



## PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, July 15, 2024, 6:30 P.M.  
Public Comment In-Person/Telephone  
Art Pick Council Chambers – City Hall  
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522

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Commissioners Present: Chair, Matt Friedlander, Ward 4  
Vice Chair, Mohammad Noor, Ward 5  
Kevin Dawson, Ward 2  
Tracy Barlogio, Citywide-Ward 5  
Thomas Miller, Ward 6  
Barry Johnson, Ward 7

Commissioners Absent: None

Department Staff Present: Pamela Galera, Director  
Noemi Lopez, Deputy Director  
Margie Haupt, Deputy Director  
Anthony Zamora, Deputy Director  
Alisa Sramala, Principal Project Manager  
Sandra Campbell, Sr. Administrative Assistant

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

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

### PRESENTATIONS

#### PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH VIDEO PRESENTATION

Director Pamela Galera presented an update and introduced the video on Parks and Recreation Month.

Director Galera also recognized the (3) 2023 Employees of the Year: Recreation Service Coordinator, Janet Palacio, Project Manager, Ali Borujerdi and Special Transit Minibus Driver, Patricia Rodgers.

Director Galera recognized Commissioner Feola's years of service.

Chair Friedlander welcomed Commissioner Dawson representing Ward 4.

#### ARTS & CULTURE DESTINY & DESTINATION

Deputy Director, Margie Haupt delivered an overview of what Arts & Culture does for the

## Community.

Commissioner Barlogio asked about finding information on the burial of the fallen soldier on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Deputy Director Haupt stated there is a press release stating that the soldier will be flown in on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, and on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, it is asked for people to line up on Van Buren from Meridian and entrance of the National Cemetery for support. The burial will be private.

Commissioner Miller asked if anything is being done to reach the local school districts to get the children more interested and involved in the arts.

Deputy Director Haupt stated that they are working with Riverside Unified and Alvord Unified School Districts through the Visual Arts Coordinators and with Riverside County Office of Education.

Vice Chair Noor asked about the agreement/relationship with Live Nation, specifically if they attract events to Riverside or does that responsibility fall on the City.

Deputy Director Haupt stated that the initial agreement that was started in 2013 with Live Nation was an operation and management agreement that outlined their operation and management of the performing art centers. It has now been switched over to a lease agreement.

Director Galera officially welcomed Deputy Director Haupt and team to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services team and family.

Commissioner Dawson asked if they were responsible for Sponsored City Parades.

Deputy Director Haupt stated yes that they have the City Sponsorship Program that organizations can apply for funding. They also help with coordinating parades. For veterans they assist with permits and resources.

Commissioner Dawson asked if a particular community wanted to have a parade would they go to Arts & Culture for assistance.

Deputy Director Haupt stated it would be a combination of them and the neighborhoods under Housing and Human Services.

Commissioner Dawson asked if a lot of information would be found if he looked them up on the City Website.

Deputy Director Haupt stated information can be found on the Arts & Culture Government page and under the Parks and Recreation page.

## PLANNING & DESIGN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Principal Project Manager Alisa Sramala presented an update on the Capital Improvement Projects.

Commissioner Barlogio asked about the dredging at Fairmount Park and what is the realistic expectation of getting the paddle boats going.

Principal Project Manager Sramala stated that the dredging is being pushed as fast as possible. There is a back-up plan to put the paddle boats in the larger lake. This is being worked on.

Director Galera stated that paddle boats will go out on one of the lakes by the end of summer.

Commissioner Dawson asked does roll roofing mean a silicone coating over existing roofing or a torch down roof.

Principal Project Manager Sramala will get detailed information to him.

Commissioner Dawson asked if we were exploring improved technology and if we were keeping up with Title 24 and the Green Standards regarding the HVAC.

Principal Project Manager Sramala stated that it is required to keep up with green standards for new projects implemented. The Building and Safety Department ensures that we comply with code requirements. Designers and Architect professionals also advocate we do the best we can for our community funds.

Commissioner Dawson asked if we were looking at manufactures specs that testing was done to make sure the playground material was not toxic material and was safe.

Principal Project Manager Sramala stated we are working with Industry Leaders that the product is certified by regulatory agencies for safety.

Commissioner Dawson asked where the artificial turf was located.

Principal Project Manager Sramala stated Bobby Bonds Park.

Commissioner Dawson asked if that also has ground rubber poured into the turf and was it virgin rubber or recycled rubber.

Principal Project Manager Sramala stated it does have rubber particles and will look into if they are virgin or recycled rubber.

Chair Friedlander asked if the field at Patterson Park will be natural grass.

Principal Project Manager Sramala stated there is only one park with artificial turf. Patterson Park is natural grass.

Chair Friedlander asked about the time frame for the trail markers at Sycamore Park.

Principal Project Manager Sramala stated that volunteers are used for the installation it will depend on the volunteer's availability. It is easier to work in Sycamore canyon when it is not as hot, most likely fall/winter will be the soonest.

Chair Friedlander asked for a time frame when the private company will have construction at the Trail Head at Sycamore Canyon completed.

Principal Project Manager Sramala stated that the company is not required to have the parking

lot done until they complete the building. The trail head might be done in approximately six months.

Chair Friedlander wanted to confirm that there will be other amenities in the new parking lot at Sycamore Canyon as well.

Principal Project Manager Sramala stated there will be many Trail Head improvements.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

MINUTES

Minutes for the May 20, 2024, meeting.

ATTENDANCE

The Park and Recreation Commission excused the absences of Commissioner Johnson from the June 17, 2024, regular meeting.

The Park and Recreation Commission excused the absence of Vice Chair Noor from the June 17, 2024, regular meeting.

Motion: Barlogio  
Second: Dawson  
Ayes: All

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT

Board of Ethics Member Kim Foreman reviewed the Code of Ethics and Conduct also review the amendment to the Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 2.78 for the Park and Recreation Commission.

ATTENDANCE

The Park and Recreation Commission excused the absence of Commissioner Brodie from the June 17, 2024, regular meeting.

Motion: Dawson  
Second: Barlogio  
Ayes: All

COMMUNICATIONS

BRIEF REPORTS ON EVENTS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chair Friedlander attended the Police and Fire BBQ.

Commissioner Dawson attended two Parks with Pamela. Islander Park and Hunt Park.  
Commissioner Barlogio attended two Summer Concerts.

Commissioner Dawson asked to be informed of Parks related event.

Director Galera stated we would share with him upcoming events.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Director Lopez shared upcoming events:

- Concerts in the Park on Wednesdays from 6-9pm
- Senior Health Seminar Expo on August 21, 2024, 9-11 a.m. at Hunt Park
  - Free resource for Seniors
  - Lunch Provided

Chair Friedlander shared there is another Parks with Pamela on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at Shamel Park.

#### ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

Commissioner Dawson requested to have information on GSI Mapping Data.

Vice Chair Noor requested to have an update on Adopt-A-Park Information.

Chair Friedlander adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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SANDRA D. CAMPBELL  
Sr. Administrative Assistant