



City of Arts & Innovation

**MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Monday, October 19, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Arlanza Community Center – Bryant Park
7950 Philbin Avenue
Riverside, CA 92503
951-826-2000

Commissioners Present: **Whatley, Johnson, Lyles, Negron, Elliot, Cardullo, Venegas and Feola**

Commissioners Absent: **Rounds**

Riverside Youth Council Present: Dennis and Blanc

Staff Present: Adolfo Cruz, Director
Mario Lara, Deputy Director
Patricia Solano, Community Services Superintendent
Andrew Emery, Park Superintendent
Randy McDaniel, Principal Park Planner
Alisa Sramala Dawson, Trails Coordinator
Mayra Ocampo, Senior Administrative Assistant

Public Works Staff Present: Robert Filiar, Urban Forester

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Whatley called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Director Cruz informed the Commission he needs to leave meeting at 7:00 p.m. to present at the monthly DANA (Downtown Area Neighborhood Alliance) meeting; which runs concurrent with the Park and Recreation Commission meeting.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

During public comment, one speaker addressed the Commission. Les Twedell commented on a possible dog corral at Ryan Bonaminio Park and the need for more signage and trash receptacles; he gave Commissioners a map of his proposed project.

All Commissioners received copies of the two eComments received for Item #9.

Chairperson Whatley read a letter from Rudy Chavez representing the Concerned Citizens of Casa Blanca regarding the pending Lara naming request.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission approved the minutes for the September 14, 2015 meeting as presented.

Motion: Johnson
Second: Lyles
Ayes: All

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:

3. Public Works Department Urban Forestry / Landscape Division Quarterly Activity Report

Motion: Cardullo
Second: Negron
Ayes: All

DISCUSSION

4. UPDATES ON THE DEPARTMENT'S PARK MASTER PLAN AND RYAN BONAMINIO PARK AT THE TEQUESQUITTE ARROYO

Director Cruz gave a brief update on the item and presented Principal Park Planner McDaniel to present the PowerPoint.

Chairperson Whatley inquired if the Master Plan will be a lined budget item and if it will overlap with the 2.0 Needs Assessment Project.

Director Cruz clarified the Master Plan project was requested in the current budget cycle and staff is exploring options with the Legal Department to see if Regional Park Funds can be used.

Deputy Director Lara confirmed that Master Plan update and Riverside 2.0 Deferred Maintenance Needs Assessment Projects may overlap but are two distinct projects.

Chairperson Whatley stated she would like to be able to provide input and recommendations as Commissioners to their Councilmembers.

Commissioner Cardullo asked how the Master Plan will be prioritized.

Principal Park Planner McDaniel explained the community input process and confirmed safety will always be addressed first and funding will always be a factor.

Principal Park Planner McDaniel introduced Park Superintendent Emery to present on Ryan Bonaminio Park at the Tequesquite Arroyo. Park Superintendent Emery confirmed that all elements of the park came into play after two years of community meetings and the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) findings.

Chairperson Whatley commented she understands the Parks Master Plan process, yet is wondering if there are some improvements that can be done to Ryan Bonaminio Park in the meantime.

Park Superintendent Emery confirmed that additional trash receptacles, doggy bags, and signage can be done soon and without the Master Plan process.

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

Motion: Cardullo
Second: Venegas
Ayes: All

5. BOX SPRINGS MOUNTAIN RESERVE COMPREHENSIVE TRAILS PLAN – RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT

Trails Coordinator Sramala Dawson presented the PowerPoint and introduced Marc Brewer from the County of Riverside. She confirmed that all details, including analysis and inventory to provide solutions are in the Box Springs Mountain Reserve Trails Master Plan report.

Trails Coordinator Sramala Dawson and Marc Brewer confirmed trails will be multi-shared because the open space can handle it and they hope to educate the public on trail etiquette

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

Motion: Cardullo
Second: Johnson
Ayes: All

PRESENTATIONS

6. 2015 SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS FROM PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND RIVERSIDE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM DEPARTMENTS

Deputy Director Lara presented the Summer Highlights video.

Commissioners loved the video and thanked staff for their continued hard work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETING DATES, AND COMMISSION REQUESTS

Chairperson Whatley invited all Commissioners to the Departments' Halloween events.

Commissioner Johnson commented he is glad the Department is a part of NEOP (Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention) because he continues to see its benefits.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Whatley adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2015, at the Ysmael Villegas Community Center – Villegas Park, 3091 Esperanza Street, Riverside, CA 92504.