

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS, COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

MAY 23, 2019

The City of Fontana Parks, Community and Human Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2019, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, the three-month Commission Calendar, and a Co-Sponsorship Overview.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairperson Key, Vice Chairperson Ahumada, Secretary Vaquera, Commissioner Gordon, and Commissioner Johnson were present.

Absent: Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Quintana

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks, Community and Human Services Commission was held on Thursday, May 23, 2019, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairperson Key, followed by an Invocation given by Commissioner Johnson, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Gordon.

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Community Services Manager Michael Wright; Community Services Manager Daniel Schneider; Community Services Manager Kristy Samples; Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock; Community Services Coordinator Jordan Gionet; Public Works Manager Dan West; City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Boards and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A. NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION – MICHAEL WRIGHT

Community Services Manager Michael Wright introduced new employee, Community Services Coordinator Joshua Marquez.

B. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - JORDAN GIONET

Community Services Coordinator Jordan Gionet introduced Sr. Community Services Assistant Guillermo Hernandez as the May Employee of the Month.

C. SUMMER PROGRAMMING PREVIEW – NATHAN HUNT

Community Services Supervisor Nathan Hunt provided a Summer Program Overview.

Commissioner Gordon commended staff on the upcoming events.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Deborah Hall-Lindsey thanked the Commission for the support of the Concerned Citizens for the Development of North Fontana.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the April 25, 2019, Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Meetings.

B. PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS-PARKS AND LANDSCAPE DIVISION

Approve April 2019 activities report.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve Consent Calendar Items A-B. (AYES: Key, Ahumada, Gordon, Vaquera, Johnson; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Special Events Update – Rob Bock

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock provided a report on special events conducted in April 2019:

- **April 5, 2019, Fontana Car Show, City Hall**
There were over 75 cars and 300 community members in attendance; the band Cold Duck performed and children enjoyed the jumper and Mobile Recreation.
- **April 7, 2019, Walk for Kids, City Hall**
The 2nd Annual Walk for Kids Co-Sponsorship event had over 3,500 participants. The Fontana Foundation of Hope, The Inland Empire Ronald McDonald House, and the City of Fontana all contributed to the success of this event. This event is one of the largest and most important fundraising campaigns for the Inland Empire Ronald McDonald House.
- **April 13, 2019, Veterans Health and Wellness Resource Fair, Fontana Community Senior Center**
This co-sponsorship event was hosted by the Veterans Partnering with Communities organization and the City of Fontana and provided resources for veterans in Fontana ranging from housing, health, financial programs and tax assistance. Over 150 people visited with over 20 vendors.

- **April 13, 2019, Community Assistance Program Resource Fair, Jack Bulik Park**

The Community Assistance Program through the Water of Life Church hosted their 16th Annual Resource Fair. There were representatives from 60 community assistance organizations at this Co-Sponsorship event. Over 150 residents received information on resources available.

- **April 20, 2019, Easter Event, Fontana Park**

There were over 3,500 guests that participated in this event that featured egg hunts for children, 3-5 years old, 6-8 years old and 9-12 years old with 3,000 eggs per division. DJ Will Supreme kept all guests informed and provided great tunes throughout the event. Children were able to take part in game booths, arts and crafts, face painting, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Hillside Community Church provided free hotdogs, chips and drinks to all guests. The Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Community Center also hosted their annual open house event.

- **April 20, 2019, Easter Event, Seville Park**

There were over 600 community members in attendance at this event that consisted of an egg hunt for 3-12 years old, multiple games, crafts, activities, face painting, stage performances and music for all to enjoy. Vendors included the City of Fontana's Mobile Recreation Bus, Healthy Fontana, and the Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio. Stage performances included Cypress Center class demonstrations and the CIF Champion Summit High School Cheerleaders. There was a visit from the Easter Bunny and families enjoyed a fun-filled day participating in lawn games provided by the City of Fontana Sports programs. The Cypress Neighborhood Center hosted an Open House offering tours and information.

- **April 20, 2019, Easter Event, Southridge Park**

The Don Day Neighborhood Center hosted its annual Spring Egg-Stravaganza with the assistance from volunteers from Fontana's Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. There were over 600 community members who enjoyed the egg hunts, games, crafts, performances, and pictures with the Easter Bunny, food, performances by Don Day's Tiny Tot program and Tango and Belly Dancing. Don Day Neighborhood Center hosted an Open House with information on classes and programs were shared.

