

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS, COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2020**

WORKSHOP

The City of Fontana Parks, Community and Human Services Commission and Staff met remotely for a workshop at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2020, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda.

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, December 10, 2020, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairperson Ahumada, followed by an Invocation given by Commissioner Gordon, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Key.

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; and Senior Administrative Aide Harriet Myers.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – DANIEL SCHNEIDER:

- A. Employees of the Month**
- B. Good Samaritan**

Community Services Manager Daniel Schneider introduced Community Services Supervisor Geneo Farrar to speak on the efforts of staff and a Good Samaritan who helped a swimmer who fell ill at Fontana Park.

Jessica Barragan, Aquatics Coordinator; Stan Clark, Aquatics Coordinator; Sarah Tritt, Assistant Pool Manager; Chelsea James, Water Safety Instructor; Austin Sparks, Lifeguard, are being recognized by the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission as Employees of the Month; and Gracelynn Thammago's is being recognized by the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission as a Good Samaritan.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Rick spoke on suspending the weed and feed treatment on the sports and recreation fields; and young athletes from another area using Fontana fields.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the October 22, 2020, Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Meetings.

B. PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS - PARKS AND LANDSCAPE DIVISION

Approve October and November 2020 activities report.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Key, 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.)

NOTE: Commission Felix Jones was not present at the October meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. HEALTHY FONTANA UPDATE - ORAL REPORT - MICHAEL WRIGHT

Community Services Manager Michael Wright provided a Health Fontana Update.

Healthy Fontana has four core components: nutrition, active living, smart growth, and community partnerships. The goal is to create greater awareness of health in our community & inspire people to make impactful changes to help us all live longer and healthier lives.

The 8th Annual Fontana Let's Move on the Trail event went virtual due to the pandemic and was held from October 5-10, 2020, with virtual walks every day. There were over 20 partners and 87 video components that provided information, education, and resources. Over 2,000 participants watched the video components over the six day period.

Healthy Lifestyles for Kids is component of the After School Program Fontana Extended Learning Program. The program is provided virtually and teaches kids how to make healthy snacks and meals, and eating more fruits and vegetables.

Healthy Fontana e-newsletter is provided monthly and electronically for the community to eat healthy, stay active and be provided with resources. Anyone can sign up to receive the newsletter by visiting healthyfontana.org

Virtual and Drive Thru Events were held including Virtual Summer Camp; Above the Limits Poppin' In; and Fontana Community Senior Center Drive Thru Halloween.

Fontana Walks have gone virtual and continue to encourage everyone to log their steps. Over 9.1 billion steps have been logged. Those interested in joining and getting their start-up kit can register at fontanawalks.org. The next Virtual Walk will be held on December 19, 2020.

A Stakeholders' Meeting was held virtually on December 2, 2020, with 17 participants.

The Future of Healthy Fontana looks bright and Healthy Fontana wants to hear from you to discuss the Healthy Fontana program; if you are interested contact them at 909.350.6342 or email healthy@fontana.org

Healthy Fontana will continue to deliver education, information, and resources to the community virtually, via the webpage and social media outlets.

Manager Wright reminded everyone to wash their hands frequently, use hand sanitizer when needed, socially distance, and wear face coverings in public to help curb the spread of Covid-19.

Discussion was held on the Cooking Shows still being aired.

Discussion was held on how resources are being made available to the public.

Commissioner Vaquera spoke on filming yourself walking and submitting the video to Healthy Fontana to show they are participating.

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.)

B. PUBLIC WORKS PARKS PROJECTS UPDATE DAN WEST - ORAL REPORT

Public Works Manager Dan West provided a Public Works Parks Projects Update.

Manager West spoke on the park lighting project contractor working on parks in the north end of town and expects the project to be completed in January.

Manager West spoke on the playground closure state orders and confirmed that Fontana parks are open.

Manager West provided an update on Central City Park getting some final touches and expects it to be completed soon.

Manager West provided an update on the south Fontana Sports Park and shared a rendering on the park design.

Discussion was held on the possible traffic issues the median may cause.

Discussion was held on the warehouses to the south of the park.

Discussion was held on the planned amenities.

Discussion was held on the number of parking spaces.

Discussion was held on the funding of the park.

Discussion was held on the Police Department also providing input on the park design. Discussion was held on possible street configurations.

