



*City of Arts & Innovation*

**MINUTES**  
**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Monday, April 10, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Dales Senior Center – White Park  
3936 Chestnut Street  
Riverside, CA 92501  
951-826-2000

Commissioners Present: Rounds, Johnson, Whatley, Cardullo, Feola, and Negron

Commissioner Absent: Elliot

Staff Present: Adolfo Cruz, Director  
Andrew Emery, Park Superintendent  
Lilia Curiel, Interim Senior Administrative Assistant

Public Works Staff Present: Robert Filiar, Urban Forester

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rounds called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No public comment at this meeting.

**2. PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE**

The Commission received and read the email from participant Patricia Shearer regarding former employee Cheryl Stuck. On behalf of the Women's Fairmount Golf Club, Ms. Shearer expressed their appreciation towards Ms. Stuck during her employment with the City of Riverside.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Commission approved the minutes for the March 13, 2017 meeting.

Motion: Johnson  
Second: Feola  
Ayes: All

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT URBAN FORESTRY / LANDSCAPE DIVISION  
QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

The Commission approved the consent calendar item.

Motion: Whatley  
Second: Cardullo  
Ayes: All

## **PRESENTATION**

### **5. RYAN BONAMINIO PARK AT THE TEQUESQUITE ARROYO, BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ALKALI MEADOW**

Park Superintendent Emery invited University of California, Riverside Senior Plant Restoration Ecologist Arlee Montalvo to present the PowerPoint she prepared.

Senior Plant Restoration Ecologist Arlee Montalvo updated the Commission on the biological significance of the alkali meadow that was restored at Ryan Bonaminio Park at the Tequesquite Arroyo.

Director Cruz emphasized the meadow's uniqueness and how it serves a great purpose to the Park.

After discussion regarding Ms. Montalvo's research, a motion was made to accept the report for file.

Motion: Cardullo  
Second: Whatley  
Ayes: All

## **DISCUSSION**

### **6. PLAYGROUND SAFETY SURFACING REPLACEMENTS**

Director Cruz invited Park Superintendent Emery to present the PowerPoint

Park Superintendent Emery informed the Commission about the recent playground safety surfacing replacements at various City Parks. Mr. Emery concluded the presentation stating the Uniform Wood Fiber should be replenished every 1 -2 years to maintain a safe play area.

After discussion, a motion was made to accept the report for file.

Motion: Feola  
Second: Cardullo  
Ayes: All

### **7. ORAL UPDATE ON THE PARKS MASTER PLAN**

Director Cruz updated the Commission on the Parks Master Plan. Out of five contractors, three were interviewed. RJM from San Juan Capistrano was the selected contractor. Item will go to Council on May 9, 2017.

Motion: Cardullo  
Second: Whatley  
Ayes: All

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETING DATES, AND COMMISSION REQUESTS**

Commissioner Johnson attended the Budget Engagement Commission meeting. He thanked Director Cruz for assisting him with the many questions regarding the budget.

Director Cruz thanked Commissioner Johnson for presenting at the Budget Engagement Commission meeting.

Commissioner Johnson informed the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department Activities Report would go to Council on April 25, 2017.

Director Cruz informed the Commission Deputy Director Mario Lara will be in attendance on April 25, 2017.

Director Cruz also informed the Commission regarding Mayra Ocampo's promotion to Administrative Analyst. Interviews to fill the Senior Administrative Assistant will be held on April 24, 2017.

Commissioner Negron encouraged all to attend the Indian Pow Wow on April 14, 2017 and April 15, 2017. The Tamale Festival on April 22, 2017 and the Riverside Insect Fair on April 29, 2017.

Director Cruz mentioned that a discussion item would be included at the next meeting regarding changing the time and location for future Commission Meetings.

### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Rounds adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 8, 2017, at Dales Senior Center – White Park, 3936 Chestnut Street, Riverside, CA 92501.