

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS, COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 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, February 25, 2020, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairperson Ahumada, Commissioner Quintana, and Commissioner Key were present. After being sworn in, Commissioners Glass and McGinnis joined the meeting.

Absent: None

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks, Community and Human Services Commission was held on Thursday, February 25, 2021, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson Ahumada, followed by an Invocation given by Commissioner Quintana, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Key.

Staff: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Community Services Manager Michael Wright; Community Services Manager Kristy Samples Community Services Manager Daniel Schneider; and Senior Administrative Aide Harriet Myers.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A. OATH OF AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE

Fay Glass was sworn in as a Parks, Community and Human Services Commissioner by Mayor Warren.

Michael McGinnis was sworn in as a Parks, Community and Human Services Commissioner by Mayor Warren

B. RECESS

By consensus, a brief recess was called.

The meeting was recalled to order.

C. EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH – KRISTY SAMPLES

The Parks, Community and Human Services Commission recognized Felix Bobo, Community Services Coordinator, and Wendy Perez, After School Community Services Assistant as Employees of the Month.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the January 28, 2021, Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Meetings.

B. PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS-PARKS AND LANDSCAPE DIVISION

Approve January 2021 activities report.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Key, seconded by Commissioner Quintana, and passed by a vote of 3-0-2 to approve Consent Calendar Item A. (AYES: Ahumada, Quintana, Key; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Glass, McGinnis.)

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Key, seconded by Commissioner Glass, and passed by a vote of 5-0-0 to approve the Consent Calendar Item B. (AYES: Ahumada, Glass, Key, McGinnis, Quintana; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. FONTANA EXPANDED LEARNING PROGRAM 2020/2021MID-YEAR REPORT - KRISTY SAMPLES

Community Services Kristy Samples provided a 2020-2021 Mid-Year Report on the Fontana Expanded Learning Program (FELP).

FELP is a partnership between the City of Fontana and the Fontana Unified School District that has provided essential program services through funding provided by the California Department of Education After School Education and Safety Grant; the 13th year of consecutive service was just completed.

There have been 61,000 points of contact through services provided to students from Kindergarten through 8th grade across 28 elementary schools and five middle schools. The program is at no cost to registered participants.

Program staff strive for excellence through strong relationships with families, schools, and communities with a goal to provide quality educational, recreational and cultural programs.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, programming was adjusted to align with state, county and school district guidelines. The program was offered virtually to support Fontana Unified School District's distance learning.

Program components include homework support, health and wellness education, STEAM activities, leadership development and physical activities. Additional support was provided to the district, participants and their families including Grab and Go Meal distribution.

There were collaborations that enhanced the participants' experiences including the NBA Math Hoops Virtual Curriculum, Garner Holt Education Through Imagination Presentations, Noble Youth Leadership Program, Healthy Fontana Presentations, Fontana Art Depot Gallery Learning Education Arts Program, and the Mary Vagle Nature Center's Local Ecology Presentations.

The focus areas for the rest of the school year include Noble Youth Leadership Program, virtual field trip to Europe through the NatGeo Kids Curriculum, IFly virtual presentations, and staff trainings.

There is also a partnership with the Fontana Boys and Girls Club to provide services at selected sites.

The Fontana Unified School District Liaison, Yubleni Cazares, expressed her gratitude for the program and spoke on the integral part the program is to district students; and commended staff for their work with the District on providing services during the pandemic.

Discussion was held on who was able to participate in the FELP.

Discussion was held on the staff to student ratio.

Discussion was held on the cap of the number of participants.

Director Nelson spoke on participating on a two-day team building and goal setting session that included discussion on partnerships with school districts being a priority.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner McGinnis, seconded by Commissioner

Glass, and passed by a vote of 5-0-0 to accept and file the staff report. (AYES: Ahumada, Key, Glass, McGinnis, Quintana; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None.)

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

Community Services Manager Daniel Schneider, on behalf of Public Works Manager Dan West, provided a Public Works Parks Projects Update.

Manager Schneider reported that a project walkthrough at Central City Park was completed with Community Services Department staff and Public Works staff. The project was deemed substantially complete on February 4, 2021, and the 90-day landscape maintenance period began. No major issues were found, and the acceptance date is expected on May 5, 2021.

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

C. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT ESSENTIAL SERVICES UPDATE - ORAL REPORT - COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT MANAGERS WRIGHT, SCHNEIDER, AND SAMPLES

Community Services Manager Wright provided an update on Healthy Fontana, Fontana Walks, facility usage, Fontana Community Senior Center, Above the Limits, and virtual classes.

In collaboration with the Fontana Expanded Learning Program, this year's focus is "Self-Care" that includes lessons on exercise, nutrition and well-being.

The Fontana Walks program is close to reaching 9.5 billion steps. The program is designed to get everyone walking at least 5,000 steps per day with a goal of reaching 10,000 steps per day. Registered participants are eligible to receive prizes and incentives.

Covid 19 testing is available at the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and at Jack Bulik Neighborhood Center Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The American Red Cross will be holding Blood Drives at Lewis Library on March 17, 2021, and at Don Day Center on March 24, 2021.

