



City of Arts & Innovation

**MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Monday, May 21, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
Art Pick Council Chambers – City Hall
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522

Commissioners Present: Cardullo, Feola, Johnson, Negron, Whatley and Humphreys

Commissioners Absent: Elliot and Rounds

Staff Present: Adolfo Cruz, Director
Mario Lara, Deputy Director
Robin Metz, Recreation and Community Services Superintendent
Randy McDaniel, Principal Park Planner/Project Manager
Mayra Ocampo, Administrative Analyst
Jennifer Velasco, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Jessica Ochoa, Recreation Supervisor – Sports
Timothy Pagano, Recreation Supervisor - Hunt Park
Nicolas Avila, Recreation Services Coordinator - Hunt Park
Oswaldo Puerta, Assistant Recreation Coordinator - Hunt Park

Public Works Department Staff Present: Archie Washington, Field Operation Manager

Library Department Staff Present: Erin Christmas, Interim Library Director

CALL TO ORDER

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

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments during the meeting.

2. PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCES

Chair Cardullo thanked the residents for submitting the letters.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion: Johnson
Second: Feola
Ayes: All

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT URBAN FORESTRY / LANDSCAPE DIVISION QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT

The Commission received and approved the consent calendar item.

Motion: Whatley
Second: Humphreys
Ayes: All

PRESENTATION

5. RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BASKETBALL DIVISION A TEAM "GAMETIME" - CHAMPIONS OF THE 2018 INLAND EMPIRE ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT AND BECOMING THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL ATHLETIC FEDERATION TOURNAMENT OF LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Director Cruz invited Supervisor Ochoa to present the item.

Supervisor Ochoa informed the Commission of the great work Gametime did to become champions and she congratulated the Team for their dedication to the sport.

Director Cruz thanked Coach Joshua Scarborough for his commitment.

6. RECOGNITION OF PROJECT BRIDGE AT THE JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION AWARDS CEREMONY BY THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AND RECEIVING THE COMMUNITY DELINQUENCY PREVENTION AWARD; ADDITIONAL RECOGNITION FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SENATE AND CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY

Director Cruz provided the Commission with a brief update on the Project BRIDGE program; and recognized Staff for their excellent work.

DISCUSSION

7. SPC JESUS S. DURAN EASTSIDE LIBRARY SITE SELECTION UPDATE

Director Cruz invited Interim Library Director Erin Christmas to present her item.

Interim Library Director Christmas presented her PowerPoint and gave background information on the eastside library's need to move and thanked the Commissioners for their time.

Eastside resident, Christina Duran, expressed her concerns about putting the Eastside Library at the Bobby Bonds Park property – she feels the eastside should have its own library site. She mentioned that she'd prefer the Ottawa Street option.

Commissioner Negron expressed her concern with the lack of community input provided and mentioned libraries are essential to all communities especially in low-income communities like the eastside.

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

Motion: Whatley
Second: Negron
Ayes: All

8. BUDGET UPDATE

Director Cruz updated the Commission with Fiscal Years 2018-2020 budget and informed them of the process taken.

At this time he informed them the Arlington Innovation Center finally has a groundbreaking timeframe of July 2018; with the intention to open its doors in August 2019. Council has approved construction funding and operating budget in year two of the 2018-2020 budget.

Commissioner Negron asked if the Mariachi Festival revenue is included in the budget.

Director Cruz confirmed the Mariachi Festival revenue is included in the Fee Based Programs category.

Commissioner Whatley inquired about staffing for the Arlington Innovation Center.

Director Cruz mentioned that new staff will be recruited. The operating budget includes one Recreation Services Coordinator, one Assistant Recreation Coordinator and a pool of part-time employees.

Commissioner Whatley also inquired about the work release program and asked if their duties supplement that of Department staff.

Director Cruz informed the Commissioner the Riverside County Sheriff's Department provides the work release employees – currently the Department has about 6-8, in the past the Department used to have about 20; their work does not supplement Parks Division Staff but they do assist with smaller labor intensive duties like trash pick-up or picnic bench painting.

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

Motion: Johnson
Second: Feola
Ayes: All

9. TEMPORARY RIGHT OF ENTRY AND GRANT OF EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY FOR A PORTION OF SYCAMORE CANYON WILDERNESS PARK NEAR CANYON CREST AND VIA VISTA DRIVES

Principal Park Planner McDaniel presented the item and informed the Commission that Council already approved the agreement.

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

Motion: Whatley
Second: Humphreys
Ayes: All

10.UPDATE ON THE PARKS MASTER PLAN PROJECT

Principal Park Planner McDaniel presented the item and informed the Commission the focus group workshops and community meetings went great. The plan is to bring the draft Park Master Plan to Commission in August

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETING DATES, AND COMMISSION REQUESTS

Commissioner Negrón encouraged everyone to attend the following:

- University of California Riverside's 37th annual Pow Wow during Memorial Day weekend
- Juneteenth Celebration at Bordwell Park on June 2

Commissioner Negrón inquired about the Department having employees on site during holidays.

- Director Cruz confirmed that rentals don't occur during holidays, therefore staff will not be on site except for Parks Division maintenance staff which is scheduled to be at Fairmount Park. He recommended Commissioner Negrón and anyone to report concerns via the 311 app.
- Deputy Director Lara confirmed the 311 app is a great feature because it can create hot spots for departments to recognize certain trends or problem areas.

Principal Park Planner McDaniel informed the Commission that the Martha McLean Anza Narrows Park's disc golf area isn't officially open but is ready for use.

11.ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cardullo adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 18, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., at Art Pick Council Chambers, 3900 Main Street.