

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2017**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2017, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, an overview of the Fontana Art Association, an overview of the Park and Field Irrigation, and Halloween Site Visitations.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Chairperson Rowland

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, September 28, 2017, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Quintana, followed by an Invocation given by Pastor Emory James, Ephesians New Testament Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Vaquera.

Vice Chairperson Quintana welcomed City Council Member Jesse Sandoval to the meeting.

Staff Present: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Parks and Landscape Manager Dan West, Community Services Manager Daniel Schneider; Community Services Manager Michael Wright; City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Boards and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL REPORT – TONIA LEWIS

City Clerk Tonia Lewis provided an oral report on the Historical Society.

Commissioner Vaquera requested information on membership.

B. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CSD STAFF – DANIEL SCHNIEDER, KRISTY SAMPLES

Community Services Manager Daniel Schnieder introduced Jordan Gionet,

Community Services Coordinator, at the Mary Vagle Nature Center. Mr. Gionet thanked staff for being so welcoming and helpful and provided some background information on his experience.

Community Services Manager Kristy Samples introduced Nathan Hunt in his new role as a Community Services Supervisor in Cultural Arts/Marketing. Mr. Hunt is excited to serve the city in his new role.

C. SENIOR CENTER MONTH - TIFFANY STARKS

Tiffany Starks shared the Senior Center Month Proclamation issued by the Mayor and City Council.

D. VETERAN'S DAY ESSAY CONTEST - MAYOR PRO TEM SANDOVAL

Mayor Pro Tem Sandoval presented the Veteran's Day Essay check to be used for the Veteran's Day Essay Contest.

Director Nelson encouraged the Parks Commissioners to participate in the Veteran's Day event.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. FONTANA ART ASSOCIATION BI-ANNUAL REPORT

Accept and file staff report.

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Approve Minutes of the August 24, 2017, Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting

C. PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS - PARKS AND LANDSCAPE DIVISION

Approve August 2017 activities report.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquero, seconded by Commissioner Keys, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to receive and file Consent Calendar Item A-C.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE – ROB BOCK

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

- August 4, 2017, Fontana Car Show, City Hall; the final Fontana Car Show was held with the Six Hot Live band performing.
- August 19, 2017, Family Matters Picnic, Jack Bulik Park; this co-sponsorship event was hosted by Begin from Within.

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

- October 14, 2017, Let's Move on the Trail, on the Pacific Electric Trail
- October 31, 2017, Halloween Events at Fontana Park, Seville Park, and Southridge Park

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Keys, seconded by Commissioner Ahumada, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to receive and file New Business Item A.

B. CULTURAL ARTS ANNUAL REPORT - NATHAN HUNT

Community Services Supervisor Nathan Hunt provided the Cultural Arts Annual Report.

Cultural Arts is comprised of two major categories: performing arts and visual arts operating out of several facilities, including Center Stage Theater, Steelworkers' Auditorium, and the Art Depot Gallery, Council Chambers, Koehler Gallery, Lewis Library and Technology, Fontana Community Senior Center and various outreach programs at schools, parks and community centers. There were 84,584 community members impacted by programming.

Programming included the Leading Educational Arts Program (L.E.A.P.) that impacted 10,532 community members; Youth Community Theater Program had two productions with 5,688 community members impacted; Fontana Arts Summer Camp offered seven sessions and a total of 1,940 points of contact; Special Needs Art Program (S.N.A.P) had a total of 753 points of contact; Cultural Art Classes had 2,389 points of contact; Imagination Studio had 224 points of contact; Pajama Paint Night Workshops had 219 participants; DIY Make and Create Workshops had 214 points of contact; Adventures in Art had 49 events with 678 points of contact; STEM Lego Engineering Camp had

149 points of contact.

Gallery Exhibits and Artist Showcase include a Featured Artist Showcase and a General Artist Exhibit. The Featured Artist Showcase is exhibited at the Art Depot and the Council Chambers; the General Artist Exhibit is exhibited at Steelworkers' Auditorium and at the Fontana Community Senior Center. The artists offer workshops to community members and had 1,898 points of contact with 9,290 community members visiting the Art Depot Gallery.

Steelworkers' Auditorium Cultural Performances had 5,251 points of contact.

Center Stage Theater hosted 101 performing art events with 10,628 community members.

Fontana Arts Festival had 8,000 community members participating in Sunset on Sierra.

