



MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Monday, December 16, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Art Pick Council Chambers – City Hall
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522

Commissioners Present: Feola, Fairfax, Johnson, Whatley, Mitchell and Rounds

Commissioners Absent: Humphreys and Cardullo

Staff Present: Adolfo Cruz, Director
Randy McDaniel, Interim Deputy Director
Kyle Raphael, Park Superintendent
Jessica Ochoa, Recreation Supervisor
Kimberly Cobb, Recreation Supervisor
Alisa Sramala-Dawson, Trails Coordinator
Mayra Ocampo, Administrative Analyst

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Feola called meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Resident expressed her disapproval regarding the apartments being built for homeless on the parking lot at Saint Michael's Church which is directly across from Hunt Park. She voiced her concerns regarding traffic, homelessness in the park and encouraged the Commissioners to speak with their Councilmembers to reject this project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION : NOVEMBER 18, 2019 MEETING

After discussion, Commission approved the minutes for the November 18, 2019, meeting as presented.

Motion: Johnson
Second: Fairfax
Ayes: All

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT, FISCAL YEAR 2019/20, JULY – SEPTEMBER 2019

The Commission received and approved the consent calendar item.

Motion: Fairfax
Second: Johnson
Ayes: All

PRESENTATIONS

4. UPDATE ON THE 2019 CARNAVAL MUSICAL CITY-WIDE SPECIAL EVENT AT FAIRMOUNT PARK

Director Cruz presented Recreation Supervisor Ochoa to present the item.

Recreation Supervisor Ochoa presented the item and took the opportunity to thank Deborah Macias, from the Riverside Community Services Foundation (Foundation) who was present at the meeting, for her time and dedication at the Carnaval's Beer Garden.

Commissioner Rounds entered the meeting at this point, at 6:49 p.m.

Commissioner Whatley asked if there were any Fairmount Park neighbor complaints; any beer garden issues and questioned if maybe the goals and standards were too high and that's why they weren't met according to the department.

Recreation Supervisor Ochoa confirmed she and her team made an aggressive plan to have contact with all neighbors, she made herself available to all and ensured all that was promised was followed-through. In regard to the beer garden, there was a solid plan and route; additionally, the Riverside Police Department was a strong partner and helped ensure no issues occurred. Lastly, after community contact and survey reviews, it seems the event was a success except in the areas of revenue and attendance; and the only thing that attributed to those factors is the fact that the community prefer and appreciate free events.

Director Cruz once again thanked the Foundation and Mr. and Mrs. Macias for their support.

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

Motion: Mitchell
Second: Fairfax
Ayes: All

DISCUSSION

5. TRAILS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Director Cruz presented Trails Coordinator Sramala-Dawson.

Trails Coordinator Sramala-Dawson presented the item and informed Commissioners she'd inform them of the pop-up meetings.

Commissioner Whatley asked for clarification regarding the outcome of this project.

Trails Coordinator Sramala-Dawson confirmed an updated Active Transportation Plan will be available.

Commissioner Rounds asked how much monies are in the Regional Fund Account.

Interim Deputy Director McDaniel confirmed the Regional Fund Account accumulates very slowly and there's currently less than \$100,000; using the funds for this project is perfect use of those funds.

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

Motion: Whatley
Second: Rounds
Ayes: All

6. NEW PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING DATE TO COMBINE THE REGULAR MEETINGS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2020

A motion was made to accept the new date to cover January and February's meetings in 2020.

Motion: Rounds
Second: Johnson
Ayes: All

7. ASSIGN PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS TO AN AD-HOC BUDGET COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2022 BUDGET

Director Cruz confirmed the Department would like the Commissioners' input in finalizing the Fiscal Year 2020-2022 budget before submitting to the Finance Department; he requested three Commissioners be part of the ad-hoc committee.

Commissioners Rounds, Johnson and Mitchell volunteered to be part of the Budget Ad-Hoc Committee.

A motion was made to move forward with Commissioners Rounds, Johnson and Mitchell as representatives in the Budget Ad-Hoc Committee.

Motion: Whatley
Second: Fairfax
Ayes: All

8. UPDATES ON THE YOUTH INNOVATION CENTER AT ARLINGTON PARK

Director Cruz presented Recreation Supervisor Cobb.

Recreation Supervisor Cobb provided an update on the Youth Innovation Center.

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

Motion: Fairfax
Second: Rounds
Ayes: All

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETING DATES, AND COMMISSION REQUESTS

Director Cruz invited Commissioners to the department's Holiday Brunch on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at Villegas Park.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Feola adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., at Art Pick Council Chambers, 3900 Main Street.