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

- May 30-June 2, Fontana Days Festival, Veterans Park
- June 1, Fontana Days Run, City Hall
- June 6 & 9, Summer Concerts, Miller Amphitheater
- June 15, Miss Fontana Pageant, Fontana High School
- June 20 & 27, Summer Concerts, Miller Amphitheater

Secretary Vaquera spoke on the number of participants at the Inland Empire Ronald McDonald House Walk for Kids.

Commissioner Gordon commended staff on the work well done on all of the community events.

ACTION: Motion was made by Vice Chairperson Ahumada, seconded by Secretary Vaquera, and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept and file the staff report. (AYES: Key, Ahumada, Gordon, Vaquera, Johnson; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None)

B. MARY VAGLE NATURE CENTER UPDATE - JORDAN GIONET

Community Services Coordinator Jordan Gonet provided an update on the Mary Vagle Nature Center.

Mary Vagle Nature Center offers a classroom and exhibit hall with interpretive displays in a park setting which includes a pond, picnic area, amphitheater, hiking trails, and native plant gardens.

The Nature Center offers an easily accessible natural area programs that focus on local, ecological, and historic topics, geared towards school-aged children and that utilize its specific geography.

The center has developed exhibits, gardens, and programs to complement its mission.

Over the past year the Community Services Department collaborated with the Landscape Division of Fontana Public Works to purchase Barley straw to control algae; and with the Inland Empire Turtle and Tortoise Club to create a turtle relocation project.

The center's Urban Ecology School Program which accommodates nearly 4,000 students and teachers annually throughout three counties. Additional programs include birthday parties and scout badge programs.

Summer program offers include Nature Discovery Camp in July and a Summer Evening Film Series.

The center hosts its annual National Public Lands Day event in September where volunteers spend the day performing work projects on behalf of public spaces and resources; the City's Arbor Day Tree City USA Celebration in the spring; and celebrates Earth Day each April.

ACTION: Motion was made by Secretary Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept and file the staff report. (AYES: Key, Ahumada, Gordon, Vaquera, Johnson; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None)

C. SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM PREVIEW - KAREN GERBER

Community Services Supervisor Karen Gerber provided a preview of the Summer Lunch Program.

The Summer Lunch Program is a partnership between The City of Fontana, Community Services Department and the Fontana Unified School District (FUSD) to provide free lunches to the community's youth, ages 18 and under.

The Summer Lunch Program will be available at the following nine school sites: A.B. Miller High School, Beech Elementary, Fontana High School, Jurupa Hills High School, Kaiser High School, Primrose Elementary, Live Oak Elementary, Summit High School, and North Tamarind Elementary; and at the following parks and centers: Bill Martin Park, Fontana Boys & Girls Club, Fontana Park Aquatic Center, Jack Bulik Park, Lewis Library & Technology Center, Miller Park, Seville Park, Southridge Park, Veterans Park, Almeria Park, Chaparral Park, Fernandez Park, Koehler Park, and Shadow Park.

City of Fontana Summer Day Camp enrollees at Nature Discover Camp at Mary Vagle Nature Center; Summer Art Camp at Art Depot; Sports Camp at Fontana Park; Jr. Lifeguard Camp at Don Day, Miller Pool and Fontana Park; Teen Camp at Jack Bulik Neighborhood Center; Camp Southridge at Don Day Neighborhood Center; Camp Imagination at Cypress Neighborhood Center; Camp JED at Heritage Neighborhood Center; and Camp Fit at Jessie Turner Health & Fitness Center will also receive lunch and snack through the Summer Food Program at no additional cost.

There is no eligibility verification required to receive a free lunch and snack and is available to youth 18 years of age or younger with all meals meeting and exceeding the State of California SB-12 School Nutrition Standards.

The Summer Youth Lunch Program will have a Kick Off Event on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, at the Fontana Park Aquatic Pavilion from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

More information is available at the Fontana Unified School District Food Services at 909.357.5160 ext. 29200 or at FUSD.net or by contacting the City of Fontana Community Services Department at 909.349.6900 or at www.fontana.org.

Discussion was held on eligibility to participate.

ACTION: Motion was made by Secretary Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and passed by a vote of 5-0 to accept and file the staff report. (AYES: Key, Ahumada, Gordon, Vaquera, Johnson; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None)

D. CO-SPONSORSHIPS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 – ROB BOCK

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock presented the Co-Sponsorship applications for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Daniel Vasquez spoke on Co-Sponsorship support of the Love Fontana event.

Commissioner Johnson spoke on all of the organizations bringing something important to our community; and recommended that all applications be approved.

ACTION: Motion was made by Secretary Vaquera, seconded by Vice Chairperson Ahumada, and passed by a vote of 5-0 to provide the priority listing to City Council with a recommendation regarding thirty co-sponsorship applications for fiscal year July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. (AYES: Key, Ahumada, Gordon, Vaquera, Johnson; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None)

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Key welcomed Community Services Coordinator Joshua Marquez.

