



PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025, 6:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Matt Friedlander, Commissioners Chad Young, Thomas Forbes, Kevin Dawson, Stephanie Schaefer, Joshua Kopp, Tracy Barlogio, Thomas Miller, Barry Johnson

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Pamela Galera, Anthony Zamora, Jessica Ochoa, Desiree Gurrola, Victoria Koo-Young, Sandra Campbell

Chair Friedlander called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one wishing to address the Commission, and no e-comments were received prior to the start of the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON/FRANK A. MILLER TABLET DEDICATION

Claudia Rodriguez, Board Member of Friends of Mt. Rubidoux introduced Glenn Wenzel, President of Friends of Mt. Rubidoux then delivered the presentation on Booker T. Washington/Frank A. Miller Tablet Dedication.

Chair Friedlander asked if there will be transportation provided for those unable to walk the mountain.

Board Member Rodriguez stated that the department will have vans available to provide rides.

Commissioner Forbes asked what efforts have been made to raise awareness about this dedication.

Board Member Rodriguez stated that awareness has been promoted through social media. Director Galera will also share it on the parks' social media platforms. Initially, a sponsorship invitation was shared on social media and presented to various groups. More recently developed is an invitation without the sponsorship component that has been developed and will be distributed soon. Additionally, the event has been featured in the Raincross Gazette as a "Save the Date" announcement.

Commissioner Forbes asked if there were plans to advertise it at the Black History parade this coming weekend.

Board Member Rodriguez stated she will contact Rose who is active in raising funds for them and has also presented it to that group who support the dedication.

Commissioner Dawson asked about the material of the marker and how it will be mounted on the stone..

Board Member Rodriguez stated the marker will be made of bronze and the installer will be cutting into the granite. A securing material will be used around the tablet to hold it in place.

Chair Friedlander asked for an electronic flyer of the event to share with other contacts.

The department will send the flyer of the event to all Commissioners.

RECREATION DIVISION HOLIDAY EVENT OVERVIEW – A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY AND JOY

Recreation Supervisor Desiree Gurrola delivered an overview of the Recreation Division Holiday Events.

Chair Friedlander gave props and commended the department for all its outstanding work in organizing many events for our community.

Commissioner Barlogio went to many events and stated they were all fabulous, always well organized, great participation for community and looks forward to what is next.

BOURNS FAMILY YOUTH INNOVATION CENTER UPDATE

Recreation Services Coordinator Victoria Koo-Young delivered the update on the Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center.

Chair Friedlander attended the Festival of Trees Gala, out of approximately 100 trees, took pictures of 3 trees, one being the Masters of Lego Tree created by the Lego League Team.

Commissioner Kopp stated an amazing job is done at the Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center and thanked the staff for their involvement with all the kids.

Commissioner Barlogio asked if the Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center had an advisory group like many of the parks and centers do.

Recreation Services Coordinator Koo-Young stated they have the Riverside Community Services Foundation which is the closest to an advisory for them. All events are worked closely with the Foundation.

Commissioner Barlogio asked if there is anything the Commissioners can do to help the center.

Recreation Services Coordinator Koo-Young stated that the center's outreach has been really strong in the past year and if the Commissioners feel there is anything missing please let them know.

Recreation Superintendent Jessica Ochoa stated that they will reach out to find ways to

incorporate the Commission through partnership meetings. Advised Commissioners if interested reach out to Recreation Services Coordinator Koo-Young.

Recreation Services Coordinator Koo-Young stated invitations will be sent out for the next partnership meeting taking place on March 4th from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Barlogio asked when the next Gala is.

Recreation Services Coordinator Koo-Young stated Thursday, April 24th, then proceeded to pass invitations to all the Commissioners.

Commissioner Barlogio asked if there was outreach to public schools.

Recreation Superintendent Ochoa stated that they do reach out to Riverside Unified and Alvord Unified School Districts and that Recreation Services Coordinator Koo-Young has a strong connection with the districts.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

MINUTES

The minutes of December 2, 2024, were approved with corrections suggested by Commissioner Dawson to add his attendance to the César Chávez Community Workshop on October 23, 2024.

Motion: Forbes
Second: Johnson
Ayes: All

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

PLAN AND SCHEDULE TO PRESENT THE 2025 PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION WORKPLAN FOR DESIGNATED COMMITTEE

A motion was made to select Chair Friedlander to present the Park and Recreation Commission Workplan Update to the Safety, Wellness and Youth Committee on March 19, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

Motion: Forbes
Second: Barlogio
Ayes: All

COMMUNICATIONS

UPDATES OF EVENTS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

- The State of the City with Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson on Thursday, January 30, 2025, was attended by Chair Friedlander, Commissioners Forbes, Kopp, and Barlogio.

- Commissioner Dawson attended the University Neighborhood meeting.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

- Commissioner Dawson suggested a Gage Canal Master Plan Update

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Pamela Galera shared announcements:

- Booker T, Washington/Frank A. Miller Tablet Dedication on Mt. Rubidoux, Friday, February 28th, at 2:00 p.m.
- The Riverside Community Services Foundation Gala at the former Councilmember MacArthur residence, Thursday, April 24th at 5:00 p.m.
- Spring Eggstravaganza at Ryan Bonaminio Park, Saturday, April 5th at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting is a scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 17, 2025.

Chair Friedlander adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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