

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS, COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2021**

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, January 28, 2021, 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, January 28, 2021, 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 Jones, 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; Public Works Manager Dan West; and Senior Administrative Aide Harriet Myers.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

None.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Elizabeth Cena spoke on being disappointed that Commissioner Johnson was not being reappointed to the Parks, Community and Health Services Commission; and congratulated the newly appointed Commissioners.

Kareem Gongora thanked Commissioner Johnson for his contributions to the community; and welcomed the new Commissioners to the Parks, Community and Health Services Commission.

Eddie Lopez congratulated the newly appointed Commissioners, and thanked Commissioner Johnson for his advocacy on behalf of south Fontana.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the December 10, 2020, Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Meetings.

B. PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS-PARKS AND LANDSCAPE DIVISION

Approve December 2020 activities report.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT SERVICES UPDATE - ORAL REPORT - COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT MANAGERS WRIGHT, SCHNEIDER, SAMPLES

Community Services Manager Wright provided an update on Healthy Fontana.

In collaboration with the Fontana Expanded Learning Program, approximately 2,500 students are being provided with Healthy Fontana education at 33 school sites. Programming is done virtually with a focus on social emotional health.

Fontana Walks continues to gain steps. Pets can now be registered and receive a pet bandana. The next walk is scheduled for February 20, 2021.

Recreation Centers have been used for Covid 19 testing, polling centers, blood drives and public safety shut off resource locations.

Since March 2020, the Fontana Community Senior Center staff have provided almost 85,000 meals to seniors. Transportation has been provided to over 1,200 seniors for grocery shopping, doctor appointments and dialysis. City staff have made or received over 10,000 phone calls with seniors to communicate or refer to resources.

Above the Limits continues to virtually engage with the special needs population with craft projects, cooking lessons, dance parties, karaoke and sharing. There were 48

points of contact in December. Weekly events will be held on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Virtual classes continue with 85 registered in December for classes in art, gymnastics, martial arts, yoga and dance. Upcoming classes include Zumba, Computer Coding and Anime drawing.

Fontana Arts provided nine art classes in December with 800 points of contact; classes included kid's paint night, imagination studio, make and create and little tykes paint night.

Community Services Manager Schneider provided an update on the Fontana Expanded Learning Program (FELP).

FELP is a partnership with the Fontana Unified School District that is funded through the California Department of Education After School Education and Safety Grant that promotes social, physical, intellectual and emotional development. Program attendance was 50,000 and served 61,770 students with 1.4 million meals served. The program provides support in homework, health and wellness, English Learner and STEAM programs.

Community Services Manager Schneider provided an update on Fields and Parks.

Fields and parks are operating with approval from the state and county. Due to still being in the purple tier, teams are limited on the type of use; there is still no game and no competition permitted. Forty-three of the forty-five fields are being permitted for use with over 2,200 monthly hours of use.

Manager Schneider thanked the Park Monitors for all of their work ensuring teams are adhering to Covid protocols; and thanked the groups that are renting the fields.

Fontana Park Aquatic Center is open for lap swim and lane water walking only due to the Covid pandemic; swim lessons and recreation swim are not being offered. The 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. sessions are at 62% capacity and the 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. sessions are at 100% capacity for the month of December.

Community Services Manager Schneider provided an update on Marketing Communications.

There were nine eNews blasts/text alerts to over 9,000 subscribers; 48 social media posts, and 1,680 hours of community information. KFON programming is available at KFON TV, Spectrum Channel 3, Frontier Channel 38, ATT Universe Channel 99, or on www.KFON.org.

Discussion was held on the senior meal program.

Discussion was held on senior Bingo programming.

Discussion was held on senior meal donations.

Discussion was held on the protocols groups have to follow for the use of athletic fields.

Discussion was held on anticipated use by Little League teams in the upcoming season.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Key, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, 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 - ORAL REPORT - DAN WEST

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

Manager West reported that the Central City Park project is very close to being declared substantially complete and it is expected to be early next week. The last few items pending are the landscaping and connecting to the electrical grid. The park will then go into a 90-day maintenance period for the contractor to make sure everything is as it should be before the City's final acceptance of the completed project and it is opened to the public.

Manager West shared that the park lighting project has been going very well in spite of the contractor having to work on some of the lighting fixtures that the winds knocked down.

Discussion was held on dirt accumulation on the second field at Central City Park.

Discussion was held on the contractor checking the light fixtures at other parks for any wind damage.

Discussion was held on the cause of the light fixture damage and the responsibility falling on the contractor.

Discussion was held on the light fixture damage effecting use of the fields.

Discussion was held on previous light fixture damage due to the winds.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Key, 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. PARKS, COMMUNITY & HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION UPDATE - ORAL REPORT

Director Nelson spoke on the City Council's action to reduce the number of Commissioners on the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission from seven to five members.

Director Nelson congratulated Chairperson Ahumada, Commissioner Key and Commissioner Quintana on their reappointment to Parks, Community and Human Services Commission.

Director Nelson welcomed Faye Glass and Michael McGinnis as newly appointed Commissioners to the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission.

Director Nelson thanked Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Vaquera for their service on the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission.

Director Nelson congratulated Commissioner Gordon on his appointment to the Planning Commission.

Director Nelson spoke on the February Parks, Community and Human Services Commission being the transition meeting.

Director Nelson spoke on inviting the former Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Commissioners to the March Parks, Community and Human Services Commission meeting to be recognized for their service.

