

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 23, 2017**

The City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2017, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, a CIP Overview, discuss Annual Commission Reorganization, and Commissioner Service Assignments

ROLL CALL:

Present: Vice Chairperson Rowland, Commissioner Ahumada; Commissioner Jones; Commissioner Key; Commissioner Quintana; and Commissioner Sangha were present.

Absent: Commissioner Vaquera

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, March 23, 2017, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Rowland, followed by an Invocation given by Pastor Ruben Echeverria, Church of The Hand of God, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Jones.

Staff Present: Community Services Director Garth Nelson; Parks and Landscape Manager Dan West, Community Services Manager Jennifer Gracia; Community Services Manager Michael Wright; Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock; Community Services Coordinator Rick Dean; Community Services Coordinator Geneo Farrar; Pool Manager Teresa Ramirez and Boards and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. FONTANA ART ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY REPORT
Accept and file staff report.

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
Approve Minutes of the February 23, 2017, Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting

C. PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS - PARKS AND LANDSCAPE DIVISION
Approve February 2017 activities report.

Jennifer Hunt-Gracia spoke on the Fontana Art Association Quarterly Report and shared the upcoming shows.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Key, seconded by Commissioner Quintana, and passed by a vote of 6-0 to receive and file Consent Calendar Item A-C.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. ANNUAL COMMISSION REORGANIZATION - GARTH NELSON:

Community Services Director Garth Nelson spoke on the Annual Commission Reorganization to formally appoint a Commission Chair, Commission Vice-Chair, and Commission Secretary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Key and seconded by Commissioner Ahumada to nominate Commissioner Rowland to serve as Chairperson. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rowland and seconded by Commissioner Key to nominate Commissioner Quintana to serve as Vice Chairperson. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Ahumada to nominate Commissioner Key to serve as Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Key withdrew her nomination.

A motion was made by Commissioner Quintana and seconded by Commissioner Jones to nominate Commissioner Vaquera to serve as Secretary. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

B. SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE – ROB BOCK

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

- February 25, 2017, Black History Month Expo, in collaboration with the The Concerned Citizens for the Development of North Fontana, the City of Fontana held the Black History Month Expo at the original home of the Jessie Turner Center. There were 25 vendors, Home Depot, crafts, entertainment and health resources. There were over 250 in attendance

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

- April 7, 2017, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Fontana Car Show, at City Hall
- April 8, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Veterans Resource Fair, at Fontana Community Senior Center
- April 21, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Community Assistance Program Resource Fair, at Jack Bulik Park

C. MARY VAGLE NATURE CENTER UPDATE - RICK DEAN

Community Services Coordinator Rick Dean shared his experience with the Mary Vagle Nature Center being an underutilized facility 10 years ago.

The center provides educational programs to schools, scout badges, birthday parties, summer camp, evening films, and adventure pack check outs.

Mr. Dean is proud of the active volunteer program for students 16 years and older, through the ROP programs.

2016 Collaborators include Inland Empire Resource Conversation District, California Conservation Corps, United Way "Hands on Inland Empire", and Latter Day Saints "Just Serve".

Staff is trying to amp up what can be done by outreach to families and students, opportunities for Fontana Unified School District teachers, and providing service learning and job development through ROP and Work Study.

Signature events are the Arbor Day Celebration on March 30, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. and the National Public Lands Day on September 30, 2017, the longest single day event on public lands.

Invited everyone to the Nature Center for a guided tour and answer any questions.

Garth shared that Rick was retiring and he is modest in defining the role he has played in the transformation of the Mary Vagle Nature Center.

Mr. Dean shared a story of the partnership with San Manuel that provided a tree in the Mary Vagle Center.

Commissioner Jones requested information on Arbor Day activities; Mr. Dean shared the agenda for the day.

Director Nelson complimented Rob Bock and Jennifer Hunt-Gracia for the great teamwork.

D. 2017 MYAC TEEN LEADERSHIP SUMMIT RECAP – COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERVISOR JENNY BROWN AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATOR FELIX BOBO

Community Services Supervisor Jenny Brown and Community Services Coordinator Felix Bobo provided a recap of the 2017 MYAC Teen Leadership Summit.

The 2017 MYAC Teen Leadership Summit was held at Summit High School on Saturday, February 18, 2017. There were 250 youth and 100 adults in attendance. Fontana Unified School District Principal Michael Garcia was the MC and Jared Scott of Teen Truth was the keynote speaker.

