



PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, April 17, 6:30 P.M.
Public Comment in Person/Telephone
Art Pick Council Chambers – City Hall
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522

Commissioners Present: Chair, Daniel Jester, Ward 1
(Current Vacancies: Wards 2, and 6) Andrew Guerra, Jr., Ward 3
Vice Chair Matt Friedlander, Ward 4
Joseph Feola, Citywide, Ward 4
Patrick Taber, Citywide, Ward 4
Rakel Engles, Ward 7

Absent: None

Department Staff Present: Pamela Galera, Director
Noemi Lopez, Deputy Director
Stephanie Gallegos, Recreation Supervisor
Ebony Perkins, Recreation Supervisor
Anthony Zamora, Recreation Supervisor
Sandra Campbell, Senior Administrative Assistant

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

PRESENTATION

Recreation Supervisor Stephanie Gallegos presented report and introduced newly hired or promoted staff that was present in the chambers.

Chair Jester asked if any of the new hires had a favorite park.

Assistant Recreation Coordinator Oscar Marin stated Arlington Heights Sports Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Letter from resident Bruce Gillett requesting Fairmount Park tennis courts have lines painted for Pickleball.

Resident Hannah Jester stated we need to ride more cargo bikes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on March 20, 2023, were approved as presented.

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

DISCUSSION

The Park and Recreation Commission excused the absence of Commissioner Taber from the March 20, 2023, meeting.

Motion: Engles
Second: Feola
Ayes: All

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETING DATES, AND COMMISSION REQUEST

Commissioner Guerra, Jr. shared with all Commissioners and all in Chambers to come to the Tamale Festival on April 29, 2023, at White Park.

Director Pamela Galera announced that Keep Riverside Clean & Beautiful will be having a cleanup day on May 13, 2023, at Fairmount Park's Rose Garden.

Director Pamela Galera announced that after extensive engagement and reviews staff are ready to present the draft of the Urban Forestry Policy Manual. It will be going to the Land Use, Sustainability, and Resilience Committee on May 8, 2023.

Chair Jester requested a report on Pickleball striping for upcoming Commission meeting, including an update on progress, schedule, and usage. Vice Chair Friedlander suggested inviting Bruce Gillett, who submitted the public comment.

Chair Jester requested an update on PANS staffing and training, report on interactions with the public, and neighbors, and field operations.

The next Park and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 15, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Jester adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA D. CAMPBELL
Sr. Administrative Assistant