



PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, March 18, 2024, 6:30 P.M.
Public Comment in Person/Telephone
Art Pick Council Chambers – City Hall
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522

Commissioners Present: Victoria Brodie, Citywide-Ward 1
Blake Faris, Ward 3
Vice Chair, Matt Friedlander, Ward 4
Mohammad Noor, Ward 5
Tracy Barlogio, Citywide-Ward 5
Thomas Miller, Ward 6
Rakel Engles, Ward 7

Absent: Chair, Daniel Jester, Ward 1

Department Staff Present: Pamela Galera, Director
Noemi Lopez, Deputy Director
Anthony Zamora, Deputy Director
Kyle Raphael, Park Superintendent
Jessica Ochoa, Recreation Supervisor
Sandra Campbell, Senior Administrative Assistant

City Staff Present: Brando Crozier, Public Utilities Resource Analyst

Vice Chair Friedlander called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Commissioner Engles made a motion for Vice Chair Friedlander to be Chair for the upcoming term. Vice Chair Friedlander accepted.

Motion: Engles
Second: Miller
Ayes: All

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Commissioner Engles made a motion for Commissioner Noor to be Vice Chair for the upcoming term. Commissioner Noor accepted.

Motion: Engles
Second: Brodie
Ayes: All

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one wishing to address the Commission.

PRESENTATIONS

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES FOUNDATION INAUGURAL GALA

Riverside Community Services Foundation Vice President, Brando Crozier delivered the presentation concerning the Riverside Community Services Foundation Inaugural Gala.

Invitations to the Gala was distributed to all Commission members.

Director Galera commented that the Community Foundation is the Departments non-profit partner and provides important resources to our community.

2024 SPRING EGGSTRAVAGANZA EVENT

Deputy Director Noemi Lopez delivered the presentation on the 2024 Spring Eggstravaganza Community Event.

Commissioner Brodie noted that there were 5,000 attendees last year and asked how many attendees attended this year.

Deputy Director Lopez stated there were approximately 5,500, but attendance is still being calculated.

Commissioner Miller asked if there were any lessons learned or any ideas to make it better for next year regarding the crowded parking situation at the park.

Deputy Director Lopez stated that we continue to work with the traffic division and local business to allow for street parking. This year, due to the rain, the vendors took parking spots because the fields were too saturated to use for food trucks or carts.

Commissioner Engles complemented staff on a job well done and stated that the event was enjoyed by attendees.

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE FISCAL YEARS 2024-2029 UPDATE

Park Superintendent Kyle Raphael delivered the presentation on the Deferred Maintenance Fiscal Years 2024-2029 Updates.

Vice Chair Friedlander stated his concern regarding Reid Park restrooms, and asked if there are plans for repairs before 2028 as shown in the schedule.

Superintendent Raphael stated that the bathroom has received a better pump system and that there have been no current issues with the sewer system. Staff have received a quote for a new restroom and concession stand building and identifying funding to accelerate the schedule.

Commissioner Brodie had a question about lighting repairs.

Vice Chair Friedlander stated that lighting is also important to prevent vandalism and asked if

LED lighting lasts longer and that over the course of time is less expensive.

Superintendent Raphael stated that LED lighting is more efficient and therefore less expensive to operate with more concentrated lighting. Parks electricians upgrade lighting throughout the park system as needed and upgrade to LED whenever possible.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following matters, presented to the Park and Recreation Commission on the consent calendar for consideration, was approved by a motion affirming the action appropriate to the items:

MINUTES

Minutes for the January 17, 2024, meeting.

ATTENDANCE

The Park and Recreation Commission excused the absences of Commissioner Faris from the January 17, 2024, special meeting.

The Park and Recreation Commission excused the absences of Commissioner Brodie from the January 17, 2024, special meeting.

The Park and Recreation Commission excused the absences of Commissioner Faris from the February 21, 2024, special meeting.

The Park and Recreation Commission excused the absences of Commissioner Engles from the February 21, 2024, special meeting.

The Park and Recreation Commission excused the absences of Commissioner Miller from the February 21, 2024, special meeting.

Motion: Brodie
Second: Engles
Ayes: All

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

ATTENDANCE

The Park and Recreation Commission excused the absence of Commissioner Feola from the January 17, 2024, Special Meeting.

Motion: Noor
Second: Engles
Ayes: All

The Park and Recreation Commission excused the absence of Commissioner Brodie from the

February 21, 2024, Special Meeting.

Motion: Engles
Second: Noor
Ayes: All

COMMUNICATIONS

BRIEF REPORTS ON EVENTS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chair Friedlander and Commissioner Barlogio attended the River District Community Meeting and thought it was a great information and a good turnout.

Vice Chair Friedlander adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA D. CAMPBELL
Sr. Administrative Assistant