

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS, COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 23, 2020**

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks, Community and Human Services Commission was held on Thursday, April 23, 2020, 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 Ahumada, followed by an Invocation given by Vice Chairperson Gordon, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Quintana.

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Community Services Manager Michael Wright; Community Services Manager Daniel Schneider; Community Services Manager Kristy Samples; Public Works Manager Dan West; Community Services Senior Administrative Aide, Harriet Myers.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

None.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Elizabeth Sena requested improvements to the Edison Easement from Cherry to Live Oak to make it a better walkway.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the February 27, 2020, Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Meetings.

B. PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS-PARKS AND LANDSCAPE DIVISION

Approve March 2020 activities report.

ACTION: Motion was made by Secretary Johnson, seconded by Vice Chairperson Gordon, and passed by a vote of 7-0-0 to approve Consent Calendar. (AYES: Ahumada, Gordon, Johnson, Vaquera, Jones, Quintana, Key; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. COVID-19 CSD SERVICES UPDATE - MANAGEMENT TEAM

Director Community Services provided an update on the Community Services Department services being provided during the COVID-19 circumstances in spite of community centers, neighborhood centers, aquatic facilities and ball fields being closed to the public.

Public Works Manager Dan West provided an update on the status of closed park amenities.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright provided an update on the services being offered to the senior community.

Community Services Manager Kristy Samples provided an update on the ASES program services being provided including supplemental educational programs and meals for the youth and online recreational services.

Community Services Manager Daniel Schneider provided an update on the Park Monitor Program and the KFON team's work during this time.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Key, seconded by Vice Chairperson Gordon, and passed by a vote of 7-0-0 to accept and file the staff report. (AYES: Ahumada, Gordon, Johnson, Vaquera, Jones, Quintana, Key; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None.)

B. CO-SPONSORSHIP OVERVIEW - DANIEL SCHNEIDER

Community Services Manager Daniel Schneider provided an update on the Co-Sponsorship Requests. Currently, there are 17 requests and four facility requests for a total of \$40,266.

Four of the events are scheduled in July and August; the final determination on whether or not they will be held depends on the orders regarding public gatherings that will be in place at that time.

Staff will be providing all of the requests to the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission for prioritizing. The requests are to be ranked as if they are all taking place. Staff will reach out to any organization whose event that cannot be held for possible rescheduling.

Discussion was held on organizations contacting staff regarding cancelled events.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Quintana, and passed by a vote of 7-0-0 to accept and file the staff report. (AYES: Ahumada, Gordon, Johnson, Vaquera, Jones, Quintana, Key; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None.)

C. MYAC TEEN SUMMIT RECAP - KRISTY SAMPLES

Community Services Manager Kristy Samples provided a recap of the MYAC Teen Leadership Summit.

Manager Samples thanked all MYAC members for all of their work on the success of the MYAC Teen Leadership Summit. The goal of the event is to empower teens with the tools they need to become community leaders

In partnership with the Fontana Unified School District, this event was held on March 7, 2020, at Summit High School and had 357 youth and 56 parents participating with guest speakers, workshops, and a resource center.

Commissioner Johnson spoke on attending the event and thanked MYAC for the event.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and passed by a vote of 7-0-0 to accept and file the staff report. (AYES: Ahumada, Gordon, Johnson, Vaquera, Jones, Quintana, Key; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None.)

FONTANA AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM 2019-2020 MID-YEAR REPORT - KRISTY SAMPLES

Community Services Manager Kristy Samples provided a mid-year report on the Fontana After School Program.

In partnership with the Fontana Unified School District and the ASES grant, the after school program is offered for free to registered participants at 30 elementary and five middle schools in Fontana Unified School District as well as Colton Joint Unified School District and Etiwanda School District. There were 219,147 points of contact through the grant funded and fee based programs.

It is the goal of the Fontana After School Program to provide quality educational, recreational, and cultural enrichment through strong relationships with families, school and communities by fostering the social, physical, intellectual, and emotional development of the youth that are served.

