

**CITY OF FONTANA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2012**

The City of Fontana Parks and Recreation Commission and Staff met for a workshop at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2012, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, prior to the regular meeting to review the agenda, review Employee of the Year nominees, City Council Commission Appointments and an update on the Senior Advisory Committee. The workshop was called to order by Chairperson Rowland. Commissioners Espinoza, Goñi, Hall, Tigner and Vaquera were present.

The regular meeting of the City of Fontana Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, January 26, 2012, in the City Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairperson Rowland, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Tigner and an Invocation given by Commissioner Rowland.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairperson Rowland, Commissioners Espinoza, Goñi, Hall, Tigner and Vaquera

Absent: None.

Staff: Public Works Manager Dan West; Community Services Managers Frances Hernandez and Jennifer Hunt; Community Services Rafael Gonzalez and Rob Bock; Community Services Coordinator Vanessa Cortez; City Clerk Tonia Lewis and Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Veterans Day Essay Contest Recognitions

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock presented community member, Jesse Sandoval, with a certificate for his support and sponsorship of the Veterans Day Essay Contest.

CHRISTIAN ROSALES

Mr. Sandoval presented the Veterans Day Essay Contest second place winner award to Christian Rosales, who recited his winning poem.

JESSICA BROWN

Mr. Sandoval presented the Veterans Day Essay Contest first place winner award to Jessica Brown, who recited her winning poem.

MARISSA TORRES

The Veterans Day Essay Contest third place winner was Marissa Torres who was not present.

Employees of the Month

The Parks and Recreation Commission recognized Jenny Espinoza and Mariana Mitchell as the Parks and Recreation employees of the month.

JENNY ESPINOZA, COMMUNITY SERVICES

Jenny is an asset to the Community Services Department Administration Office. She is a key staff in maintaining the organization of the front counter at the Administrative Office for Community Services. She is the first contact and can always be contacted on to make a visit to Community Services memorable. As a team player, she recently accepted the challenge to take a temporary assignment at the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Community Center, where she undertook additional administrative duties. Her willingness and commitment to fill that job made the assignment a success to the staff and supervisor. She worked with the team and had a flexible schedule. Jenny was congratulated for always being able to perform her job at the upmost professional level, for being an exceptional employee, and for always going the extra mile,

MARIANA MITCHELL

Mariana Mitchell will be recognized at the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no public communications received.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Vaquera, seconded by Commissioner Hall, and passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0 to approve Consent Calendar Items "A-B."

A. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2011, REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

B. RECEIVE AND ORDER FILED THE FOLLOWING STAFF REPORTS:

- Community Services Department Monthly Report for November and December 2011.
- Public Works Department Monthly Report for November and December 2011.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. SPORTS ANNUAL RECAP – RAFAEL GONZALEZ

Community Services Supervisor, Rafael Gonzalez, introduced Community Services Coordinator Vanessa Cortez, to provide the Sports Annual Recap.

Community Services Coordinator Vanessa Cortez reported that during the 2011 calendar year, the City of Fontana's Sports Division offered a variety of year round recreational programs designed to provide athletes with basic sport fundamentals, game strategy, physical fitness, education and sportsmanship. Athletes experienced a sense of teamwork, while promoting self-esteem regardless of their age or athletic skill level.

The City of Fontana Sports Division is committed to providing a quality, safe, fun, recreational sport experience while honoring the game.

Benefits of participation include introduction to various sports; everyone plays; funs is number one; lifelong experiences; builds character; sportsmanship; teamwork; creates friendships; develops motor skills; afterschool leisure activities.

The Sports Division offers programs in three different age divisions Pee Wee Sports for ages 3 to 7; Youth/Teen Sports for ages 8 to 17; and Adult Sports for ages 18 and over.

Pee Wee Sports is an instructional six week season with three weeks of practice and three weeks of games where all participants receive a program shirt and award. Pee Wee Sports programs offered include:

Basketball is offered twice annually – January through February and June through July; with an annual community impact of 521 participants and 1,300 spectators. The program is held at Fontana Park and has 48 volunteer coaches.

Soccer is offered every spring – April through May; with an annual community impact of 587 participants and 1,500 spectators. The program is held at the Ralph M. Lewis Sports Complex and Southridge Park and has 42 volunteer coaches.

T-Ball is offered every summer – August through September; with an annual community impact of 432 participants and 1,100 spectators. The program is held at Coyote Canyon Park, Veteran's Park, Southridge Park, and McDermott Park and has 36 volunteer coaches.