Discussion was held on the space being provided for team practices.

Discussion was held on the use of the snack bar.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, 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. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT ESSENTIAL SERVICES UPDATE -
ORAL REPORT – COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT MANAGERS
MICHAEL WRIGHT, DANIEL SCHNEIDER, KRISTY SAMPLES**

Community Services Manager Michael Wright spoke on the essential services being offered by the Community Services Department.

The Virtual Recreation Center is available for residents to stay active, stay connected and stay informed. Information is available at recreation.fontana.org

Recreation centers play a critical role in fighting the Covid-19 pandemic with Covid-19 testing being held at Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center and at Jack Bulik Neighborhood Center.

Critical American Red Cross Blood Drives are held at Don Day Neighborhood Center and Lewis Library. More information is available at www.redcross.org or by calling 1.800.RedCross.

The Registrar of Voters used the Heritage Neighborhood Center for 2020 General Election training and polling from October 18, 2020, through November 4, 2020.

The Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center was available for residents affected by SCE's "Public Safety Power Shutoff" events to charge their phones, get refuge from the winds, and seek information from SCE.

The Fontana Community Senior Center continues to offer services to our senior membership, including meals and transportation. Since the beginning of the pandemic, 72,399 meals have been distributed. Staff have continued to reach out to senior membership and have had a total of 9,411 calls.

Above the Limits continues to hold virtual events for our special needs population including meetings, subject matters, learning a craft or singing and dancing.

Ten virtual classes have been offered and currently have 110 enrollees. Classes include Beginning Art, Gymnastics, Tumbling, Yoga, Jiu-Jitsu, Ballet, Pointe Extension, and Cartoon Drawing. Upcoming classes include Parent & Me, Computer Coding, Total Body Workout, Intro to Anime Drawing, and Financial Wellness. Registration is available at <https://FontanCa.PerfectMind.com>

Community Services Manager Kristy Samples spoke on the essential services being offered by the Community Services Department.

Fontana Arts provided 10 arts classes including Imagination Studio, DIYs and Paint Night with 810 points of contact. Fontana Arts also offered virtual art classes at Fontana elementary schools with activities including Virtual Kid's Paint Night, Imagination Studios, Virtual Make & Create, and Little Tykes Paint.

The Fontana Expanded Learning Program has been recognized by the California Department of Education and San Bernardino County for their virtual and on-site program. The Fontana Expanded Learning Program in partnership with the Fontana Unified School District and the Boys and Girls Club provides homework support; health and wellness; STEAM activities; Leading Education Art Program (LEAP) Lessons; and physical activities. There have been over 11,000 participants; 1,520 daily phone calls; 926,568 meals distributed; with over 55,000 youth served. Learning Centers are also supported. FELP also support three Learning Center sites with 293 points of contacts.

Community Services Manager Daniel Schneider spoke on the essential services being offered by the Community Services Department.

Forty-five of the fields and parks are utilized with permit with over 125 permits issued in 343 time slots and over 2,100 hours reserved this past month. The first virtual allocation meeting was held.

The Fontana Park Aquatics Center has had 82% capacity with afternoon and evening sessions being more popular.

The following events were held in December:

- December 4, 2020 - Drive In Movie was held with over 60 vehicles.

The following events are scheduled for December:

- December 11, 2020 - The Polar Express Kids' Virtual Art Paint Night
- December 16, 2020 - Above the Limits Special Needs Story Time with Santa
- December 17, 2020 - Make and Create Holiday Ornament Virtual Art Class
- December 18, 2020 - Senior Center's Feel at Home for the Holidays Drive Through
- December 18, 2020 - Santa Visits Fontana Neighborhoods with San Bernardino County Fire Department
- December 19, 2020 - Virtual Fontana Walks

Discussion was held on use of school district facilities and the impact on city facilities.

Discussion was held on maxing out the Drive In Movies and the demographics of those attending.

Commissioner Gordon requested some Drive In Movies be held on the south side of the City.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, 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 Chair Gordon spoke on building partnerships to support the Community Services Department.

Vice Chair Gordon congratulated the Good Samaritan and the Employees recognized this evening.

Vice Chair Gordon shared that he is recovered from Covid-19 and shared that everyone should take reasonable precautions.

Secretary Johnson encouraged everyone to support small businesses during this time.

