

City of Huntington Park
Youth Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 1, 2016
4:00pm
Salt Lake Park, Lounge

3401 E. Florence Avenue, Huntington Park, CA 90255

At 4:07pm the Regular Meeting of the Youth Commission was called to order. On Monday, August 1, 2016, in the Salt Lake Park, Lounge; Chair Cervantes presiding.

Roll Call

Present- Chair; Kevin Cervantes, Secretary; Crystal Meza, Youth Commissioners; Joseph Hernandez, Jesus Estrada, Paulina Ramos, Carla Pantoja, Nelly Perez; Director of Parks and Recreation Josette Espinosa, Recreation Supervisor Lizet Nunez; Cadet David Santillana.

Absent- Vice Chair; Valerie Montes, Youth Commissioner, Carmen Gastelum.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Jesus Estrada.

Public Comment

Chair, Kevin Cervantes opened up for any Public Comments.

Program Director Enrique Topete and Assistant Karlie Bay from The Wall Las Memorias, presented information regarding their organizations projects, community contributions and mission statements revolving around the dangers of prescription drugs and substance abuse to the Youth Commissioners. Chair Cervantes decided the youth commission would partner with The Wall Las Memorias on a city forum to be held at a later date here in the city of Huntington Park, CA.

Consent Items:

Chair; Kevin Cervantes opened up for any Consent Items.

Motion: Chair Cervantes motioned to approve the July 11, 2016 Commission minutes.

Motion was seconded be Commissioner Pantoja.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Chair Cervantes, Secretary Meza, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Pantoja, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Ramos, Commissioner Estrada

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): Vice Chair Montes and Commissioner Gastelum

Presentations

(No Presentations at this time.)

Regular Agenda:

1. Discussion and Action of Youth Commission Outreach to select city wide special events to attend FY 2016-2017.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Director of Parks and Recreation Josette Espinosa and Recreation Supervisor Lizet Nunez informed the Youth Commissioners about upcoming city events. The event list consisted of items such as the October Haunted House, where Director Espinoza invited the commission to organize their own scary room. Other upcoming events informed was the Tree Lighting event in December and the City Clean Up events hosted periodically.

2. Discussion and action of Youth Commission participating in National Night Out.

Recreation Supervisor Lizet Nunez informed the commission about available supplies for the Nation Night Out games, Chair Cervantes had inquired about. Youth Commissioner Hernandez suggested equipping the booth with Youth Commission applications in order to fill forecasted vacancies. Present Commissioners decided to participate in the National Night Out Event August 2nd, 2016 at 5:00P.M. A banner will also be produced for the event by the commissioners at Salt Lake Park at 11:00AM.

Motion: Chair Cervantes motioned for the Youth Commission to participate in the National Night Out Event on August 2nd, 2016 at Robert Keller Memorial Park.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Chair Cervantes, Secretary Meza, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Pantoja, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Ramos, Commissioner Estrada

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): Vice Chair Montes and Commissioner Gastelum

3. Discussion and action of Youth Commission partaking in a City Annual Park Clean up

DISCUSSION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Recreation Supervisor Lizet Nunez informed the Commissioners about the success of the past Saturdays' Clean-Up event at Raul Perez Park from the hours of 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Motion: Chair Cervantes motioned for the Youth Commission to participate in October 2016 City Clean-Up Event

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pantoja.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Chair Cervantes, Secretary Meza, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Pantoja, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Ramos, Commissioner Estrada

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): Vice Chair Montes and Commissioner Gastelum

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE SEPTEMBER YOUTH COMMISSION AGENDA:

1. **Motion:** Chair Cervantes motioned to add a Discussion & Action regarding Special Events for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, to September 2016's work plan.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pantoja

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Chair Cervantes, Secretary Meza, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Pantoja, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Ramos, Commissioner Estrada

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): Vice Chair Montes and Commissioner Gastelum

2. Discussions regarding college excursions to be added to work plan.

3. **Motion:** Chair Cervantes motioned to add a discussions & Action work plan item, in order to set up a forum with The Wall Las Memorias, to produce outreach for the City of Huntington Park community.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pantoja.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Chair Cervantes, Secretary Meza, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Pantoja, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Ramos, Commissioner Estrada

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): Vice Chair Montes and Commissioner Gastelum

Departmental Reports:

Director of Parks and Recreation, Josette Espinosa informed the Commission:

- Youth sports are about to commence.
- Little Kickers program is about to complete its duration.

Written Communications:

(No Written communications at the time.)

Youth Commission Communications:

- Chair, Cervantes expressed options for events the Youth Commission could organize, these presented options consist of organizing a book fair, college

career fair, children's carnival, and an outreach effort directed specifically toward artistic students.

- Commissioner Hernandez suggested the booth at the National Night Out Event distribute other city related flyers.
- Commissioner Estrada expressed his gratitude for having received the opportunity to work with the Youth Commission.
- Commissioner Perez voiced her desire for the Youth Commission to participate in larger scale events that entail of partnerships with surrounding clubs and schools.

Adjournment:

At 4:50 p.m. Chair Cervantes adjourned the meeting to a regular meeting of the City of Huntington Park Youth Commission on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Cadet Santillana