Program components included Lego We Do/Mindstorm, Ozobot, science fairs (STEAM Activities); NBA MathHoops; Garner Holt's Education Through Imagination Field Trips; The Noble Youth Leadership Program at middle school sites; Fontana Winter Parade; and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

Although the second semester was adjusted slightly, students were still able to experience Garner Holt's Education Through Imagination Coding Program; San

Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools' SPARK-E Collaboration; and staff training on Robotics/Coding and Mental Health.

The iFly field trips were postponed and staff is looking forward to an exciting program for next year and busy preparing online educational supplemental curriculum support in collaboration with the District and the Boys and Girls Club.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Key, seconded by Commissioner Vaquera, and passed by a vote of 7-0-0 to accept and file the staff report. (AYES: Ahumada, Gordon, Johnson, Vaquera, Jones, Quintana, Key; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None.)

D. CENTRAL CITY PARK AND SOLAR PROJECTS UPDATE - DAN WEST

Public Works Manager Dan West provided an update on Central City Park that is 60% complete with an expected completion date of November 2020 and an opening of the park in February or March 2021.

Public Works Manager Dan West provided an update on the solar projects throughout the City; only a few more structures need to be completed by mid-May

Public park lighting upgrade, contractor just started on April 13, 2020, at several parks.

Quintana spoke on seeing some of the work being done.

Discussion was held on the irrigation system at Central City Park and purple piping.

Public Works Manager Dan West provided an update on recycled water conversions.

Johnson requested that dirt mounds falling into the street be looked at during the recycling water conversions.

Discussion was held on the community gardens at Central City Park.

Commissioner Johnson spoke on the types of plants needing to be changed due to the landscaping being pushed to November.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Quintana, seconded by Commissioner Vaquera, and passed by a vote of 7-0-0 to accept and file the staff report. (AYES: Ahumada, Gordon, Johnson, Vaquera, Jones, Quintana, Key; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None.)

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Vice Chairperson Gordon is glad to see everyone.

Vice Chairperson Gordon thanked staff for all they are doing during this unprecedented time.

Vice Chairperson Gordon requested information on any issues with the closure of facilities.

Vice Chairperson Gordon requested information regarding employees being compensated during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Secretary Johnson spoke on how wonderful staff has been; and the effort put into the events held.

Secretary Johnson encouraged everyone to participate in the virtual Fontana Walks.

Secretary Johnson spoke on the sense of community in Fontana.

Secretary Johnson thanked Manager West for the update.

Secretary Johnson encouraged everyone to check out the after school programming and virtual recreation.

Secretary Johnson wished his daughter a happy birthday.

Commissioner Jones thanked Ms. Sena for her comments and encouraged all community members to voice their ideas to make the city better and also come out and applaud the great things in the City.

Commissioner Jones spoke on being sad about the parks being closed and encouraged everyone to take advantage of the virtual parks.

Commissioner Jones thanked Tiffany for the great things she is doing with the seniors.

Commissioner Jones thanked Stan Clark and his crew for the virtual Special Olympics.

Commissioner Jones encouraged everyone to stay healthy, get some sun and fresh air, participate in Fontana Walks, and get their medicine.

Commissioner Key echoed the sentiments regarding the great job staff is doing.

Commissioner Key spoke on volunteering to distribute meals and seeing the students stay connected with their teachers at Sierra Lakes Elementary School.

Commissioner Key spoke on this experience increasing our conscience awareness of maintain human contact.

Commissioner Key spoke on the parks having to be closed.

Commissioner Key encouraged communities to understand that they may be bored but it is important to stay home and stay safe.

Commissioner Quintana commended staff for all there are doing to provide services to seniors and students.

Commissioner Quintana thanked Manager West and staff for their updates.

Commissioner Quintana thanked Jennifer and staff for helping set up the web based meeting.

