



PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, November 20, 2023, 6:30 P.M.
Public Comment in Person/Telephone
Art Pick Council Chambers – City Hall
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522

Commissioners Present: Chair, Daniel Jester, Ward 1
Victoria Brodie, Citywide-Ward 1
Vice Chair, Matt Friedlander, Ward 4
Joseph Feola, Citywide-Ward 4
Thomas Miller, Ward 6
Rakel Engles, Ward 7

Absent: Blake Faris, Ward 3
Mohammad Noor, Ward 5

Department Staff Present: Pamela Galera, Director
Jessica Ochoa, Recreation Supervisor
Sandra Campbell, Senior Administrative Assistant

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one wishing to address the Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Engles and seconded by Commissioner Moore to approve the Consent Calendar as presented affirming the actions appropriate to items. The motion was carried with Vice Chair Friedlander abstaining, Commissioner Faris, Commissioner Noor and Commissioner Brodie absent.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on October 16, 2023, were approved as presented.

ATTENDANCE

The Park and Recreation Commission determined the absences of Vice Chair Friedlander from the October 16, 2023, regular meeting should be recorded as excused.

PRESENTATION(S)

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES FOUNDATION ANNUAL UPDATE

Riverside Community Services Foundation President, Deborah Macias presented an annual update of the Riverside Community Services Foundation.

Chair Jester asked if they are looking for people to donate items and services for a silent auction.

President Macias stated that they are looking for sponsors and will be selling tables and seats to the event, there will be entertainment, a silent auction as well as a live auction.

Chair Jester asked if the donors are larger organizations, individuals, or a mix of both.

President Macias stated that typically it is companies, and some individuals. The Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center specifically has naming rights on rooms. There is also a scholarship program for underserved children and seniors, for any programs. The customers just have to submit an application for the cost of programming.

Chair Jester wanted clarification that the Riverside Community Services Foundation focus is on the Community Services programming events and activities.

President Macias stated that this is correct and that they do not fill any gaps in terms of payroll or staffing.

RIVERSIDE LAWN BOWLING CLUB

Riverside Lawn Bowling Club President Barbara Petre introduced Board Member Ed Petre who delivered the presentation on the Riverside Lawn Bowling Club.

Commissioner Brodie joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Vice Chair Friedlander asked if there is any success in getting younger participants out to show them the game.

President Petre stated yes and no. The Boy Scouts event was fantastic, and the children showed a lot of excitement. New bowls are needed for small children because the bowls are too big and heavy for them. In 2024, they will apply for a grant for new bowls and, once new bowls are received, they will work with the City to get a class for children.

Vice Chair Friedlander asked how heavy are the bowls.

Board Member Petre stated they are approximately 3 pounds.

Director Galera asked the President to let everyone know how hard they work to maintain the facility.

President Petre stated that they are trying to do their part, the parks department do so much for them, and they try to help park staff out as much as they can.

Commissioner Brodie asked with the partners they have, is anyone willing to do in kind, in terms of donating the bowls for the children.

President Petre stated that finding a way to get assistance, to have the youth is how they will keep this sport alive.

Commissioner Miller asked how does interested customers sign up for the free lessons.

President Petre stated to go to their website to get the hours and phone numbers. If parties cannot make Club Play time on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 9:30 a.m. or Sundays at 1:00 p.m. an appointment can be made. Four free lessons are provided then after that there

are choices to pay per day or join the club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETING DATES, AND COMMISSION REQUEST

ITEMS FOR FUTURE PARK AND RECREATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

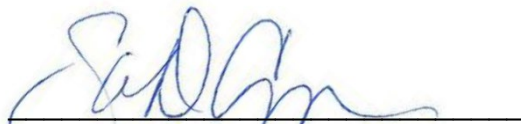
Chair Jester wanted to take the opportunity to congratulate Deputy Director McDaniel on his retirement from the department and to thank him for his dedication. He will be missed.

Chair Jester gave congratulations to Director Galera on her nomination to the Green Hall of fame.

The next Park and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Jester adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sr. Administrative Assistant