Director Nelson spoke on the reorganization of the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission at the March meeting.

Director Nelson spoke on the City Council's perspective on new commissions for the City.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Key, 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 thanked Mr. Gongora, Ms. Cena and Mr. Lopez for calling in their support of Commissioner Johnson.

Vice Chair Gordon commended Commissioner Johnson for his service on the Parks,

Community and Human Services Commission.

Vice Chair Gordon will miss being on the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission.

Vice Chair Gordon thanked the Mayor and Planning Commission for giving him the opportunity to serve on the Planning Commission.

Vice Chair Gordon thanked Chair Ahumada for her friendship and the fantastic job of leading the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission.

Vice Chair Gordon commended Commissioner Jones for positively impacting the future.

Vice Chair Gordon thanked staff for working with him and serving the community well.

Commissioner Jones spoke on serving on the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission for four years.

Commissioner Jones thanked Director Nelson and Community Services Department staff for their guidance and support over the years.

Commissioner Jones thanked his fellow Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Commissioners for their perspective, advocacy, knowledge, wisdom, friendship and guidance.

Secretary Johnson spoke on missing his fellow Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Commissioners and what they each brought to the Commission.

Secretary Johnson spoke on Community Services staff and the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission helping him grow.

Secretary Johnson thanked Eddie, Liz and Kareem for their support by calling in today.

Secretary Johnson reminded residents to use all the resources available to them in the City of Fontana.

Commissioner Key spoke on serving with the outgoing Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Commissioners and complimenting each other.

Commissioner Key thanked the Mayor and City Council for her reappointment to the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission.

Commissioner Key encouraged the residents of Fontana to sign up for their Covid vaccination when available and to get tested.

Commissioner Key reminded everyone to continue wearing masks to minimize the spread

of the virus.

Commissioner Key commended Daisy Gamboa Welsh on her Facebook groups that provide resources for the community.

Commissioner Quintana thanked the Mayor and City Council for his reappointment to the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission.

Commissioner Quintana wished the outgoing Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Commissioners well.

Commissioner Quintana congratulated Commissioner Gordon on his appointment to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Quintana congratulated Chair Ahumada and Commissioner Key for being reappointed to the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission.

Commissioner Quintana welcomed the newly appointed Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Commissioners.

Commissioner Quintana commended Commissioner Johnson on his work on the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission.

Commissioner Quintana thanked his fellow Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Commissioners for their mentorship, knowledge, support, and friendship.

Commissioner Vaquera spoke on his 11 years of service on the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission and serving with his fellow Commissioners.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked staff for their support over the years.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated the reappointed Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Commissioners.

Commissioner Vaquera congratulated Commissioner Gordon on his appointment to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Vaquera spoke on serving with his fellow Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Commissioners.

Commissioner Vaquera welcomed the new Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Commissioners.

Commissioner Vaquera commended staff for all their work with the community and their support over the years.

Chair Ahumada thanked the Mayor and City Council for being reappointed.

Chair Ahumada thanked Harriet for all her work behind the scenes.

Chair Ahumada welcomed the new Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Commissioners Glass and McGinnis.

Chair Ahumada thanked the outgoing Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Commissioners.

Chair Ahumada congratulated Commissioner Gordon on his appointment to the Planning Commission.

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT COMMENTS/PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Community Services Director Nelson spoke on this group of Commissioners being a family.

Director Nelson recognized staff for their service to the City of Fontana from 5 to 20 years of service.

Director Nelson spoke on the pandemic's challenge for staff to serve the community.

Director Nelson spoke on the effectiveness of the Community Services Department and the Parks, Community and Health Services Commission being that the focus is on serving the residents.

Director Nelson looks forward to talking to the new Parks, Community and Health Services Commissioners and staying in communication for the outgoing Commissioners.

Community Services Manager Wright thanked KFON, Harriet, and IT staff for helping them out tonight.

Manager Wright thanked the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Commissioners for all of their work.

Manager Wright will miss the outgoing Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Commissioners.

Manager Wright congratulated the re-appointed Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Commissioners.

Manager Wright is looking forward to working with the newly appointed Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Commissioners.

Manager Wright looking forward to a new year and expanding and opening at the end of 2021.

Community Services Manager Schneider thanked all of the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Commissioners for all they have done and spoke on staying in touch with the outgoing Commissioners.

Manager Schneider requested tonight's meeting be adjourned in memory of Lynn Durrett Little League Board Member.

Public Works Manager West wished Commissioners Johnson, Jones, Gordon, and Vaquera well and has enjoyed working with them; and made himself available for any assistance to them in the future.

Manager West congratulated Commissioner Gordon on being appointed to the Planning Commission.

Manager West congratulated Commissioners Ahumada, Key and Quintana on being reappointed to the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission.

Manager West welcomed new Commissioners McGinnis and Glass to the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission.

Manager West commended IT and KFON for their work over the past few months.

Manager West appreciates the working relationship with Community Services Department staff.

Manager West wished everyone a happy New Year.

Commissioner Vaquera thanked the Community Services Department Staff, the Mayor and City Council for their support over the years.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting adjourned in memory of Lynn Durrett at 8:45 p.m. to the next Regular Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021. A Workshop will be held at 6:30 p.m. and the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers located at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. 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 FEBRUARY 25, 2021, AT 7:00PM 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 25th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021.

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Anali Ahumada

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