

Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park
Parks and Recreation Commission
Wednesday, November 23, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23, 2016, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Manuel Avila, Vice Chair Jonathan Sanabria, Commissioner Julian Zatarain, Commissioner Betty Davis-Gonzalez. Other City Officials and employees: Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation and Nathaniel Palma, Graduate Management Intern.

ABSENT: Commissioner Edgar Gordillo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Manuel Avila

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Commissioner Julian Zatarain motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 26, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Betty Davis-Gonzalez. Motion carries as follows:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Sanabria, Davis-Gonzalez, Zatarain

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): Avila

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Work Plan FY 2016/2017

Motion: No action to be taken. A discussion focusing on development of empty lots throughout Huntington Park. Further information pertaining to the issue will be given under item number four. Director Espinosa spoke on how Measure A will greatly benefit the parks.

2. Discuss Parks and Recreation Organizational Chart

Motion: No action to be taken. Receive and file.

3. Discussion and review of skate park information from other cities

Motion: No action to be taken. This was a discussion on information gathered from other cities on how they manage and handle their skate parks. Various methods were discussed on how to combat grievances at our local skate park. The Parks and Recreation Department will explore costs to install additional support bars to the fence and the cost for surveillance cameras.

4. Review Greenspace available in the City of Huntington Park

Motion: No action to be taken. A dialogue on possible development of vacant lots in the City of Huntington Park to develop and expand greenspace. Director Espinosa spoke on the possibility of possible grants for bike and walk paths and potential expansion of Salt Lake Park through the purchase and development of private property. Additionally, development of the DWP lots was discussed.

5. Discussion and/or action to reschedule or cancel regular scheduled December meeting

Motion: Jonathan Sanabria motioned to reschedule the December 28, 2016 regular scheduled meeting as it falls during the holiday break. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on January 25, 2017. Commissioner Betty Davis-Gonzalez seconded the motion. Motion carried as follows:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Sanabria, Davis-Gonzalez, Zatarain, Avila

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): None

6. Discussion and/or action to appoint a commission member to present the Parks and Recreation Commissions accomplishments on the workplan at The next regularly scheduled council meeting

Motion: Commissioner Julian Zatarain motioned to appoint Vice Chair Jonathan Sanabria to present the Parks and Recreation Commissions accomplishment at The next scheduled council meeting. Commissioner Betty Davis-

Gonzalez seconded the motion. Motion carried as follows.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Davis-Gonzalez, Zatarain, Avila

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): Sanabria

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Director Josette Espinosa informed the commission that she applied for Major League Baseball grant to improve and implement more baseball programs at our city's parks. Director Espinosa further explained that the city recently applied for and received a grant from Land Water Conservation to build a Splash Pad.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS -

Commissioner Julian Zatarain would like to thank all commissioners and Parks and Recreation staff for assisting and for their hard work and patience. Commissioner Zatarain acknowledges that patience needs to be shown in order to see gradual progress and hopes to see more funds from all the grants.

Commissioner Betty Davis Gonzalez stressed the need to be patient and assertive in order to reach goals. Commissioner Davis-Gonzalez expressed her admiration for Director Espinosa's hard work and commitment.

Vice Chair Jonathan Sanabria expressed his appreciation and thanked everyone. Commissioner Sanabria voiced that the Department is moving in the right direction and that patience and assertiveness are the qualities necessary in order to move forward.

Chair Manuel Avila expressed his admiration for the Halloween day festivities and declared it a testament to the efforts, time and organization skills of the Parks and Recreation staff. Chair Manuel Avila specified his appreciation for the participation and support from everyone in the Commission and Department of Parks and Recreation.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:00 p.m. Chair Manuel Avila adjourned the City of Huntington Park, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting to a Regular Meeting on January 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Josette Espinosa

Josette Espinosa, Parks and Recreation Director