Lunch was provided by Jimmy Johns and root beer floats by BJ's Restaurant. There was a vendor fair with local colleges and other non-profits participating.

Coordinator Bobo shared pictures of the event.

Attendees were able to choose the workshops they wanted to attend.

A share out was held at the end of the day for students to speak about the information they received.

Chairperson Rowland attended the summit in prior years and it has been an awesome event available to students in the city.

Commissioner Jones commended Coordinator Bobo for the well-organized event.

E. SUMMER DAY CAMPS PREVIEW 2017 – TARA SAVAGE

Community Services Coordinator provided a preview of the Summer Day Camps 2017.

There are nine camps being offered this summer as follows:

- Camp Southridge will operate four two-week sessions from June 6, 2017, through July 29, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Don Day Neighborhood Center for children 5 to 12 years old.
- Teen Camp will operate eight one-week sessions from June 6, 2017, through July 29, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Don Day Neighborhood Center for 12 to 15 year olds.
- Nature Discovery Camp will offer four one-week sessions from July 5, 2017, through July 29, 2016, at Mary Vagle Nature Center for youth ages 6-11.
- Summer Arts Camp will offer eight one-week sessions from June 6, 2017, through July 29, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Art Depot and Steelworkers' Auditorium for youth ages 7-11.

- Sports Camp will offer eight one-week sessions weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Fontana Park for youth ages 5-12.
- Jr. Lifeguard Camp is a four-week camp, held Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Don Day Pool and Fontana Park Aquatic Park for those interested in becoming a lifeguard to gain knowledge and skills that will help them in their future.
- Camp Imagination will offer four two-week sessions from June 6, 2017, through July 29, 2016, at the Cypress Neighborhood Center for children ages 5 to 12 years old.
- Camp JED (Journey, Explore, Discover) will offer eight one-week sessions, Monday through Friday, June 5, 2017, through July 28, 2017, at the Heritage Neighborhood Center for children ages 5 to 12 years old.
- Camp Fit will offer four two-week sessions from June 6, 2017, through July 29, 2017, at the Jessie Turner Health & Fitness Community Center, for children 5 to 12 years old.

The 2016 Summer Food Program, a collaboration between the Fontana Unified School District and the City of Fontana, will allow each Summer Camp to offer each participant a lunch and snack at no additional cost. All meals meet and exceed the State of California SB-12 School Nutrition Standards.

Registration begins, Saturday, April 1, 2017, for Fontana residents and continues through July 28, 2017. Participants are encouraged to set up a new account before April 1, 2017, FontanaCa.PerfectMind.com to register or in person at recreation centers.

For more information on Fontana's Summer Day Camps, you may contact each site directly, call 909-349-6900, or visit us online at SummerCamps.Fontana.org.

F. SUMMER AQUATIC SEASON PREVIEW 2017 -GENEO FARRAR AND TERESA RAMIREZ

Community Services Supervisor Geneo Farrar and Pool Manager Teresa Ramirez provided a 2017 Aquatics Summer Preview.

Mr. Farrar congratulated the new Commissioner appointments and thanked his Aquatics Management Staff for all of their planning and organizing.

There are five Fontana Aquatic facilities with three community pools; Don Day Pool, Heritage Pool, and Miller Pool; the Martin Tudor Splash Park; and Fontana Park Aquatic Center. All facilities are ADA compliant.

Recreation Swim will be offered at all five aquatics facilities beginning May 27, 2016, through September 4, 2017, as follows:

- Don Day Pool, Heritage Pool and Miller Pool will be open Monday through Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.;

and Tuesday through Saturday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$3.00 for adults; \$2.00 for children; \$1.50 seniors; and children under 2 years old are free.

- Martin Tudor Splash Park will be open Monday through Sunday from 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Cost is \$5.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children; \$1.50 for seniors; and children under 2 years old are free.
- Fontana Park Aquatic Center will be open Monday through Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children; \$1.50 for seniors and children under 2 years old are free. Use of the water slide is available for an additional \$2 per person.

All aquatics facilities will be open Memorial Day Weekend, 4th of July, and Labor Day Weekend from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

“Learn to Swim Program” registration begins on Saturday, May 6, 2017, with lessons beginning on June 5, 2017. Five sessions of swim lessons will be offered.

A new special needs program this year is the Aquability Program to provide adapted swim lessons. Two session will be available for \$45 each and will be held at Miller Pool.