Youth Sports are offered in eight week seasons with playoff opportunity in a single elimination with consolation bracket. Youth Sports programs offered include:

Basketball is offered three times a year – January through March, May through June, and August through September; with an annual community impact of 1,182 participants and 2,300 spectators. The program is held at Fontana Park and multiple middle school sites and has 96 volunteer coaches. There is a partnership with the Clippers organization.

Flag Football is offered every fall – October through November; with an annual community impact of 103 participants and 200 spectators. The program is held at Southridge Park and Hunter's Ridge Park with 11 volunteer coaches.

Roller Hockey is offered twice a year – October through December and March through May; with an annual community impact of 184 participants with 350 spectators. The program is held at Fontana Park with 24 volunteer coaches. There is a partnership with the Kings organization.

There were partnerships with the Los Angeles Clippers and the Los Angeles Kings in 2011. In January 2011, the City of Fontana passed out 1,100 tickets to Youth Basketball Program participants and parents to attend a Clippers game. Before the game, the sports division ran a two-hour clinic on the Staples Center court for all participants in attendance. The Los Angeles Kings partnered with the City's Youth Roller Hockey Program. In November, the Sports Division invited 235 program participants and parents to attend a Kings' game. Prior to the game, the Youth Roller Hockey players had the opportunity to ice skate inside the Staples Center. Both partnerships proved to be very popular and successful.

Track and Field is offered every spring – April through May; with an annual community impact of 24 participants and 50 spectators. The program is held at Summit High School and Fontana High School.

Adult Sports are offered in ten week seasons year-round with playoff opportunity. Adult Sports programs offered include:

Basketball Leagues are offered every Saturday morning, Sunday morning and Friday evening; with an annual community impact of 1,110 participants and 550 spectators. The program is held at Fontana Park.

Softball Leagues are offered in men's divisions on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings and in co-ed divisions on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons; with an annual community impact of 690 participants and 400 spectators. The program is held at Southridge Park.

Soccer Leagues are offered on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings and afternoons; with an annual community impact of 1,392 participants and 700 spectators. The program is offered at Ralph M. Lewis Sports Complex.

Roller Hockey Leagues are offered on Thursday evenings; with an annual community impact of 210 participants and 100 spectators. The program is offered at Fontana Park.

Sports Camps were offered at Fontana Park with 258 boys and girls aged 7 to 14 that participated in a variety of sports related activities. Campers were based in the Fontana Park Sports Pavilion, where many of the day's activities took place. The camp also utilized other amenities of Fontana Park, including the pool, playground, community center and grass areas.

During the 2011 calendar year, the City of Fontana Sports Division offered 25 different seasons and camp programs to nearly 7,000 participants. These programs also had an additional attendance of over 8,000 individuals that attend a game or practice as a spectator and 257 volunteer coaches. In total, the Sports Division had a total annual attendance of 15,517.

For any further information or any questions, the City of Fontana Sports hotline number is 909.428.8864.

Discussion was held on the ages of participants in track and field. Track and field is offered for youth aged 8-17 years old.

The Parks and Recreation brochure was shared with the community.

Discussion was held on the maximum number of individuals that can participate in the summer camps. There is a maximum enrollment of 100 participants per week.

Discussion was held on Basketball camp being a specialized camp that can accept 250 participants.

Discussion was held on the programs offering services to participants with special needs and parents being turned away. The sports programs are not focused on competitiveness, but on the fundamentals, so all children are accepted. The contact person for any problems is Rafael Gonzalez and he can be reached at 909.349.6912.

Chairperson Rowland thanked Rafael and Hector for all they do with the sports program.

B. ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS ORAL UPDATE – ROB BOCK

Community Services Supervisor Rob Bock shared a memo on the 2012 Community Services Annual Calendar of Events at the dais. The thirty eight events listed are the larger community based events, comprised mostly of City of Fontana community services events, co-sponsored events such as the Steelman Challenge (Rotary Club), Miss Fontana (Rotary Club), Special Olympics (Kiwanis Club), Relay for Life (Fontana Unified School District and the American Cancer Society), Mayor's Jazz Jam (Boys and Girls Club), the Fontana Days Festival, Fontana Days Parade, and Christmas Parade (Exchange Club) and National Night Out and Family Safety and Preparedness Fair (Fontana Police Department).

The calendar was shared to allow Commissioners to plan their busy schedules to be able to participate in events as they always come out to support City events. A three month calendar will be shared soon as more events are added and event sites are confirmed.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Tigner, seconded by Commissioner Espinoza, and passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0; to receive and order filed the reports given under New Business.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMENTS:

Manager Dan West reminded everyone of the next park and graffiti cleanup event at Veteran's Park at on February 11, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. For information, call 909.350.6760.

