

City of Huntington Park
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 28, 2018
6:00pm
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 6:07 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 in the Lounge at Salt Lake Park, 3401 E Florence Avenue, Huntington Park, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Parks and Recreation Chair Jonathan Sanabria.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Jonathan Sanabria, Vice Chair Betty Davis-Gonzalez, Commissioner Edgar Gordillo, and Commissioner Julian Zatarain. Other City Officials and employees: Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks and Recreation, Celica Quinones, Recreation Manager, Guillermo Portillo, Management Intern

ABSENT: Commissioner Manual Morado

PUBLIC APPERANCE- None

STAFF RESPONSES- None

MINUTES

Approval of minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission February 28, 2018. Vice Chair Betty Davis-Gonzalez motioned to approve minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission meeting from February 28, 2018. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Julian Zatarain.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Discussion and/ or Action of Work Plan FY 2017/2018

Recreation Manager, Celica Quinones updated the commission on Work Plan Item number two on Farmer's Market evening availability. The Department is looking into the feasibility of a Seasonal Farmer's Market in the evening during the summer at Salt Lake Park. Chair, Jonathan Sanabria requested an update on the Urban Greening Grant

Resolution. Recreation Manager, Celica Quinones informed the commission that City Council approved the Resolution. Chair, Jonathan Sanabria requested an update on Item number three regarding security at the park. Recreation Manger, Celica Quinones stated the Parks and Recreation Department continue to work with the Police Department on addressing security concerns. Chair Jonathan Sanabria asked about the Cadets program and Management Intern, Guillermo Portillo responded by saying that the Police Department has a seasonal teen training. Chair, Jonathan Sanabria asked for an update on Item number four and Recreation Manager, Celica Quinones stated that there was no update. Commission, Julian Zatarain requested logistics on how to implement Item number four. Chair, Jonathan Sanabria requested that Work Plan item number four be added to next month's agenda as a separate item. Commissioner, Edgar Gordillo requested information on a timeline scale as to when Parks and Recreation would add park security guards. Recreation Manager, Celica Quinones responded that she would follow up with the Director and get information on his request. Additionally we stated that we installed new cameras at Salt Lake Park for additional security monitoring. Additionally Commissioner, Edgar Gordillo stated that in the past he worked with Park Security in addressing violations where citations were issued in response to his input. Chair, Jonathan Sanabria addressed Commissioner Edgar Gordillo an informed him that the City no longer has the budget for Park Rangers. Chair, Jonathan Sanabria recommended that staff be more visible at the parks and felt that staff visibility would reduce the level of disorder at the parks. Management Intern, Guillermo Portillo gave an example of an incident that occurred with Woodcraft Rangers last summer where the skate park was reserved for a Woodcraft Ranger's program and skaters were utilizing the skate park and Woodcraft Ranger's asked that they vacate the skate park and a confrontation ignited. Due to incidents such as these are the reasons why staff is limited to their level of enforcement when patrons become high rated. Commissioner, Edgar Gordillo inquired his recommendation about training staff on reporting vandalism and Recreation Manager, Celica Quinones responded that during the last department training staff was informed on the proper way to report vandalism. Commissioner, Betty Davis-Gonzalez inquired if health and fitness was a part of the Work Plan. Management Intern responded that the Health and Education Commission is spearheading the topic of health and that they are having an event in June and all commissioners are invited to participate. Additionally, Commissioner Betty Davis-Gonzalez recommended that outdoor fitness equipment be relocated away from the children's playground. Director, Cynthia Norzagaray informed the commissioners that she applied for a grant that would replace the equipment in the Fitness Centers to offset the City's limited budget constraints of purchasing new equipment.

PRESENTATIONS- None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS- Recreation Manager, Celica Quinones informed the commission that the Department of Parks and Recreation was awarded a Grant for the Health and Wellness Program for senior lunch meal program by AltaMed. Commissioner were informed that there will be a celebration in May when AltaMed will award Parks and Recreation with the Grant Check.

DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION- Management Intern, Guillermo Portillo asked if commission would like to host a booth at the Health and Education Fair on June 2nd and told them they have a \$200 budget to utilize at the event.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS- None

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Chair, Jonathan Sanabria, thanked the Director for applying for grants

Commissioner, Betty Davis- Gonzalez stated that Keller Park needs more maintenance and homeless services. Also is dissatisfied with playground equipment at Keller Park and recommends replacing it. Satisfied with HPCC garden improvements and recommends more old fashioned benches. Would like to thank all staff.

Commissioner Julian Zatarain stated that he was thankful for looking into the Farmer's Market and would like to know when they can do a park tour.

Commissioner, Edgar Gordillo stated that there is lots of advertising signs on City Post and would like it reported and removed. Gym needs some maintenance. He has noticed park improvements and asked that staff keeping up the good work. Reiterated that we continue to provide senior services.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:42 p.m. Chair Sanabria adjourned the City of Huntington Park Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on Wednesday, March 28, 2018.