



City of Arts & Innovation

MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Monday, September 16, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Art Pick Council Chambers – City Hall
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522

Commissioners Present: Cardullo, Fairfax, Feola, Johnson and Whatley

Commissioners Absent: Humphreys and Rounds

Staff Present: Adolfo Cruz, Director
Randy McDaniel, Principal Project Manager
Kyle Raphael, Park Superintendent
Jordan Maus, Project Manager
Kimberly Cobb, Recreation Supervisor
Fabiola Contreras, Senior Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Feola called meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Kevin Dawson, board member with local environmental group “Friends of Riverside Hills” thanked Director Cruz for contacting him in regards to the gift of land at Islander Park. He had another inquiry about a new high school that Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) wants to build on a property located on Canyon Crest and Blaine Street that is being used by the City of Riverside. He mentioned the property is owned by University of California Riverside (UCR) and would like for Director Cruz to research if RUSD has the right to build a school on property that does not belong to them.

Director Cruz, confirmed the property belongs to UCR. The City of Riverside has used that property before, however has been a while since the last usage. Director Cruz will provide an update to the Park and Recreation Commission as soon as he conducts research.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After discussion, the Commission approved the minutes for the August 19, 2019, meeting.

Motion: Whatley
Second: Johnson

Ayes: All

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

3. UPDATE ON THE PARKS MASTER PLAN PROJECT

4. PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT, FISCAL YEAR 2018/19, APRIL-JUNE 2019

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

Motion: Whatley
Second: Johnson
Ayes: All

PRESENTATIONS

5. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS STATUS FROM JANUARY 2019 THROUGH CURRENT

Director Cruz introduced Jordan Maus, Project Manager.

Project Manager Maus, presented an update on the status from of the Department's Capital Improvement Projects.

Commissioner Whatley congratulated the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department for all of the great work accomplished.

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

Motion: Cardullo
Second: Johnson
Ayes: All

DISCUSSION

6. UPDATES ON THE YOUTH INNOVATION CENTER AT ARLINGTON PARK

Director Cruz introduced Principal Project Manager Randy McDaniel to provide an update on the construction of the Youth Innovation Center and Recreation Supervisor Kim Cobb to provide an update on the programming section.

Principal Project Manager McDaniel confirmed the construction is moving forward. It is anticipated to be completed in October 2019, at which time, staff will furnish and prepare the facility for public use for an anticipated opening by end of 2019.

Recreation Supervisor Cobb provided the inaugural Innovator's Gala scheduled for Wednesday, October 30th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Guests will enjoy class demonstrations and facility tours as they learn about naming rights and donor opportunities that will benefit the Youth Innovation Center.

Commissioner Johnson inquired on the term of the lease with Learn 4 Life.

Recreation Supervisor Cobb responded that it is a nine month lease; however, with talks of having summer programming offered.

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

Motion: Cardullo
Second: Fairfax
Ayes: All

7. DETERMINE WHETHER COMMISSIONER TODD ROUNDS ABSENCE FROM THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING ON AUGUST 19, 2019, SHOULD BE RECORDED AS AN EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED ABSENCE

After discussion, a motion was made to record Commissioner Round's absence as unexcused.

Motion: Whatley
Second: Johnson
Ayes: All

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETING DATES, AND COMMISSION REQUESTS

Vice-Chair Feola mentioned to all Commissioners that it is their responsibility to notify Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department in advance if any Commissioner will not be attending the Park and Recreation Commission meetings.

Commissioner Cardullo inquired on the Sycamore Canyon Park fires.

Park Superintendent Raphael provided an update that he received from the Fire Department. He mentioned the first fire burned 228 acres and was cause by an accidental discharge. The 2nd fire burned 250 acres, however Fire Department did not know what caused the fire.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Feola adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 21, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., at Art Pick Council Chambers, 3900 Main Street.