

City of Huntington Park
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 28, 2023
6:00pm
Salt Lake Park
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 6:03 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, in the Lounge at Salt Lake Park, 3401 E Florence Avenue, 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 Emily Cortez.

PUBLIC APPERANCE- None

STAFF RESPONSES- None

MINUTES

Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting May 24, 2023.

Commissioner Esmeralda Castillo 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, and Commissioner Michelle Ybarra

NOES: Commissioner(s):

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): Emily Cortez

PRESENTATIONS

1. City of Huntington Park, Police Department Representative

Captain Martinez attended the meeting to give the commissioners an update on crime and safety reports of the Parks. Captain Martinez stated he would like to attend the commission meeting once a quarter.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

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Recreation Manager Quinones asked for the update on the commission work plan that was discussed in the last meeting. Commissioner Castillo responded by stating that she is a third-degree black belt in Karate and would like to start a women's self-defense class or a \general self-defense class. Director of Parks and Recreation Cynthia Norzagaray responded by letting her know we will provide her with the procedures to becoming a class instructor. Commissioner Emily Cortez would like to bring food vendor sponsorship to our events. Supervisor Maria Preciado will provide Commissioner Emily Cortez with the vendor sponsorship application once it is approved. Commissioner Michelle Ybarra inquired on a partnership with the city and the Huntington Park youth program to bring in a football league to keep the community youth involved and bring more kids into the community. The partnership will keep our kids in our community rather than going to other cities. Director of Parks and Recreation Cynthia Norzagaray responded by letting her know that she will check in with our sports Supervisor regarding any records of the partnership being in the talks and revisit the conversation. Commissioner Emily Cortez inquired on the community participation regarding sports. She wanted to know the level of participation in baseball and softball. Director of Parks and Recreation Cynthia Norzagaray responded by letting her know that our grant from the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation has a waiting list in our baseball and softball leagues. As soon as registration opens, we are filled up and have a waiting list. This is the case for the last three years that we

have been granted the grant. Vice-President Edgar Gordillo inquired on any new program that the Senior Center is providing post pandemic. Supervisor Maria Preciado responded with the new calendar dates of the Senior Program, activities, and excursions.

2. Upcoming Park Tour schedule: - **July 26, 2023** Commission meeting

LOCATION CHANGE to Perez Park: Tour Perez Park and Chesley

Circle. **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 Manager Quinones, and she also reminded the Commission of the change in location for next month's meeting.

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. Summer Nights in the Park- Movie Night at Freedom Park (July 6), DJ Night at Salt Lake Park (July 14), and Movie Night at Perez Park (August 3)
- C. Walk for Wellness Every Third Tuesday of the Month @ Veteran's Park at 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.

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

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Michelle Ybarra- Thanked the department for the presentation from the police department and for emailing event flyers.

Commissioner Esmeralda Castillo- Thanked the department for reaching out to the Police department and being able to provide their opinions and questions to Captain Martinez. She also agrees with the proposed attendance of a representative of the police department quarterly.

Vice Chair Edgar Gordillo- Thanked the commissioners and the department for their time and support in bettering our parks.

Chair Betty Davis- absent

Commissioner Emily Cortez- Since she was absent last meeting, she wanted to be introduced to Parks and Recreation Director Cynthia Norzagaray and Recreation Manager Celica Quinones. They both introduced themselves.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:45 p.m., Commissioner Esmeralda Castillo adjourned the City of Huntington Park Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at Salt Lake Park.