



*City of Arts & Innovation*

**MINUTES  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Monday, June 8, 2015, 6:30 p.m.  
Johnny Martin Sotelo Youth Opportunity Center – Bobby Bonds Park  
2060 University Avenue  
Riverside, CA 92507  
951-826-2000

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

**Commissioners Absent:** Whatley, Venegas, and Rounds

**Staff Present:** Adolfo Cruz, Director  
Mario Lara, Deputy Director  
Patricia Solano, Community Services Superintendent  
Andrew Emery, Park Superintendent  
Randy McDaniel, Principal Park Planner  
Rachel McLure, Senior Management Analyst  
Mayra Ocampo, Senior Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were three speakers during public comment. Les Twedell commented on a possible dog corral at Ryan Bonaminio Park, and requested additional trash receptacles in the Ryan Bonaminio and Mt. Rubidoux area. Paul Chavez commented on window shades at Villegas Community Center and cell tower funds. Resident Drew Boice commented on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks shows at Mt. Rubidoux.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Commission approved the minutes for the May 11, 2015 meeting as presented.

Motion: Cardullo  
Second: Lyles  
Ayes: All

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following matters, presented to the Park and Recreation Commission on the consent calendar for consideration, were approved by a motion affirming the action appropriate to the item:

**3. May Community Service Division Monthly Report**

4. May Recreation Division Monthly Report
5. May Parks Division Monthly Report
6. Capital Improvement Projects Tracking Report

Motion: Feola  
Second: Lyles  
Ayes: All

Director Cruz introduced new Assistant City Manager Alexander Nguyen.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **7. ORAL REPORT – WATER CONSERVATION UPDATE; PRESENTED BY ANDREW EMERY, PARK SUPERINTENDENT**

Park Superintendent Andrew Emery presented the Department's water conservation update.

Commissioner Elliot inquired about the trees in new drought tolerant areas.

Park Superintendent Emery assured the Commissioners that each drought tolerant area will have a drip ring around trees, and Staff will be checking trees for stress levels.

Commissioner Negron congratulated staff on their efforts for water savings. She recommended planning activities near the water features to prevent the areas from deteriorating.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **8. UPDATE REGARDING ARLINGTON INNOVATION CENTER CAPITAL PROJECT**

Principal Park Planner McDaniel presented the department's new capital project at Arlington Park.

Community Services Superintendent Solano presented the programming side of the new site.

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

Motion: Elliot  
Second: Cardullo  
Ayes: All

### **9. BORDWELL AND LINCOLN PARKS FITNESS STATIONS UPDATE**

Principal Park Planner McDaniel presented the fitness stations update to the Commission. He informed the Commission that a walking path already exists, so adding new signage will encourage more use of the equipment. Both projects should be completed by January 2016.

Commissioner Negron recommended Staff should instruct the community on proper equipment use to ensure everyone's safety.

Community Services Superintendent Solano mentioned HEAL Zone Staff will organize activities with for first couple of months to ensure the community is aware of the equipment.

Resident Paul Chavez commented on Lincoln Park, and asked if there is a designated walking area, if benches will be taken away, and if the soccer field will be impacted.

Principal Park Planner McDaniel confirmed that the sidewalk provides access into the park, and nothing within the park will be disturbed due to the new equipment.

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

Motion: Cardullo  
Second: Elliot  
Ayes: All

#### **10. UPDATE ON THE RIVERSIDE ARTS ACADEMY**

Community Services Superintendent Solano provided an update on the Riverside Arts Academy. She confirmed more than 700 registrations have been accepted for the program; the program is no longer an after-school program, it is now a life-changing opportunity for Riverside youth. Formal Operational and Strategic Plans are forthcoming.

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

Motion: Negron  
Second: Cardullo  
Ayes: All

#### **11. FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 BUDGET OVERVIEW AND CELL TOWER REVENUE UPDATE**

Senior Management Analyst McLure provided a budget overview.

Resident Paul Chavez commented that cell tower funds should be used for additional programming at sites.

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

Motion: Feola  
Second: Elliot  
Ayes: All

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETING DATES, AND COMMISSION REQUEST**

- Commissioner Negron announced the Family Village Festival scheduled for Saturday, September 26, on the Downtown Riverside Main Street Mall.
- Vice Chairperson Johnson informed the Commission the Trees Subcommittee has met twice and took a tour with Urban Forester Filiar; a complete report will be presented at the next Commission meeting regarding the Tress Policy Manual.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 13, 2015, at the La Sierra Senior Center, 5212 La Sierra Avenue, Building B, Riverside, CA 92505.