



PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 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, Vice Chair Tracy Barlogio, Commissioners Chad Young, Thomas Forbes, Kevin Dawson, Stephanie Schaefer, Joshua Kopp, Barry Johnson

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Pamela Galera, Anthony Zamora, Jessica Ochoa, Mayra Ocampo, Veronica Gutierrez, Raymond Aguirre, Brendan Moore, Matthew Alvarran, Daisy Brown, Sandra Campbell

Chair Friedlander called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no e-comments prior to this meeting and no one wishing to address the Park and Recreation Commission.

PRESENTATIONS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL ATHLETIC FEDERATION (SCMAF) BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Recreation Superintendent Jessica Ochoa introduced Recreation Services Coordinator Brendan Moore who delivered highlights of the SCMAF Tournament.

Recreation Services Coordinator Moore presented certificates to the Riverside Mambas, who were the SCMAF Inland Empire C-Division Champions.

ARLANZA BOXING SHOW

Recreation Superintendent Jessica Ochoa delivered a presentation on the Arlanza Boxing Show.

Recreation Superintendent Ochoa also introduced and presented a plaque to former youth boxer Tony Ramirez, who wanted to give back to the program by streamlining the entire event with production company Tiger Teeth Production.

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 March 17, 2025, were approved as presented.

Motion: Johnson
Second: Barlogio
Ayes: All

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

MID-YEAR BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AND UPDATE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Administrative Services Manager Mayra Ocampo presented on the Department Mid-Year Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and an Update on Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Commissioner Dawson asked if the higher number of activities in May does increase the revenue, will it cover the shortfall of the estimated budget from the current budget.

Administrative Services Manager Ocampo stated that April and May have the higher numbers to help, when reports are being run not everything is input into the system by the end of the month.

Commissioner Dawson asked if the difference would close the shortfall.

Administrative Services Manager Ocampo stated that it does.

Commissioner Dawson asked if it is part of Parks' purview to provide landscape maintenance for the Special District Communities.

Deputy Director Anthony Zamora stated that the Special District Fund is where Homeowner Associations (HOA) put funds into accounts that are used for common maintenance areas such as parks, playgrounds and pools.

Commissioner Dawson asked if this is done under contract.

Deputy Director Zamora stated there are agreements with the HOA's to perform maintenance.

Commissioner Dawson asked what is the Special Capital Improvement Fund.

Director Pamela Galera stated that it is developer fees that are used to pay off bonds from the renaissance.

At this time, a Public Comment from an online caller was taken. Resident of La Sierra, Alfredo Poledo, Parks and Playground Consultant, talked about services he can offer the Department.

Commissioner Dawson asked what stage the department is in regarding the goal of installation of three pool heaters.

Deputy Director Zamora stated that heaters have been installed at Hunt and Villegas Parks, and one currently being installed at Reid Park.

Commissioner Dawson asked what type of heaters were installed.

Deputy Director Zamora stated a standard gas heater.

Commissioner Dawson asked why we are still installing natural gas units.

Deputy Director Zamora stated that buildings have limited space. There was not sufficient room to install heat pumps. Time and budget did not allow the buildings to expand.

A motion was made to accept the report on the Department Mid-Year Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and an Update on Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Motion: Forbes
Second: Johnson
Ayes: All

COMMUNICATIONS

UPDATES OF EVENTS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioners Forbes, Kopp, Young and Barlogio attended the Arlington Park Pickleball Groundbreaking on March 26.
- Commissioner Forbes attended the Hippy Hop Spring Event on April 12, at Bordwell Park and the Bordchella Event on April 18, at Bordwell Park.
- Commissioner Barlogio attended the Spring Egg Hunt on April 12, at Bryant Park, and Ward 3 Event at the Riverside Plaza.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

- Commissioner Young suggested an update on Carbon Footprint Improvements.
- Commissioner Barlogio would like an update on security in the parks, or a PANS report.
- Commissioner Dawson would like a discussion on more security or fencing at Sycamore Highland Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Director Anthony Zamora shared announcements:

- April 30, Playground Reopening at Hunt Park.
- May 13, kick-off to fire prevention at various sites.
- May 15, working in collaboration with Council, Fire, and Public Works, mowing

will start at Sycamore Canyon Park and Mt. Rubidoux for the annual firework show.

- The department will give updates on fire prevention throughout the summer season.
- Also working with Council, Fire, and Public Works installing new high fire risk signs throughout Sycamore Highland Park.

Recreation Superintendent Jessica Ochoa shared announcements:

- April 24, the Riverside Community Services Foundation 2nd Annual Gala.
- Department will be hosting the Summer Expo and Health Fair:
 - April 26, Reid Park
 - May 3, Bordwell Park
 - May 10 Nichols Park
 - May 17 Villegas Park

Director Pamela Galera shared announcements on behalf of Arts, and Cultural Affairs:

- April 26, Insect Fair near the Main Library.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 19, 2025.

Chair Friedlander adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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