

City of Huntington Park
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 26, 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 6:06 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 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, Commissioner Emily Cortez, and Commissioner Michelle Ybarra.
Other City Officials and employees: Recreation Supervisor Maria Preciado.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Esmeralda Castillo

PUBLIC APPERANCE- None

STAFF RESPONSES- None

MINUTES

Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting January 25, 2023.

Chair Betty Davis-Gonzalez motioned to approve minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion Seconded by Vice Chair Edgar Gordillo.

ROLL CALL:

AYES:	Commissioner(s): Commissioner Esmeralda Castillo
NOES:	Commissioner(s): None
ABSTAINED:	Commissioner(s): Commissioner Emily Cortez, and Commissioner Michelle Ybarra.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

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The introduction of each member was done before the first item on the agenda. The chair Betty Davis- Gonzalez, Vice Chair Edgar Gordillo, and Commissioner Esmeralda Castillo introduced themselves to the new commissioners Emily Cortez and Michelle Ybarra as they too introduced themselves. Chair Betty Davis-Gonzalez explained the role of a Parks and Recreation Commissioner. Supervisor Maria Preciado introduced herself and went over all upcoming events for the remainder of the year.

2. The Manuel “Manny” & Rebecca Avila Memorial Scholarship.

Supervisor Maria Preciado provided an overview of The Manuel “Manny” & Rebecca Avila Memorial Scholarship, the criteria, and the deadline along with the information on how to obtain the application and submission.

PRESENTATIONS- None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS- (Informational Only)

- A. Medical Camp, Sunday, April 30th at Salt Lake Park from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- B. State of the City, Saturday May 13 at Keller Park
- C. Memorial Day Ceremony and Celebration, Saturday, May 29th.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS- all Park programs and flyers are sent out via email by Supervisor Maria Preciado

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Betty Davis- Welcomed the new members of the Parks & Recreation Commission, Emily Cortez, and Michelle Ybarra. She also thanked Vice Chair Edgar Gordillo and Commissioner Esmeralda for being a part of the commission. She also thanked the department of Parks and Recreation for all the hard work and the presentation of the information of all upcoming events for the remainder of the year.

Vice Chair Edgar Gordillo- Thanked the new members of the commission for becoming a part of the Parks & Recreation Commission. He expressed how grateful he is to have this in person meeting post pandemic. He also thanked the Parks department for the

awesome 5k Run event. His wife, daughter and he participated. He would like to see more sponsorship.

Commissioner Esmeralda Castillo- Conquer with commissioner Michelle Ybarra regarding the great opportunity of the role of a commissioner in giving back to the community. She also expressed gratitude for the opportunity of The Manuel “Manny” & Rebecca Avila scholarship that is giving the high school seniors of the community.

Commissioner Emily Cortez-She is glad to have the opportunity to be a part of the Parks & Recreation Commission as she remembers how there were not as many programs available in the city when her children were growing up and was forced to go to the neighboring cities to enroll them in programming. She saw the advertisement for the position available and would like to take the opportunity to make a difference in this city in which her grandchildren are growing up in.

Commissioner Michelle Ybarra- Expressed how the role of a commissioner is a great opportunity to give back to the community and in getting more people involved.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:24 p.m., Chair Betty Davis adjourned the City of Huntington Park Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at Salt Lake Park.