

City of Huntington Park
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 24, 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 6:02 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, in the Lounge at Salt Lake Park, 3401 E Florence Avenue, Huntington Park, California.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Betty Davis-Gonzalez, Vice Chair Edgar Gordillo, Commissioner Esmeralda Castillo and Commissioner Michelle Ybarra. Other City Officials and employees: Parks and Recreation Director Cynthia Norzagaray, Recreation Manager Celica Quinones.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Michelle Ybarra.

PUBLIC APPERANCE- None

STAFF RESPONSES- None

MINUTES

Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting April 26, 2023.

Commissioner Michelle Ybarra motioned to approve minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion Seconded by Chair Betty Davis-Gonzalez.

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s):

REGULAR AGENDA

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

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Recreation Manager Quinones asked the Commissioners to review the work plan and discuss any revisions and additions for the year. Chair Davis- Gonzales asked that commissioners become involved in all City events to familiarize themselves with all the work the Department does.

Recreation Manager Quinones reminded the commission that the work plan is their plan of action and items they will be working on. Chair Davis- Gonzalez would like to see more partnerships with the school and volunteered to go to local schools and provide them with what programs and activities are occurring in the City. Commissioner Castillo inquired about social media post and was informed that the City has social media outlets.

Recreation Manager Quinones asked the commission to think about ideas and suggestions and bring them to the next meeting. Commissioner Castillo inquired about karate for family and was informed by Recreation Manager Quinones that we offer taekwondo.

PRESENTATIONS- None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS- (Informational Only)

- A. Memorial Day Ceremony and Celebration, Monday, May 29th.
- B. City of Huntington Park 2023 GRAD stage @ City Hall May 20, 2023- June 25-
- C. Splash Pads open. @Salt Lake Park\$1 (CASH ONLY) and @Freedom Park (FREE) - June 10- September 3, 2023-
- D. American Red Cross Blood Drive @ Salt Lake Park GYM 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. June 13, 2023
- E. 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)

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

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Michelle Ybarra- Inquired about Commissioners role at attending events. Director Norzagaray stated that the roles vary. The Role depends on the type of event and if we have sufficient volunteers.

Commissioner Esmeralda Castillo- events are beneficial to all residents and offered to volunteer as need.

Vice Chair Edgar Gordillo- Mentioned that at last month's meeting he mentioned that he would like a Huntington Park Police representative to attend the meeting to discuss Park safety. Director Norzagaray told him that we have to provide HP PD sufficient time to attend a commission meeting. Director Norzagaray informed the commission of the upcoming Meet Your Police on June 15, 2023 at Perez Park. Asked that there be more patrol and cameras to monitor the safety of Park Patrons and facilities. Director Norzagaray said we would reach out and invite PD to an upcoming meeting. Asked for Parks Tours in the summer to see all the Parks.

Chair Betty Davis- Mentioned that years ago there was patrol assigned to Parks and Recreation that would address issues in the Parks. Feels that more security is needed in the Parks. Asked that all commissioners be supportive and become involved in the community. Agreed on taking a Park tour with all the commissioners during a commission meeting.

Commissioner Emily Cortez- absent

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:25 p.m., Chair Betty Davis adjourned the City of Huntington Park Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at Salt Lake Park.