

City of Huntington Park  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Wednesday January 27, 2021  
6:00pm  
Salt Lake Park, Lounge  
3401 E. Florence Avenue, Huntington Park, California

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on Wednesday January 27, 2021 at Salt Lake Park, 3401 E. Florence Avenue, Huntington Park, California.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Karinna Guerrero.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chair Betty Davis-Gonzalez, Vice Chair Edgar Gordillo, Commissioner Karinna Guerrero and Commissioner Gerald M. Chavarria. Other City Officials and employees: Director of Parks and Recreation Cynthia Norzagaray and Community Services Supervisor Maria Preciado.

**PUBLIC APPERANCE- None**

**STAFF RESPONSES- N/A**

**MINUTES**

Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting November 18, 2020.

**Motion:** Commissioner Edgar Gordillo motioned to approve the minutes.

**Motion Seconded** by Commissioner Gerald M. Chavarria.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Chair Betty Davis-Gonzalez, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Edgar Gordillo, Commissioner Karinna  
Guerrero.

NOES: Commissioner(s):

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s):

**PRESENTATIONS**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **1. Discussion and/or Action of proposed item by Commissioner Chavarria on developing a sponsorship program within the Greenway Linear Parks.**

Commissioner Gerald Chavarria continued the conversation on the proposal presented on developing a sponsorship within the Greenway Linear Park. Commissioner Chavarria shared some input from the community regarding adding a community garden, greenery, and vinery along the Linear Park fencing surrounding the properties. Director Cynthia Norzaragay addressed the idea of the greenery and the fencing. She stated the greenery would not be feasible due to the live lines that the lots have underneath and above ground. A request for a garden would need approval from the Los Angeles of Water and Power (DWP) and the multitude of engineers involved in the project due to the grant guidelines that only allows specific species along the park. Unfortunately, DWP will not be open to a garden considering the City is leasing the property and will need to obey by the lease agreement. In regards to the fencing, the fencing was not an eligible expense that the grant covered because the purpose of the grant is for urban greening. However, Council and the Department of Parks and Recreation have taken the communities' concerns regarding privacy into consideration and Council is going to look into what type of fencing the city will be able to procure. This will occur once the Linear Park is completed. The conversation of the proposal on developing a partnership within the Linear Park will continue.

### **2. Meet and Greet for Linear Park-Neighbor involvement ideas.**

The grand opening date is to be determined. The completion of the park is scheduled for May, but the date might change due to the pandemic. The Parks and Recreation Department will be taking the lead in surveying the community on the name for the park. Residents can cast their votes and the most popular name is to be presented to and chosen by council. The installation of the signage and plaque will come after the name is formerly determined. The status of the pandemic will play a big role on how the grand opening is conducted; however, a virtual grand opening is ideal.

**PRESENTATIONS-** None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS-** None

**DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION-** None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS-** None

**COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Gerald M. Chavarria- Inquired on the safety aspect of the park in which signage and or call button will be available that can elicit the community to call police.

Karina Guerrero- Would like to receive the crime report from Robocop on the next meeting.

Commissioner Edgar Gordillo- Inquired on the amount of apparatus the park was lacking and if there was going to be security cameras installed. Thanked all his colleagues and Cynthia and for this year to be full of life and continue to work together to better our parks.

Chair Betty Davis- Wished everyone a Happy New Year. She commended Commissioner Gerald M. Chavarria of how knowledgeable and professional he is and was very impressed with the proposal.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:37 p.m., Chair Betty Davis adjourned the City of Huntington Park Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at Salt Lake Park.