The Art Depot Gallery, Steelworkers' Auditorium, and Center Stage Theater had 149 rental dates with a total of 7,528 points of contact.

The Cultural Arts programs partner with Fontana Unified School District, Fontana Art Association, San Bernardino County Lewis Library & Technology Center, Stargazer Productions, City and Department Programs, Arts Council of San Bernardino and various Galleries, Museums and Educational Institutions, to provide programming. There were 22,089 points of contact through partnerships.

A community impact survey showed that the Cultural Arts Programs had a positive impact on the community.

The following upcoming events were highlighted:

- National Arts and Humanities Month
- Monster Art Bash
- Shrek the Musical at Center Stage
- Day of Dead Celebration
- Seussical Jr.

Discussion was held on the meaning of "point of contact".

Discussion was held on the level of experience required for participation.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to receive and file New Business Item B.

C. SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM UPDATE - KAREN GERBER

Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber provided a Special Needs Program Update.

The “Above the Limits” Special Needs Program serves families with Special Needs through social enrichment, resources, recreational enrichment classes, and training and outreach.

Special Needs Clubs originated in 2008 with the commencement of the Sunshine Club at the Heritage Neighborhood Center; and the Sparks Club at Cypress Neighborhood Center in 2012. Both clubs serve approximately 110 families.

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

Above the Limits assists our community by sharing resource and referral information.

A variety of programs offer unique recreational experiences for the Special Needs population such as S.N.A.P (Special Needs Art Program), Inclusive Acting, Special Needs Ceramic and Wheel, Aquability Swim Lessons, and Special Olympics.

Community Services Development staff attend ongoing trainings and outreach events to provide the best quality programs; monthly meetings to network with other cities and nonprofit organizations; and participate in outreach events.

The Sparks and Sunshine Clubs had monthly club attendance and offsite excursions of 392 participants and 996 guests in attendance.

Aquability Special Needs Swim Lessons had 86 participants, Special Olympics Basketball had 12 athletes and Special Olympics Swim Team had 12 swimmers.

The Community Services Department is committed to providing social and educational activities and programs to the special needs community.

Discussion was held on developing a challenger baseball league.

Discussion was held on a year round program for special needs children.

Discussion was held on the great socialization opportunity provided for parents to connect with other parents of special needs children.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright shared that a Talent Showcase will be held on October 13, 2017, at Steelworkers’ Auditorium and a Halloween Event on October 27, 2017 at Cypress Center for the special needs members.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright shared that Above the Limits shirts

were provided at the dais.

Discussion was held on where people can call to connect with resources.

Commissioner Vaquera commented that it is great to see those kids enjoying themselves.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to receive and file New Business Item C.

D. 2017 SUMMER CAMPS & FOOD PROGRAM RECAP - KAREN GERBER

Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber provided a recap of the 2017 Summer Camps and Food Program.

The City of Fontana Community Services Department had summer camps and summer food service sites. Nine camps were offered at parks and schools and each hosted a summer food program for youth eighteen years and under. The summer food program was offered in partnership with Fontana Unified School District. Traditional Day Camps and Specialty Camps were offered.

Traditional Day Camps were offered at Don Day Neighborhood Center (Camp Southridge) with 335 campers and 11,725 points of contact, an increase of 10% from the previous year; Cypress Neighborhood Center (Camp Imagination) with 413 campers and 16,520 points of contact, a 43% increase from the previous year; Heritage Neighborhood Center (Camp JED: Journey, Explore, and Discover) with 704 campers and 28,160 points of contact, a 6% increase from the previous year; and the Jessie Turner Health & Fitness Community Center (Camp Fit) with 740 campers and 29,600 points of contact, an increase of 1% from the previous year.

Specialty Camps were offered at Jack Bulik Neighborhood Center (Teen Camp) with 77 campers and 1,540 points of contact, an increase of 19% from the previous year; the Art Depot and Steelworker's Auditorium (Fontana Arts Summer Camp) had 191 campers and 5,730 points of contact, and increase of 1% from the previous year; the Nature Center (Nature Discovery Camp) had 178 campers and 3,560 points of contact, an increase of 11% from the previous year; Sports Camp had 439 participants and 17,560 points of contact, an increase of 2% from the previous year; Junior Lifeguard Camp had 70 campers and 2,680 points of contact, and increase of 20% from the previous year.