Manager West commented that it was good to be back and seeing everybody.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMENTS:

Director Nelson welcomed everyone back and wished everyone a wonderful new year.

Director Nelson commented that whatever obstacles we run into this year, we will overcome them and kick everything up a notch.

Director Nelson commented on the wonderful holiday programs that were held during the holidays.

Director Nelson anticipates opening a new aquatics facility this year.

Director Nelson thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission for their support.

Manager Hernandez wished everyone a happy new year.

Manager Hernandez informed the community of several sports events going on:

- Youth Track and Field is taken registration beginning February 1, for youth 8-17.
- Pee Wee Soccer begins on February 1, for ages 3-7 year olds.
- Co-Ed Adult Softball registration is now being done.

Manager Hernandez announced the Anti Bullying Summit on March 10, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Jack Bulik Community Center.

Manager Hernandez announced that the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council will present at next month's Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. Call 909.349.6900 for more information.

Manager Hernandez wished everyone a good evening.

Manager Hernandez congratulated her son, Sam Hernandez, on being selected to participate in a hockey game in Canada.

Manager Hunt informed the Parks and Recreation Commission on the new Senior Advisory Board made up of 7 senior members elected by their peers that will work with city staff to help develop new projects, fundraising opportunities, and programming. The goal is also to build strong relationship with community based seniors and staff for better communication and enhanced services.

Manager Hunt invited everyone to Center Stage to see Grammy award winner, Melissa Manchester, perform on Saturday and Sunday night. Tickets are still available.

Manager Hunt invited everyone to Center Stage to see A Chorus Line that begins on February 10, through March 4, 2012.

Manager Hunt invited everyone to participate in the Steelman Challenge reverse triathlon and encouraged them to visit SteelmanChallenge.com for registration.

Manager Hunt announced that the new Parks and Recreation brochure covers programs offered January through April.

Manager Hunt invited everyone to join the City on Facebook.

Manager Hunt announced that co-sponsorship applications are now being accepted for review.

Manager Hunt announced that the City Council has approved a future addition to the community services profile as plans will move forward to develop a Farmer's Market to hopefully have it in place by early spring.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Goñi hoped that everyone had a safe holiday.

Commissioner Goñi invited everyone to take the opportunity to look at the new catalog for events to participate in.

Commissioner Goñi wished everyone a nice evening.

Commissioner Tigner is glad to see everyone back.

Commissioner Tigner invited everyone to get out to our parks and events.

Commissioner Tigner commented that it's going to be a great year.

Commissioner Espinoza commented that it was nice to see everyone.

Commissioner Espinoza wished everyone a happy new year and invited them to go out and have some fun.

Commissioner Hall reminded everyone of the quality programs available in the city and asked residents to support Fontana.

Commissioner Hall invited the community to provide their comments and recommendations.

Commissioner Hall wished everyone a good night.

Commissioner Vaquera is prepared for new challenges and invited everyone to keep moving forward as a community.

Commissioner Vaquera reconfirmed his commitment to serve the community, even with changes in Commission leadership.

Commissioner Vaquera invited everyone to review the Community Services brochure and register early for classes as they are on first come first served basis.

Chairperson Rowland announced that there will be a new Parks and Recreation Commissioner at the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Chairperson Rowland invited future Commissioner Daniel Quiroga to say a few words.

Mr. Quiroga thanked the Mayor and City Council for selecting him to participate as a commissioner. He is excited to jump on board.

Chairperson Rowland announced the Relay for Life event will be held on April 28-29, 2012 at Summit High School. She is looking forward to a really good relay. There will be a planning meeting on February 21, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at the John D. Piazza Information Center.

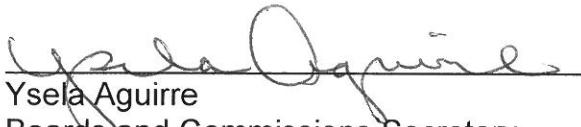
Chairperson Rowland commented that almost 20 years ago, her son began participating in the city sports programs—baseball, soccer, and basketball, and she is now looking forward to having her grandson start in two years.

Chairperson Rowland commented that she is looking forward to the Farmer's Market.

Chairperson Rowland commented that she is honored to serve the Commission and the City.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. to the Regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting to be held on Thursday, February 23, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, CA, 92335. Please call the Community Services Office at (909) 349-6904, if you are unable to attend the meeting.



Ysela Aguirre
Boards and Commissions Secretary



Janie Rowland
Chairperson