Commissioner Quintana is grateful to everyone for helping to stop the spread of COVID-19 and is looking forward to getting back to normal.

Commissioner Quintana encouraged little league players to practice and be ready for when they start playing again.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked everyone for everything that they have done.

Commissioner Vaquera commented situations like this brings out the worst in people and sometimes even the best.

Commissioner Vaquera talked about how in other places people are not allowed to go anywhere, you might think that things are getting better, but they are not.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked Jennifer for the great service.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked the staff for their hard work in providing food for the students.

Chairperson Ahumada commended City staff for going above and beyond with all they do during this time.

Chairperson Ahumada respectfully thanked the Mayor and City Council for working diligently to keep the community safe.

Chairperson Ahumada thanked staff for checking in on our senior, special needs community, and students.

Chairperson Ahumada spoke on the District approving providing free internet to all students and issuing laptops to help with distance learning.

Chairperson Ahumada encouraged residents to visit the City website for important resources and information to help get through this time.

Chairperson Ahumada thanked first responders and medical staff for the sacrifices they are making.

Chairperson Ahumada encouraged everyone to take everything one step and one day at a time to get through this.

Chairperson Ahumada thanked Jennifer and IT for setting up the meeting.

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT COMMENTS/PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Community Services Director Nelson congratulated Chairperson Ahumada on her first official meeting as Chairperson.

Director Nelson apologized and thanked everyone for understanding why last month's meeting had to be canceled.

Director Nelson spoke on welcoming Mark Deney as the new City Manager and setting up a meeting for the Commissioners to meet him

Director Nelson spoke on IT doing a great job with Jennifer and Alan being awesome for helping get the meeting to run smoothly.

Director Nelson spoke on missing the residents and being back together soon.

Director Nelson thanked the Community Services team for working hard and caring for the community.

Director Nelson commended the KFON team on covering all of the meetings for the community.

Community Services Manager Wright thanked commissioner Jones for joining in the Fontana Walks Virtual. City is still aiming for the 9 billion steps by August.

Manager Wright thanked KFON.

Manager Wright welcomed new City Manager.

Manager Wright congratulated Chairperson Ahumada.

Manager Wright we are Fontana Together.

Community Services Manager Schneider spoke on Park Monitors not having too many issues at the parks.

Manager Schneider spoke on the Fontana Days Run being offered virtually.

Manager Schneider thanked KFON and IT staff for their dedication and loyalty.

Manager Schneider congratulated Chairperson Ahumada on her first official meeting as Chairperson.

Manager Schneider thanked administrative staff for all of their work.

Manager Schneider thanked Harriet for all she does to put this meeting together.

Manager Schneider thanked Tammy Wilkerson and Jordan Gionet working at the EOC.

Manager Schneider thanked all staff working from home and doing all they do while working from home.

Manager Schneider encouraged everyone to be safe.

Community Services Manager Samples echoed everyone's sentiments.

Manager Samples thanked the community for their understanding and patience.

Manager Samples encouraged the community to stay active and stay informed.

Public Works Manager West echoed everyone's sentiments.

Manager West thanked IT for putting this meeting together.

Manager West congratulated Chairperson Ahumada on her first official meeting as Chairperson.

Manager West spoke on the Park Monitoring staff keeping tabs on everything going on in the parks.

Manager West provided an update on South Fontana Sports Park.

Manager West spoke on working with Elizabeth Sena on other City issues and being aware of the issue she was addressing.

Commissioner Johnson spoke on Ms. Sena reaching out to him and directing her to submit a comment for tonight's meeting; and on other issues she reported to him.

Director Nelson spoke on staff not being able to receive the California Park and Recreation Society Excellence Award due to the conference being cancelled, but they will still receive their award.

Director Nelson thanked Manager Schneider for supporting the City as part of the Emergency Operation Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m. to the next Regular Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2020. A Workshop will be held at 6:00 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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Boards and Commissions Secretary

THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 28th DAY OF MAY 2020.

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Chairperson Ahumada

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