

City of Huntington Park  
Youth Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 5, 2017  
4:00pm  
Salt Lake Park, Lounge

3401 E. Florence Avenue, Huntington Park, CA 90255

The regular meeting of the Youth Commission of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 4:01 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 2017 in the Lounge at Salt Lake Park, 3401 E. Florence Avenue, Huntington Park, California.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Youth Commissioner Angel De Santiago.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chair Kevin Cervantes, Paulina Ramos, Angel De Santiago, Joel Palma, and Kimberly Guzman. Other City Officials and employees: Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation, Lizet Nunez, Recreation Supervisor and Guillermo Portillo, Management Intern.

Absent: Karol Gutierrez, Nelly Perez, and Kaitlyn Zesati

**PUBLIC APPERANCE-** Ricardo Ortega a representative of California Youth Connections offered the commission the opportunity to collaborate on a project that creates a public awareness campaign regarding Immigration and Customs Enforcement's unfair treatment of children during the deportation process of parents. Furthermore, Ortega informed the commission about an upcoming event on July 14, 2017 at California State University, Dominguez Hills, which invites various organizations to participate in the public awareness campaign.

**STAFF RESPONSES-** None

**MINUTES**

Approval of minutes of Youth Commission meeting from May 1, 2017. Item was motioned by Chair Cervantes and second by Commissioner De Santiago. Minutes were approved.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **1. Discussion and Consider Updating the Work Plan for 2017/2018**

#### **DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION**

Director Espinosa informed the commission about the new 2017/2018 work plan being a continuation of the 2016/2017 work plan. The youth commission discussed the continuing participation of events, which include the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, Cancer Relay for Life, and other city events. In addition the youth commission emphasize creating more community outreach events, which include visiting cultural museums. The Youth commission discussed setting July 7, 2017 as the date to attend a college tour at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising.

**Motion:** Commissioner Chair Cervantes motioned to add the partnership with California Youth Connection program to the work plan 2017/2018, categorize the work plan in a new format, and attend a college tour at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising Friday July 7, 2017. Motion seconded by Paulina Ramos.

### **2. Discussion and Action of Youth Commission Newsletter**

#### **DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION**

Director Espinosa informed the commission about creating a combined version of everyone's blurb in order to fit them onto the city newsletter. Furthermore, she offered them the opportunity to highlight key points that they wish to reflect on the newsletters.

**Motion:** Commissioner Paulina Ramos motioned to resubmit blurbs by Sunday, June 11, 2017. Motion seconded by Chair Cervantes.

### **3. Discussion and Action of an excursion to a Cultural Arts Event in the summer**

#### **DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION**

The youth commission discussed possibly having an excursion to the national history museum located near downtown Los Angeles. Paulina Ramos mentioned that free admission is offered to the public on the first Tuesday of the month. Furthermore she recommended that the youth commission schedule the excursion to the museum on the free admission day during the month of August.

**Motion:** None

**4. Discussion of Action of Youth Commission participation in HP Health Expo on Saturday June 10, 2017**

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Joel Palma notified the commission that he will be unable to attend the event due to a scheduled family event outside of the state. Commissioner Chair Cervantes informed the commission about partnering up the key club with afterschool program to set up a booth.

**Motion:** None

**5. Discussion and Action of Youth Commission participation in Cancer Relay for Life on Saturday June 24, 2017**

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Director Espinosa informed the commission about the different ways that they can participate in the Cancer Relay for Life, which include staying overnight, joining the march, and/ or selling baked goods to fundraise for cancer research. The commission agreed to participate in the event and partner with the Huntington Park team to set up a booth to fundraise selling baked goods.

**Motion:** None

**6. Discussion and Action of Youth Commission participation in 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event**

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Director Espinosa notified the commission about changes in the annual event, which include the removal of the fair, the addition of a talent show, addition of free ice cream to the public, addition of two clowns, and the addition of a few food vendors. The commission mentioned they will assist in helping find performers at their school for the event.

**Motion:** None

**PRESENTATIONS-** None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS-** Director Espinosa informed the commission about the continuing progress of the splash pad's construction. Additionally she mentioned the success of the Memorial Day event. Josette and Lizet notified the commission of current programs, which include summer camp, tennis lessons, little dribblers, little kickers, girls' softball, and girls' basketball.

**DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION-** None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS-** None

**COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

The youth commission welcomed Kimberley Guzman with a round of applause.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:49 p.m. Chair Cervantes adjourned the City of Huntington Park Youth Commission Meeting on Monday, June 5, 2017.