Since March 2020, the Fontana Community Senior Center staff have continued to provide nutrition services on a modified model of delivery and pick up for 420 seniors daily and provided transportation with modifications to allow seniors to go to doctor appointments, dialysis, and grocery stores.

City staff reach out to the senior community to help them with whatever they need and provide programming such as Drive-Up Bingo, Take Home Crafts and Virtual Meet Ups.

Above the Limits provides virtual programming and held a Dance Into the New Year event on January 13, 2021; on January 27, 2021, they made a healthy bean dip recipe; weekly events were held in February; and a Season of Spring Flower Arts and Craft event is scheduled on March 3, 2021.

Virtual classes continue with over 100 participants registered in January for classes in Ballet, yoga, gymnastics, art, or financial preparation.

Community Services Manager Kristy Samples provided an update on Fontana Arts, the Fontana Expanded Learning Program, and meal distribution.

Fontana Arts provided four art classes with 237 points of contact; classes included imagination studio, virtual paint nights and DIY art classes.

The Fontana Expanded Learning Program had Virtual Programming Attendance of 10,968; the Learning Center had an attendance of 491. Staff reached out to students and families to support and assist them on doing homework online. Through the Meal Distribution program, over one million meals have been provided.

Community Services Manager Daniel Schneider provided an update on Fields and Parks, Fontana Park Aquatic Center, and Marketing Communications.

Forty-three of the forty-five fields are being permitted with 149 permits for use with over 1,900 hours of use.

There have been two to three Park Monitors per day visiting 30 to 36 parks per week and 36 to 45 parks on the weekend. Park Monitors responded to approximately 30 service calls from user works and submitted 2-4 work orders per week.

Manager Schneider commended staff for their work on issuing and reissuing permits, and all of their work ensuring teams are adhering to Covid protocols.

Fontana Park Aquatic Center is open for lap swim and water walking; weekday morning and evening sessions are the most popular with 65% capacity.

There were five eNews blasts/text alerts. The new FELP e-newsletter added an additional 1,500 subscribers; and Healthy Fontana introduced a Stakeholder e-newsletter that added 160 subscribers. There were 32 Community Services Department social media posts with over 10,000 engagements.

KFON continues to do a great job filming video shoots with the Mayor, airing the Goal Setting Workshop live, and working closely with the IT department.

Manager Wright shared the blood donation protocol to maintain safety for all donors.

Discussion was held on the wind damaged park lighting.

Discussion was held on some parks not being used due to lack of demand.

Discussion was held on the Above the Limits programming being shared with the Fontana Unified School District.

Discussion was held on issues with Virtual Classes registration.

Discussion was held on the possibility of opening a pool in the south area of town.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Key welcomed Commissioner Glass and Commissioner McGinnis to the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission.

Commissioner Key encouraged residents to schedule their vaccine appointments as soon as they are eligible and shared her experience with scheduling and getting the vaccine.

Commissioner Quintana welcomed Commissioner Glass and Commissioner McGinnis and congratulated them on being appointed to the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission.

Commissioner Quintana congratulated Felix and Wendy on being recognized as the Employees of the Month.

Commissioner Quintana commended staff on the presentations this evening.

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

Commissioner Glass thanked Director Nelson and staff for providing a thorough orientation.

Commissioner Glass congratulated the Employees of the Month.

Commissioner McGinnis is humbled and excited for the opportunity to serve as a Parks, Community and Human Services Commissioner.

Commissioner McGinnis congratulated Felix and Wendy on being recognized as the Employees of the Month.

Commissioner McGinnis thanked his wife and daughters for their love and support.

Commissioner McGinnis thanked the Mayor and City Council for appointing him to the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission.

Commissioner McGinnis thanked his students for drawing him to serve on the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission.

Commissioner McGinnis thanked his parents for instilling in him to be selfless.

Chair Ahumada welcomed Commissioner Glass and Commissioner McGinnis to the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission.

Chair Ahumada congratulated the Employees of the Month.

Chair Ahumada thanked staff for always providing useful information.

**A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT COMMENTS/PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT COMMENTS**

Community Services Director Nelson congratulated new Commissioners Glass and McGinnis to the Parks, Community and Human Services Commission.

Director Nelson looks forward to working with the Commissioners as a team.

Director Nelson reminded everyone to stay vigilant with social distancing to get through the pandemic.

Director Nelson reminded the Commissioners that he and the Community Services Managers are available if they are needed.

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

Manager Wright spoke on having a spring virtual camp with registration available soon.

Community Services Manager Schneider welcomed new Commissioners Glass and McGinnis.

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

Manager Samples congratulated Felix and Wendy for doing an outstanding job.

Manager Samples encouraged the community to connect with the Community Services Department at recreation.fontana.org, sign up for newsletters and follow on social media.

Commissioner Quintana requested information on how to register for the American Red Cross Blood Drive.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. to the City Attorney Commissioner Training offered remotely on March 10, 2021, and then to the next Regular Parks, Community and Human Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, March 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 MARCH 25, 2021, AT 7:00 PM SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC REMOTELY.

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City Clerk

THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE PARKS, COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 25th DAY OF MARCH 2021.

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Chairperson Ahumada

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