Commissioner Key congratulated Community Services Coordinator Guillermo Hernandez on being selected as the May Employee of the Month.

Commissioner Key has enjoyed all of the community events.

Commissioner Key spoke on being happy to be a part of this Commission.

Vice Chairperson Ahumada thanked staff for all the reports received.

Vice Chairperson Ahumada welcomed new staff.

Vice Chairperson Ahumada wished everyone a great summer.

Secretary Vaquera thanked Community Services staff for all their work.

Secretary Vaquera welcomed Joshua Marquez.

Secretary Vaquera congratulated Community Services Coordinator Guillermo Hernandez on being selected as the May Employee of the Month.

Secretary Vaquera spoke on a car spinning out in front of him and encouraged everyone to drive safely in the rain.

Secretary Vaquera congratulated all graduates and spoke on his own childrens' graduations.

Secretary Vaquera wished everyone a happy summer, to enjoy your vacations and be safe.

Commissioner Gordon congratulated all graduates and reminded them to remember how they got there and the leaders that were influential in their lives.

Commissioner Gordon reminded everyone to take a moment to reflect on the true reason of Memorial Day and the heroes that served and lost their lives serving.

Commissioner Gordon attended one of the Easter events and enjoyed it.

Commissioner Gordon looks forward to the Fontana Days Festival.

Commissioner Gordon is proud of the way that we treat people and the services we provide.

Commissioner Gordon spoke on the fantastic staff and how they interact with people.

Commissioner Gordon quoted John Maxwell “A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.”

Commissioner Johnson congratulated Southridge Tech Middle School for being one of the schools to watch.

Commissioner Johnson congratulated all mothers for Mother's Day.

Commissioner Johnson welcomed Community Services Coordinator Joshua Marquez Joshua back to Fontana.

Commissioner Johnson congratulated Sr. Community Services Assistant Guillermo Hernandez on being selected as the May Employee of the Month.

Commissioner Johnson spoke on community events he's participated in, including the Fontana Days Parade, Little Mermaid Production, Dodger's Dreamfield and Easter Egg Hunt at Fontana Park, being awesome.

Commissioner Johnson thanked Mary Vagle staff for what they offer.

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Community Services Director Nelson spoke on Memorial Day and those that gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Director Nelson spoke on Josh and Guillermo making a difference in this department.

Director Nelson shared an updated calendar.

Director Nelson thanked Daniel, Rob and Bianca in vetting the Co-Sponsorship program applications.

Director Nelson spoke on the Mary Vagle Nature Center and encouraged the community to visit.

Community Services Manager Wright congratulated graduates, including the Tiny Tot Program graduates.

Manager Wright spoke on registration for the Tiny Tot program.

Manager Wright congratulated Guillermo on being selected Employee of the Month.

Manager Wright spoke on Fontana Walks event being held on June 15, 2019, at Steelworkers' Auditorium and congratulated all those logging their steps.

Manager Wright wished his son a happy birthday.

Manager Wright wished everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend.

Community Services Manager Schneider congratulated Guillermo on being selected employee of the month.

Manager Schneider spoke on having a pool party at Fontana Aquatics Park.

Manager Schneider spoke on the Fontana Days Run on June 1, 2019, at 7:00 a.m.; and the Fontana Days Festival on June 3, 2019.

Manager Schneider spoke on Concerts in the Park and thanked Jack Long, Foundation of Hope, and Be-Air Swap meet for their sponsorship.

Manager Schneider spoke on the Wheelchair World Championship being held on June 8, 2019, at Jack Bulik Skate Park.

Manager Schneider spoke on tickets for the 4th of July event going on sale on June 10, 2019, at \$6 per ticket.

Manager Schneider spoke on the Dodgers Dreamfield #51 event on Saturday, June 22, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at Jack Bulik Park.

Community Services Manager Kristy Samples congratulated the cast of Little Mermaid and the volunteers of that production.

Manager Samples thanked Christina Enriquez for her work on hiring part time staff.

Manager Samples spoke on the Rocking with the Keys production at Center Stage Theater.

Manager Samples wished fathers an early Happy Father's Day.

Public Works Manager Dan West had no comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to the next Regular Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, June 27, 2019. A Workshop will be held at 5:30 PM in the City Hall Executive Conference Room and the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers located at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California.

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Ysela Aguirre
Boards and Commissions Secretary

**THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMISSION ON THE 27th DAY OF JUNE 2019.**

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Chairperson

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