There was a total of 3,144 campers and 118,985 points of contact, an overall increase of 10%

Skate Nights were held every Wednesday at the Fontana Park Pavilion; this free event had over 1,200 guests.

For the eighth successive year, the Fontana Unified School District and the City of Fontana collaborated to serve summer camp participants 38,269 meals and 16,335 snacks through the Summer Food Program. All meals exceeded the State of California SB-12 School Nutrition Standards.

The Summer Food Program operated at fifty sites in the Fontana community and this year included the lunches being served at the Lewis Library.

Throughout all fifty sites 126,948 youth received a free nutritious lunch and 20,720 received an afternoon snack. An increase of 5% more lunch meals were served this year compared to last year.

Discussion was held on the financial implications of providing extremely affordable programs to the community.

Discussion was held on the handling of the wait list and the possibility of expanding.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Ahumada, seconded by Commissioner Keys, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to receive and file New Business D.

E. NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER COMMISSION CALENDARS - ORAL REPORT - GARTH NELSON

Director Nelson requested the Parks and Community Services Commission consider calendar modifications for the November and December Parks and Community Services Commission meetings to cancel the November 16, 2017, regular meeting.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Keys, seconded by Commissioner Vaquera, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to cancel the November 16, 2017, Parks and Community Services Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Sangha welcomed new Community Services Department staff.

Commissioner Sangha thanked staff for the informative reports.

Commissioner Key thanked Community Services Department staff that work hard at the multiple events.

Commissioner Key encouraged citizens to participate in City events.

Commissioner Jones welcomed Jordan Gionet, to the team and congratulated Nathan Hunt on his promotion.

Commissioner Jones thanked Mayor Pro Tem Sandoval for his contribution to keeping Veteran's Day in the forefront.

Commissioner Jones thanked Karen Gerber for the reports and the Above the Limits gear provided.

Commissioner Ahumada attended the volunteer event.

Commissioner Ahumada thanked staff for the information provided.

Commissioner Ahumada thanked Karen Gerber for all of the goodies provided today.

Commissioner Ahumada thanked Community Development Secretary Harriet Myers for always sending out the agenda.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked staff for all they do at the events.

Commissioner Vaquera attended the walk last Saturday and has put in over 11,000 steps.

Commissioner Vaquera attended the Volunteer Recognition event.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated Nathan Hunt on his promotion; and welcomed Jordan Gionet to the City.

Commissioner Vaquera attended the great Chillin N' and Grillin event.

Commissioner Vaquera is looking forward to all of the upcoming events.

Commissioner Vaquera requested prayers for Mexico.

Vice Chairperson Quintana thanked staff for the continued work to keep the parks ready for the seasons.

Vice Chairperson Quintana welcomed Jordan Gionet and congratulated to Nathan Hunt.

B. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Community Services Director Garth W. Nelson is impressed and excited with Jordan

Gionet and Nathan Hunt.

Director Nelson thanked Public Works Manager Dan West for the presentation at workshop on park irrigation.

Director Nelson thanked the Public Works team and Dan Chadwick.

Director Nelson thanked staff for their presentations tonight.

Director Nelson thanked the Parks and Community Services Commissioners for attending events and encouraged them to come out to future events.

Vice Chairperson Quintana thanked Community Services Manager Daniel Schneider for communicating with him.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright thanked Karen Gerber for her detailed report on Summer Camps.

Manager Wright shared that Fontana Walks is at 52 million miles and the next event is on October 14, 2017, at the Let's Move on the Trail, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. from Cedar Avenue and the Pacific Electric Trail. Conversion charts are available for other activities that can count towards steps.

Manager Wright shared that a Dia De Los Muertos event is being held at Jack Bulik Neighborhood Center, on October 31, 2017, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be game booths and costume contest, as well as altars available for honoring departed family members.

Community Services Manager Daniel Schneider thanked the Commissioners for attending events this past month.

Manager Schneider commended Public Works staff for their work.

Manager Schneider spoke on the Middle School Volleyball program having incredible participation for a great program; he is proud and impressed.

Community Services Manager Kristy Samples welcomed everyone to celebrate Arts and Humanities Month and to purchase tickets for Seussical Jr.

Manager Samples invited everyone to celebrate and enjoy the Artists Showcase Workshop at the Art Depot Gallery on October 7, 2017.

Manager Samples invited everyone to Center Stage to enjoy Shrek the Musical

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. to the next Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, October 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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