that highlights educational literacy, physical fitness, cultural and recreational enrichment, as well as health and wellness.

The After School Program was offered at 32 elementary schools and 5 middle schools, serving a total of 3,567 students.

The After School Program components consist of Science Technology, Engineering, and Math based activities; Project Based Learning; Visual and Performing Arts; Health and Wellness programming; Youth Development and homework assistance.

Students participate in special events to compliment the program components such as Healthy Fontana: Let's Move Outside; Learning Education Arts Program; Mayor's Youth Advisory Council; City Winter Parade; and end of the year field trip.

The focus for the 2017-18 school year, is the changing from an after school program to an expanded learning program.

Current enrollment is at 2,974 participants.

Commissioner Jones requested data on the impact to students. Community Services Manager Kristy Samples will be bringing that information back.

Commissioner Vaquera spoke on the progress of the program.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Ahumada, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to receive and file New Business Item D. (AYES: Rowland, Quintana, Vaquera, Ahumada, Jones, Sangha; NOES: None)

#### **E. MILLER PARK AMPHITHEATER UPDATE - ORAL REPORT - DAN WEST**

Public Works Manager Dan West and Park Development Coordinator Luis Villalobos provided a Miller Park Amphitheater Update.

The timeline of the project was shared with a project completion expected in March 2018.

The project features include concrete stage with storage, permanent restrooms, water feature, concrete walkways, a dance floor area, grass viewing areas, and designated vendor space.

Project images and renderings were shared.

Discussion was held on the capacity of the theater.

Discussion was held on the possible location of a Christmas tree.

Discussion was held on the number of stalls in the restrooms for women.

Discussion was held on the viewing mounds.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Quintana, seconded by Commissioner Vaquera, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to receive and file New Business Item E. (AYES: Rowland, Quintana, Vaquera, Ahumada, Jones, Sangha; NOES: None)

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

### **A. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Jones congratulated Tara Savage on being selected employee of the month.

Commissioner Jones encouraged the community to support the event on September 9, 2017.

Commissioner Quintana congratulated Tara Savage on being selected employee of the month.

Commissioner Quintana thanked the Fontana and Rancho Cucamonga Police Department for arresting those responsible for the snack bar break in.

Commissioner Quintana thanked Public Works for getting the parks back and making them more secure.

Commissioner Sangha thanked staff for their updates; there is a lot going on in the city and all the information was insightful.

Commissioner Sangha is trying to get back in shape and is thankful for the pedometer.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated Tara Savage on a well-deserved recognition.

Commissioner Vaquera enjoyed the Arts Festival; it was great and the festival gets better each year. Commissioner Vaquera also wanted to commend staff on the way the tables were set up.

Commissioner Vaquera welcomed students and staff back to school; he reminded the public to be careful as the students will be crossing the streets.

Commissioner Vaquera is looking forward to seeing everyone at the Volunteer Appreciation event on September 23, 2017; and the event for the veteran's place.

Commissioner Ahumada thanked staff for the reports and updates they provide and appreciates the time they put into getting the information.

Commissioner Ahumada is looking forward to the upcoming events.

Commissioner Jones offer condolences to Former Mayor Gary Boyles as his wife passed early this month, both were very involved with community Mayor Gary Boyles was also the president of Elks Little League and Mrs. Boyles was always present.

Commissioner Roland is looking forward to the September 23, 2017, Volunteer Recognition event.

Commissioner Roland congratulated Tara Savage on being selected employee of the month.

Commissioner Roland announced that she will be celebrating 31 years at Fontana School District on September 4, 2017.

## **B. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT COMMENTS**

Community Services Director Garth Nelson commended staff on the great reports.

Director Nelson visited the Knopf Center at Cypress Park and the team has come a long way.

Director Nelson shared that Tiny Tots is the first engagement in the Community Services engagement.

Director Nelson thanked the Parks and Community Services Commissioners for being present at the Community Services events throughout the summer.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright congratulated Tara Savage on being selected employee of the month.

Manager Wright thanked his team for the great job all summer long they are now getting ready for fall and holiday events.

Manager Wright thanked staff for their presentations tonight.

Manager Wright spoke on the cooling facilities available during the upcoming heat wave.

Manager Wright spoke on the Fontana Walks program to get the community involved in living a healthier lifestyle. The next Fontana Walks event is on September 23, 2017, at 7:00 a.m. at Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center.

Community Services Manager Kristy Samples invited aspiring youth actors to audition for Suessical Jr.

Manager Samples invited the community to the Art Depot Gallery to visit the Stuart Fingerhut Showcase.

Manager Samples congratulated Tara Savage on being selected employee of the month. Manager Samples thanked the Fontana Expanded Learning Team for a great start to the school year.

## ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. to the next Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, September 28, 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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