Swim Lessons are available for a two-week session held Monday through Friday for 30 minutes each session. Semi-private, Private, Parent and Me, and Teen and Adult lessons are available. It is anticipated that there will be over 3,500 swim lesson participants.

Aquatic fitness courses are offered at Don Day Pool, Miller Pool and Fontana Parks Aquatic Center.

Fontana Park Aquatic Center offers Aqua Aerobics, Lap Swimming and Water Walking.

Family Fun Nights will be held on Tuesday at Don Day Pool, Miller Pool and Heritage Pool with themed nights. Cost for each of the events is \$3.00 for adults; \$2.00 for children, and \$1.50 for seniors.

Dive-In Movies will be held on Friday nights at Heritage Pool from June 9 through July 28, 2017, and Saturday nights at Don Day Pool from June 10, 2017, through July 29, 2017.

A Swim Lesson Special Event “Swim to Win Swim Meet” is a pool versus pool meet to be held on Sunday, July 17, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. at the Fontana Park Aquatic Center.

The Fontana Parks Aquatic Center also has Water Polo, Jr. Lifeguard Training, and Youth Competitive Swim Teams. 951.217.6542 for more information.

The Junior Lifeguard Program is offered in two sessions at Fontana Park Aquatic

Center and Don Day Pool from June 5-29, 2017 and July 3-27, 2017, for \$100 per session.

Private Pool Rentals are available at all pool sites on Saturdays and Sundays; table rentals are also available.

The Aquatics program anticipates serving over 100,000 participants this 2017 summer season.

Recruitment for lifeguard, swim instructors and counter people is now ongoing.

Pool Manager Teresa Ramirez shared her history with the City of Fontana and the Aquatics Program.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright shared that Community Services Coordinator Stan Clark is also part of the aquatics team but is not here tonight because he is teaching a water safety course.

Director Nelson shared that the team of pool managers and assistant managers' jobs are very important for the safety of our participants and we are blessed to have an amazing group of people.

Commissioner Quintana excused himself from the meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ahumada, seconded by Commissioner Sangah, and passed by a vote of 5-0 to approve New Business Items A-F.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Ahumada had no comments.

Commissioner Jones shared that the Black History Month Expo was a great event.

Commissioner Jones shared that the MYAC Summit was a great event.

Commissioner Key thanked staff for the reports given tonight.

Commissioner Sangha congratulated the newly appointed officers.

Commissioner Sangha is looking forward to all of the events.

Chairperson Rowland thanked the Commissioners for their confidence in her to serve as Chairperson.

Chairperson Rowland congratulated the new Commission officers.

Chairperson Rowland commended the awesome staff for their work.

Chairperson Rowland shared the Relay for Life Cancer Survivors event being held at the Fontana Community Senior Center

Chairperson Rowland invited everyone to participate in the McRelay Night at McDonalds with 15% of all the proceeds going to the Relay for Life.

B. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Community Services Director Garth Nelson spoke on how special it was to see the Commissioners with their families at the last meeting.

Director Nelson congratulated the new officers.

Director Nelson shared information on trainings and orientations for the Commissioners, including getting a Brown Act training scheduled.

Director Nelson is looking forward to all of the events and seeing them out there.

Director Nelson is very proud of staff and the great job they do.

Community Services Manager Jennifer Hunt-Gracia encouraged the Commissioners to join the Fontana Days Run. Registration is now open through Active.Com or FontanaDaysRun.org 349-6900. The run will be held on June 3, 2017, at 7:30 a.m.

Manager Hunt-Gracia spoke on the construction of the Miller Amphitheater beginning on Monday, March 27 2017, and will last for 9 to 12 months.

Community Services Manager Michael Wright shared that Summer Camp registration begins on April 1, 2017, online and spaces fill up quickly. He encouraged everyone to develop profile now to be ready for registration at Fontana.org or perfect.com

Manager Wright shared that the Fontana Community Senior Center will hold Senior Prom on April 15, 2017.

Manager Wright announced the Spring Egg-stravanga events on April 15, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. at Don Day Center with a free pancake breakfast provided by the Great Commission Church and an egg hunt at Southridge Park at 10:00 a.m.; at 10:00 a.m. at Cypress Center and egg hunt at Seville Park; and at 10:00 a.m. at Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center at Fontana Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. to the next Regular Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2017, with a Workshop at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Executive Conference Room and the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers located at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California.

Ysela Aguirre

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Commission Secretary

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Chairperson

