



PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, November 21, 2022, 6:30 P.M.
Art Pick Council Chambers – City Hall
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522
Virtual Meeting – Live Webcast

Commissioners Present: Chair, Daniel Jester, Ward 5
Cecelia Fairfax, Ward 2
Andrew Guerra, Jr., Ward 3
Matt Friedlander, Ward 4
Patrick Taber, Citywide, Ward 4
Arthur Santore, Ward 5
Rakel Engles, Ward 7

Commissioners Absent: Joseph Feola, Citywide, Ward 4

Department Staff Present: Pamela Galera, Director
Noemi Lopez, Deputy Director
Kyle Raphael, Park Superintendent
Stephanie Gallegos, Recreation Supervisor
Sandra Campbell, Senior Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA OR ANY MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION CAN BE SUBMITTED BY eCOMMENT AT WWW.RIVERSIDECA.GOV/MEETING OR VIA EMAIL PARKS@RIVERSIDECA.GOV UNTIL TWO HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING.**

No public comments received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2. PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING: SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

No discussion, the Commission motioned to approve the minutes for the September 19, 2022, meeting.

Motion: Guerra, Jr.
Second: Friedlander
Ayes: All

PRESENTATION

3. PROJECT BRIDGE PRESENTATION

A Squared Consulting Owner, Rebecca Acevedo presented and Lead Outreach Social Worker, Ronald DelCid added comments to presentation.

Commissioner Engles inquired on what they felt are the top needs.

Ms. Acevedo replied to expand services and have multiple locations.

Commissioner Jester inquired on what the available pool of kids they can help.

Ms. Acevedo replied that currently 714 young people in the city that are on probation, remove that label there would be 250 thousand ages 12 to 17.

Commissioner Jester inquired if there were volunteer opportunities.

Ms. Acevedo replied to have Remediation Services to keep students engaged.

Commissioner Jester inquired if volunteers need any special certifications.

Ms. Acevedo replied no special certifications just anyone to sit and demonstrate that they care, and keeping the young people engaged and encourage them.

Commissioner Jester inquired in over the next 12 months what are your biggest challenges with this program.

Ms. Acevedo replied that they are capped at 60 cases per calendar year. They are running two cohorts simultaneously. Policy procedures takes so long that they are behind. During open enrollment the biggest task is filter through 80 caseloads and can only take 30 until the end of the year. They would like to service 100-120.

Commissioner Santore inquired about a telephone they can be reached at.

Ms. Acevedo replied to reach her at 951-269-2323 x107.

Commissioner Friedlander inquired if they have the need to accept donations as far as essential items. Is there a need for that, if so, would it be a great amount?

Ms. Acevedo replied yes, they are looking at 150 emergency kits for young people per quarter.

4. CONCILIO CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER PRESENTATION

Director, Pamela Robinson presented PowerPoint.

Commissioner Jester inquired on how the number of students can be increased.

Director Robinson replied to help them advocate to the state the importance of childcare and the need of subsidize and non-subsidized childcare.

Commissioner Jester inquired that in the presentation it is mentioned a permit from the Credentialing Authority for teacher, are these people becoming full-fledged teachers and is that why you are losing them because they are going to traditional schools.

Director Robinson replied that they are talking about two different credentials. This is a specialized credential for preschool aged children. With Transitional Kindergarten (TK) opening up they are now requiring TK teachers and kindergarten teachers to have child development units. Teachers that have the preschool credential are going back to school getting their multi-subject credential so they can teach TK, the same 4-year old's they are teaching in our center and make more money in the school district.

Commissioner Engles inquired if they have any partnership in our institution with higher education.

Director Robinson replied no not them specifically.

Commissioner Engles inquired if that was an interest in terms of support, volunteers, or service-learning type of things.

Director Robinson replied they don't have a partnership; she is on several committees working on a workforce pipeline trying to create some partnerships so they can do their internships at their school.

DISCUSSION

5. VICE-CHAIR ELECTION

Commissioner Jester stated election is open for a new Vice-Chair. Based on seniority and those who have declined leaves Commissioner Friedlander next in line. Motioned was made to nominate Commissioner Friedlander to be Vice-Chair.

Motion: Engle
Second: Guerra, Jr.
Ayes: All

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETING DATES, AND COMMISSION REQUEST

6. ITEMS FOR FUTURE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONERS AND/OR CITY STAFF

Commissioner Friedlander shared with all Commissioners and all in Chambers to come see Miracle on Main Street at White Park on December 10, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The next Park and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Jester adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.