



City of Arts & Innovation

MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Monday, December 17, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

La Sierra Community Center

5215 La Sierra Avenue, Building A, Riverside, CA 92505

Commissioners Present: Cardullo, Feola, Johnson, Negron, Whatley, Elliot and Rounds

Commissioner Absent: Humphreys

Staff Present: Adolfo Cruz, Director
Mario Lara, Deputy Director
Robin Metz, Deputy Director
Randy McDaniel, Principal Park Planner/Project Manager
Andy Emery, Park Superintendent
Alisa Sramala-Dawson, Trails Coordinator
Gabby Garcia, Senior Management Analyst
Mayra Ocampo, Administrative Analyst
Fabiola Contreras, Senior Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

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

Commissioner Negron entered the meeting at this time (6:31 p.m.)

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments during the meeting.

Commissioner Whatley entered the meeting at this time (6:33 p.m.)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission approved the minutes for the November 19, 2018, meeting as presented.

Motion: Johnson

Second: Elliot

Ayes: All

PRESENTATION**3. UPDATE ON THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 68 FUNDS**

Director Cruz introduced Gabby Garcia, Senior Management Analyst and Alisa Sramala-Dawson, Trails Coordinator; they have been leading the Department on the grants available through California Proposition 68.

Senior Management Analyst, Gabby Garcia, presented on grant programs availability and requirements.

Trails Coordinator, Alisa Sramala-Dawson, presented on two grant programs related to trails and available to the City.

Chair Cardullo inquired if the first grant needs to be a recreational function or could it be anything involving youth.

Director Cruz responded that grant applications need to be a recreational benefit. There is a list of items that qualify; for example, playgrounds, facilities, gymnasium, dog parks, swimming pools and even restrooms or parking lots. Director Cruz mentioned that Executive Staff is meeting continuously to review and analyze each park's needs. Director Cruz informed the Commissioners that the presentation was also given to Community Services and Youth Committee on December 12, 2018.

Commissioner Rounds inquired if some of the parks do not qualify because of the medium income test and is there a way to refine that test limit or how does one obtain those numbers.

Director Cruz mentioned that the state has a website and every park in the City is listed on that website based on the Census report. Each park's radius has a medium income. The website will list if the park qualifies for the grant or not.

Chair Cardullo said it seems that it would be best for the Department apply toward for Prop 68 funds for parks that meet both requirements.

Director Cruz confirmed that grants will be very competitive across the state so indeed, it's best to apply for parks that meet both requirements.

Commissioner Johnson mentioned that some of the parks are adjacent to schools. He suggested that each of the parent/school volunteer groups be contacted.

Commissioner Negron asked if the grant allows for park expansion because she has noticed that City parks lack meeting space for public meetings and recommended that all community groups be involved in the meetings to ensure inclusion is taken into consideration.

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

Motion: Elliot
Second: Johnson

Ayes: All

DISCUSSION

4. PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2019

The Commission received and approved the consent item with no objections.

Motion: Feola
Second: Johnson
Ayes: All

5. UPDATES ON THE YOUTH INNOVATION CENTER AT ARLINGTON PARK

Principal Park Planner McDaniel confirmed that construction is moving forward as planned.

Deputy Director Metz, responsible for the programming and staffing, informed the Commission that Recreation Supervisor Noemi Lopez has been working with community groups, school districts and local colleges on the curriculum programming section of the Youth Innovation Center. Recreation Supervisor Lopez met with the Riverside Community Services Foundation and got a positive voted to create Sub-Committee in charge of Fundraising for the Youth Innovation Center.

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

Motion: Elliot
Second: Feola
Ayes: All

6. UPDATE ON THE PARK MASTER PLAN

Principal Park Planner McDaniel confirmed that consultants from RJM are working on the development of the project. Department comments have been provided to them and they have been asked to come up with better financial strategies, to develop the Master Plan that is very specific, and a road map for the future development of parks. Goal is to present to Commission and various committees during the first quarter of 2019.

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

Motion: Elliot
Second: Feola
Ayes: All

7. DETERMINE WHETHER COMMISSIONER TODD ROUNDS' ABSENCE FROM THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING ON NOVEMBER 19, 2018, SHOULD BE RECORDED AS AN EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED ABSENCE

After discussion, a motion was made to excuse Commissioner Todd Rounds' absence.

Motion: Whatley
Second: Negron
Ayes: All

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETING DATES, AND COMMISSION REQUESTS

Director Cruz invited Commissioners to attend the Department Holiday Breakfast on December 18, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at Dales Senior Center.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cardullo adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:04 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 30, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., at Art Pick Council Chambers, 3900 Main Street.