

City of Huntington Park
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 24, 2017
6:00pm
City Hall, Council Chambers
6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, CA 90255

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:03 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Parks and Recreation Commissioner Jonathan Sanabria.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Jonathan Sanabria, Vice Chair Betty Davis-Gonzalez, and Edgar Gordillo. Other City Officials and employees: Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation

ABSENT: Julian Zatarain and Manuel Morado

PUBLIC APPERANCE- None

STAFF RESPONSES- None

MINUTES

Approval of minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission meeting from April 26, 2017. Item was motioned by Vice Chair Davis-Gonzalez and second by Edgar Gordillo. Minutes were approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and Consider Updating the Work Plan for 2016/2017

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Director Espinosa provided the Work Plan for 2016/2017 and informed the commission of the three current items being worked on. Director Espinosa also informed the commission of the decrease in individuals gambling at the park due to the Police Department's active enforcement.

Chair Sanabria notified the director about the organization named Hunger Action LA, which can possibly bring a new farmer's market to the City of Huntington Park. Furthermore, he advised her on collaborating with the organization and provided the necessary contact information. Director Espinosa informed the commission she would provide an update after connecting with Hunger Action LA.

2. Discussion of Splash Pad update

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Director Espinosa formally invited the commission to attend and speak at the Splash Pad Ground Breaking Ceremony on Saturday May 27, 2017. Moreover, she mentioned that the Mayor and City Council would be speaking at the ceremony.

Edgar Gordillo voiced his concern about the surrounding area of the splash pad needing repair, which included the restroom and the picnic area. Furthermore, he also mentioned the need to increase security to help protect the splash pad.

Director Espinosa informed the commission that she has budgeted for part time staff to be present at the location of the splash pad during all operating hours. She also mentioned the splash pad will be surrounded with a fence to protect against intruders. She also informs the commission about some of the rules that will be implemented to assist in protecting the splash pad such as no entrance allowed to an adult without a child and no child without an adult. The commission was informed that due to lack of funds the Parks and Recreation Department is unable to make improvements of the picnic area and the restrooms at this time.

3. Discussion of Woodcraft Ranger Survey Update

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Director Espinosa informed the commission that the surveys provided by the Woodcraft Rangers were completed by the children. From the surveys provided the majority of children enjoyed the food and the summer program overall. Furthermore, the 2017 summer program will begin June 19 and end August 4.

Chair Sanabria questioned about the type of activities that occur during the summer program.

Director Espinosa informed the commission that the children participate in the swim program at Linda Marquez High School and in a skate program, which utilizes the skate park at Salt Lake Park.

4. Discussion of 4th of July Update

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Director Espinosa informed the commission there will be a change from the usual four-day carnival for the 4th of July, she will be meeting with an ad hoc committee on May 30th regarding the one-day 4th of July celebration. More details will be available after the meeting on May 30th.

PRESENTATIONS- None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS- Director Espinosa notified the commission that the Memorial Day service will be held on May 29, 2017 at the Huntington Park Community Center. She also mentioned that Lucille Roybal-Allard, Reggie Jones, and the City Council will be present during the event.

DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION- None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS- None

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Gordillo expressed his appreciation on being appointed back to the parks and recreation commission and on the understanding during his absence due to family related matters. Commissioner Davis-Gonzalez thanked the commissioners for their dedication and expressed her excitement for the upcoming splash pad. Chair Sanabria thanked Commissioner Gordillo for his leadership and diverse perspective when it comes to the park and congratulated him on being reappointed to the parks and recreation commission.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:37 p.m. Chair Sanabria adjourned the City of Huntington Park Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on Wednesday, June 28, 2017.