Secretary Johnson encouraged everyone to practice social distancing.

Secretary Johnson encouraged everyone to express their opinions and ask for help if needed.

Secretary Johnson thanked staff for keeping the Commission in the loop.

Secretary Johnson wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Commissioner Jones congratulated Geneo Farrar and his staff at the Aquatics Center.

Commissioner Jones commended the Jr. Life Guard program.

Commissioner Jones thanked staff for their patience in fielding all of the questions.

Commissioner Jones encouraged everyone to continue to look after each other, love each other and serve our city.

Commissioner Key spoke the adverse physiological impact to everyone due to the pandemic.

Commissioner Key congratulated Geneo Farrar and his staff at the Aquatics Center.

Commissioner Key encouraged everyone to wear their masks.

Commissioner Key wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Commissioner Quintana applauded the Good Samaritan and the Employees recognized this evening.

Commissioner Quintana encouraged everyone to stay safe.

Commissioner Quintana thanked Daniel Schneider for responding to his inquiries.

Commissioner Quintana spoke on the caliber of managers and staff and thanked them for their dedication and due diligence.

Commissioner Quintana commended Chair Ahumada for doing a great job leading the Commission.

Commissioner Quintana wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated the Employees of the Month and the Good Samaritan.

Commissioner Vaquera spoke on Covid-19 and the importance of taking it seriously.

Commissioner Vaquera spoke on those with depression reaching out for help and for others keeping their eyes open to be aware of any signs of depression.

Commissioner Vaquera encouraged everyone to have virtual holiday celebrations.

Commissioner Vaquera wished everyone happy holidays, merry Christmas, happy hanukah, and a happy and different New Year.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked the Commissioners and staff.

Chair Ahumada wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Chair Ahumada cannot wait to interact with the community again.

Chair Ahumada encouraged everyone to stay safe.

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT COMMENTS	DEPARTMENT COMMENTS	COMMENTS/PUBLIC WORKS
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Community Services Director Garth W. Nelson apologized for not attending the last Parks, Community and Human Services Commission meeting and thanked the Community Services Managers for stepping in.

Director Nelson thanked and congratulated the Aquatics Team and staff.

Director Nelson thanked Dan West for all the Public Works Department does for the Community Services Department.

Director Nelson thanked each of the Commissioners for all of their efforts in a difficult year.

Director Nelson commended Chair Ahumada for her great leadership.

Director Nelson spoke on the privilege of working with the Community Services Department staff.

Director Nelson wished the community a blessed holiday season.

Director Nelson spoke on the cancellation of an event due to ensuring the health and safety of everyone.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright spoke on being grateful for everyone being present today.

Manager Wright thanked all Community Services Department staff and especially his staff for their flexibility; KFON staff, Public Works staff, and IT staff.

Manager Wright wished everyone happy holidays and happy New Year.

Community Services Manager Daniel Schneider thanked the Commissioners for their understanding.

Manager Schneider thanked Aquatic staff for the wonderful job they did.

Manager Schneider thanked the Park Monitors, Jason Garcia, Julian Garcia, Abraham Quintero, Steven J., Luis Vaquera Jr., for being the backbone of the success of the athletic fields.

Manager Schneider thanked KFON for all they do.

Community Services Manager Kristy Samples spoke on upcoming holiday events through center stage theater.

Manager Samples commended staff and the Commission for their work.

Manager Samples wished the community happy holidays.

Manager Samples wished her eldest son a happy birthday.

Director Nelson commended Harriett for the amazing job she has been doing.

Public Works Manager Dan West thanked the Commission for their leadership and guidance through a rough year.

Manager West commended Chair Ahumada for her great leadership.

Manager West spoke on the success of the budget allocation meeting.

Manager West thanked the Commissioners for their input on south Fontana Park.

Manager West shared that the community meeting is on YouTube.

Manager West wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. to the next Regular Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2021. A Workshop will be held at 6:30 PM. Due to the evolving situation with the COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus and the health recommendations for social distancing from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). THE CITY OF FONTANA PARKS, COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2021, AT 7:00 PM SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC REMOTELY.

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Boards and Commissions Secretary

THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE PARKS, COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 28th DAY OF JANUARY 2021.

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Anahí Ahumada

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Chairperson Ahumada

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