

City of Huntington Park  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, July 26, 2023  
6:00 p.m.  
Main Room, Raul R. Perez Park  
6208 Alameda St, Huntington Park, California

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:08 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, in the Main Room, Raul R. Perez Park, 6208 Alameda St, Huntington Park, California

#### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Vice Chair Edgar Gordillo, Commissioner Esmeralda Castillo and Commissioner Michelle Ybarra and Commissioner Emily Cortez. Other City Officials and employees: Parks and Recreation Director Cynthia Norzagaray, Recreation Manager Celica Quinones and Recreation Supervisor Maria Preciado.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Michelle Ybarra

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT- None**

#### **STAFF RESPONSES- None**

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting June 28, 2023.

#### **APPROVE MINUTES**

Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting June 28, 2023.

Commissioner Michelle Ybarra motioned to approve minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Emily Cortez.

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES:                   Commissioner(s): Chair Betty Davis-Gonzalez, Vice Chair Edgar Gordillo, Commissioner Esmeralda Castillo, Commissioner Emily Cortez, and Commissioner Michelle Ybarra

NOES:                   Commissioner(s):

ABSTAINED:            Commissioner(s):

**PRESENTATIONS**

None

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**1.) Discussion and/ or Action of work plan and upcoming special events**

1. Upcoming Park Tour schedule: - August 23, 2023 Tour Veterans Park. September 27, 2023 Tour Salt Lake Park and Huntington Park Community Center.

Dates and location were confirmed by Recreation supervisor Maria Preciado.

**PRESENTATIONS**- None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS- (Informational Only)**

- A. Splash Pads open. @Salt Lake Park\$1 (CASH ONLY) and @Freedom Park (FREE) - June 10- September 3, 2023-
- B. National Night out- August 1, 2023, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- C. Summer Nights in the Park- Movie Night at Perez Park August 3, 2023, movie starts at 8:30 a.m.
- D. Walk for Wellness Every Third Tuesday of the Month @ Veteran's Park at 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.
- E. Cooling Centers- Freedom Park Friday-Sunday 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. and the Huntington Park Library Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

F. Third and fourth sessions of Aerobics Body Toning, Ballet, Folklorico, and intro to Taekwondo are from September to November.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**- all upcoming Park programs and flyers were made available via paper copy at today's meeting.

### **COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Michelle Ybarra- None

Commissioner Esmeralda Castillo- Mentioned that she appreciates the idea of a cooling center available for the community to those who do not have air conditioning available.

Vice Chair Edgar Gordillo- Inquired about having the wellness walks in the evenings and weekends.

Chair Betty Davis- She wanted to thank the department for the opening of the cooling centers and the agenda of taking the tour of the parks for our new commissioners.

Commissioner Emily Cortez- Brought up a concern of broken glass at Keller Park. She wanted to know how often the park gets maintenance. She also wanted to know if there had been any suggestions to have a night market with all the vendors from the Farmers Market. Supervisor Maria Preciado said the park gets maintenance daily by our landscaping company. She also mentioned that the park will be renovated and will no longer have the sand. The sand will be replaced by padding flooring. There had been discussions about having a night market event but unfortunately vendors were not available. I will inquire about the option of bringing a night market event.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:22 p.m., Commissioner Esmeralda Castillo adjourned the City of Huntington Park Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on Wednesday, August 23, 2026, at Salt Lake Park.